

Stand

UP

Speak

OUT



*Musical Film Series with Educational Component*



Stand UP & Speak OUT (SUSO) is an empathy and connection through the arts initiative that creates original musical films with sustainable educational components.

SUSO provides Social Emotional Learning (SEL) tools to build a more harmonious world one song and story at a time.

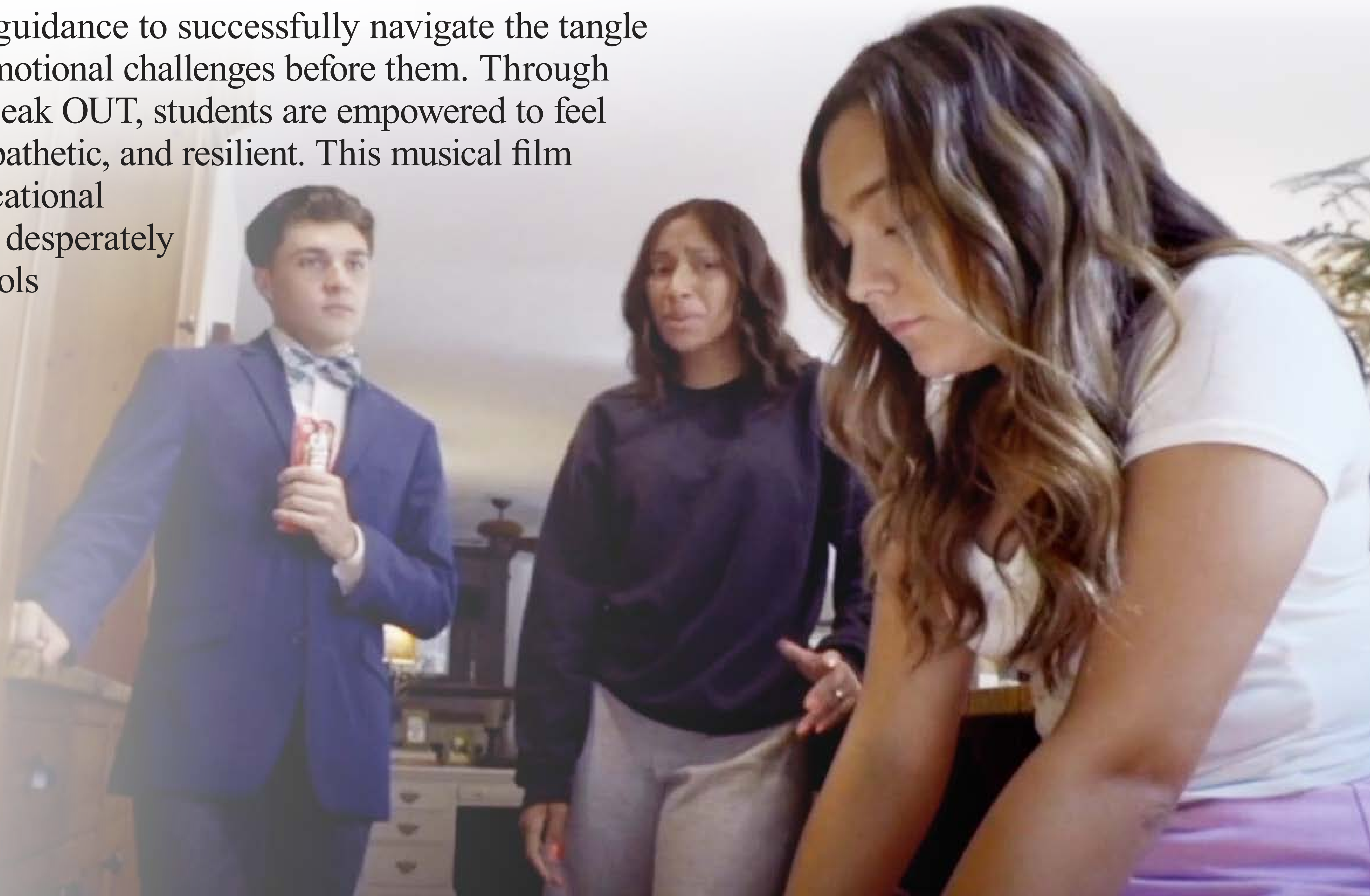
SUSO is the **ONLY** academic, research driven and data informed, influential musical film series with life-long lasting impact.



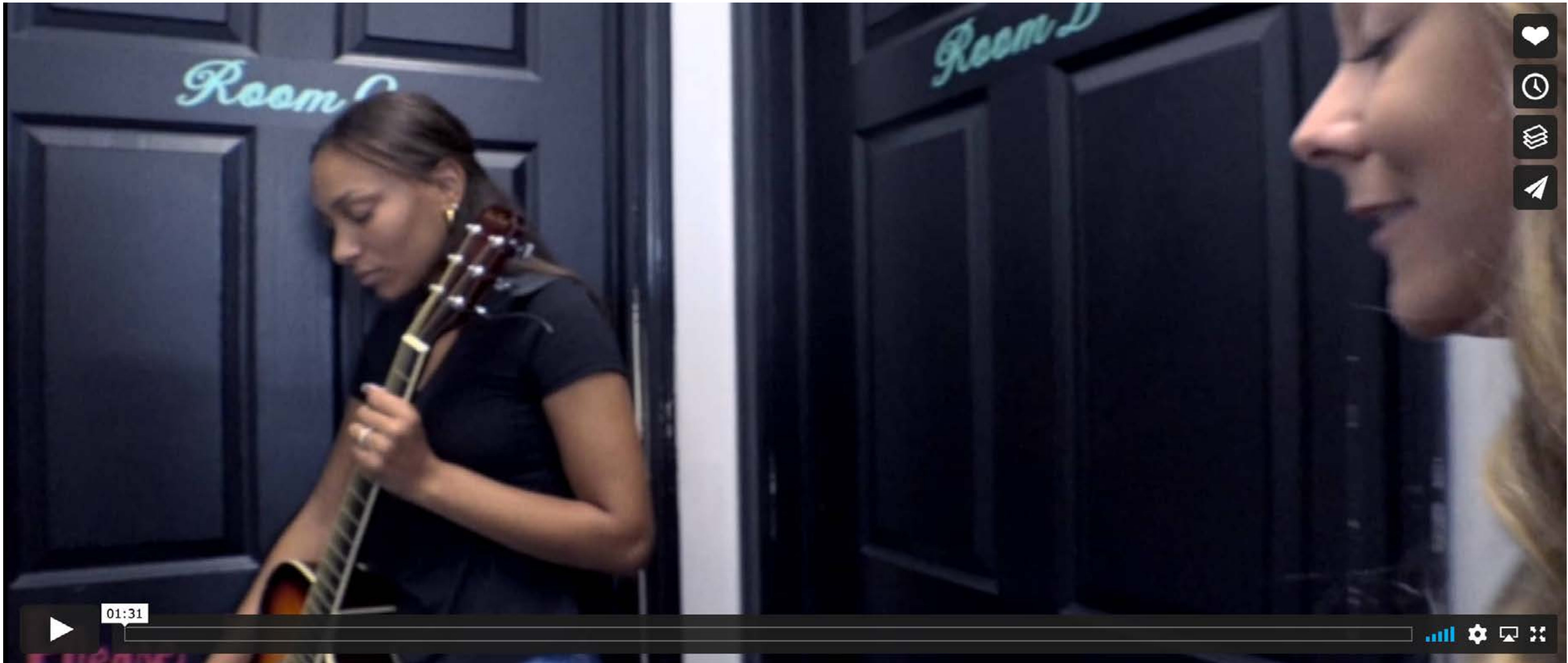


Students are suffering from social isolation, overwhelming emotions, and devastating life issues that can compromise their well being, health, happiness, and ability to perform at their full potential.

Students need guidance to successfully navigate the tangle of social and emotional challenges before them. Through Stand UP & Speak OUT, students are empowered to feel connected, empathetic, and resilient. This musical film series and educational component are desperately needed in schools right now!







*Stand UP. Episode 1 Trailer. A musical film about bullying.  
Appropriate for grades 5-12*



Social and emotional learning needs to be in place so every child has equitable access to these critical skills:

**Develop  
healthy  
identities.**

**Manage  
emotions.**

**Achieve  
personal and  
collective  
goals.**

**Feel and  
show  
empathy.**

**Establish  
and maintain  
supportive  
relationships.**

**Make  
responsible  
and caring  
decisions.**





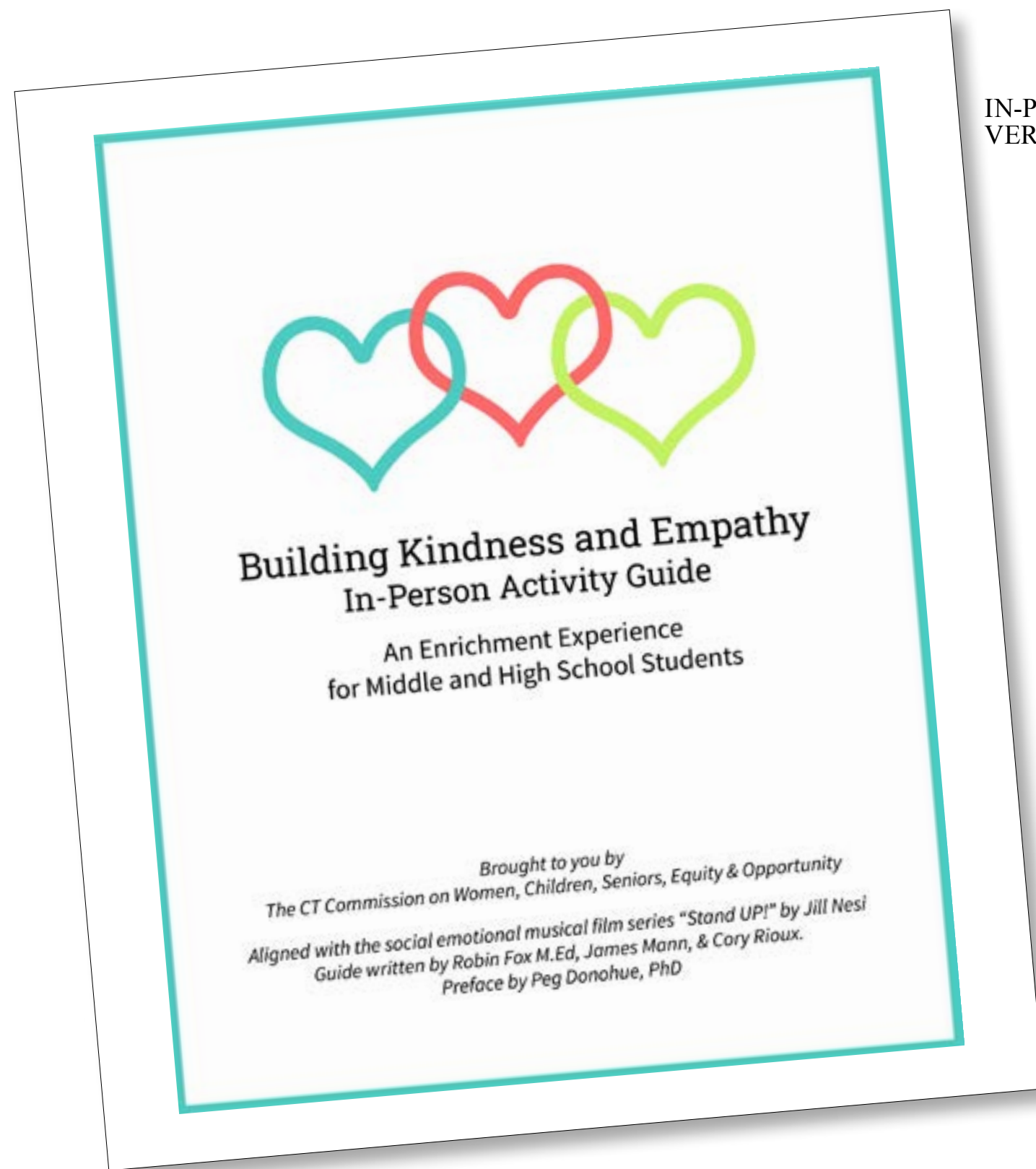
*Ethan's Song. Episode 2 Trailer. A musical film about gun safety.  
Appropriate for grades 9-12*



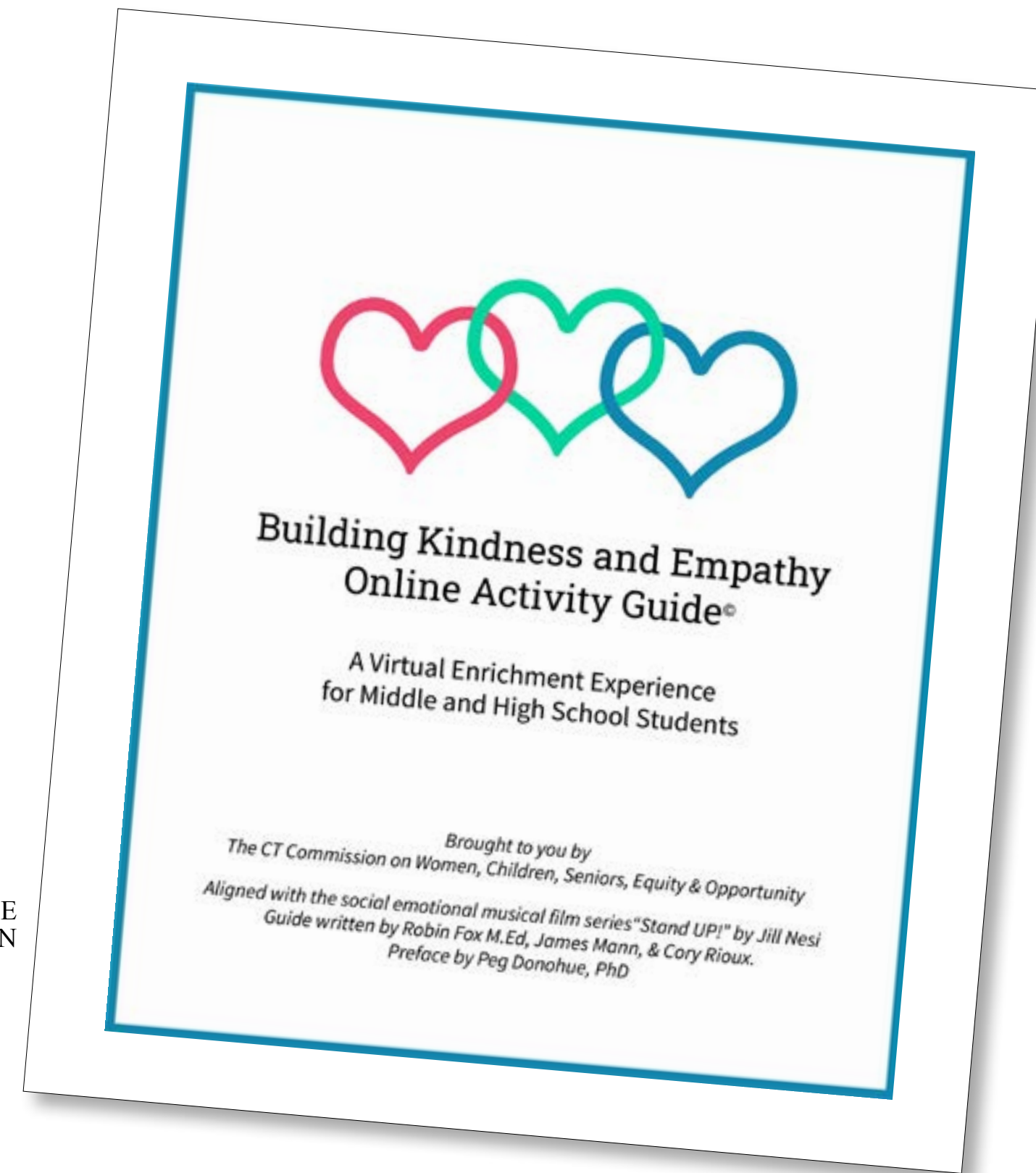


*Finding Hope. Episode 3 Trailer. A musical film about substance abuse. Appropriate for grades 8-12.*





IN-PERSON  
VERSION



ONLINE  
VERSION

The easy to implement educational guide gives students opportunities to examine limiting and harmful behaviors. The lessons reinforce and extend the learning with transformational exercises and uplifting strategies.



# Our Team



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# Testimonials

The different characters resonated with the students and staff in attendance. Students identified with both the bully and the victim. Stand UP & Speak OUT, along with our Restorative Practices, are showing students positive ways so that they can stand up and speak out against all types of bullying.

—Dr. Miguel Cardona, United States Secretary of Education

Created by award-winning composer, Jill Nesi, Stand UP features outstanding performances by many talented Shoreline students ... The show helps students understand both the causes and impacts of bullying, fosters self-awareness and decision skills, and challenges students to reflect on their own experiences.

—Ted Kennedy Jr.

Stand UP & Speak OUT is the message we all need to hear and a call to action for the relational kindness we all need to follow. The teens who raise their voices are truly inspirational and left the audience in awe!

—Dr Robin Stern, Associate Director, Yale Center For Emotional Intelligence



# Interested?



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with us.**

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