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Clay Soper Memorial Fund presents “If They Had Known” at Woburn Memorial High School

Woburn, MA – As part of an ongoing effort to share Clay Soper's story with as many as possible, the Clay Soper Memorial Fund held a showing of the documentary “If They Had Known” to students at Woburn Memorial High School (WMHS) on February 13. All freshmen and sophomores viewed the film, which was also shown earlier in the month to students in various Wellness and Business classes and to the Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) Club.

“If They Had Known” tells the true story of Clay Soper's accidental death in 2015. The film and documentary program educate students about the risks of mixing prescription drugs with alcohol. For this recent showing, Clay's mother, Genny Soper, introduced the film and took questions afterwards. “I was truly touched by the number of students who spoke to me after the film, expressing sympathy for my family and appreciation for our efforts to get this message to as many students as we can,” said Soper. “Woburn Memorial High School did a great job getting us in front of so many kids.” More information about the program can be found at www.IfTheyHadKnown.com.

Diane Ivester, Wellness Department Head at WMHS said, “It was important to us to share Clay's story with the entire school. I think it really resonated with a lot of our students.” Ivester worked with Loren Baccari, School Adjustment Counselor at WMHS; Jen Keenan, SADD Advisor at WMHS; and Rick Jolly, Substance Abuse Program Coordinator at the City of Woburn to bring the program to the high school. Presentation of the film at Woburn Memorial High School was funded in part by a donation from Winchester Savings Bank.

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Pictured L to R: **Peter J. Segerstrom**, President & CEO of Winchester Savings Bank; **Kathleen Campbell**, Recovery Coach at the City of Woburn; **Jen Keenan**, SADD Advisor at Woburn Memorial High School; **Rick Jolly**, Substance Abuse Program Coordinator at the City of Woburn; **Genny Soper**, Clay Soper Memorial Fund; **Diane Ivester**, Wellness Department Head at Woburn Memorial High School; and **Loren Baccari**, School Adjustment Counselor at Woburn Memorial High School.