Commercial Breaks

Objective:

Students will become familiar with school and community mental health resources, knowing there are many places they can go for help or support.

Grade levels: 6-12

- 1. Prepare a list of local mental health resources, making sure to include school resources such as counselors, social workers, advisors, resource room, etc.
- 2. Divide the class into teams, giving each team a resource and asking them to research it (via web search for community resources or talking to representatives of the school resource) and create a 1-3 minute "commercial" promoting that resource and how to access it.
- 3. Have one team of students present their commercial to the class each week to share what they learned and keep mental health resources at the top of the students' minds.
- 4. Optional: Teams can also be asked to create an advertisement for their resources, such as a poster or flyer, that can be displayed in the classroom as a reminder that help is available.