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Name: _____ Hour: _____

Imagine that you are a senior at Local Hometown High School and the social editor for your school newspaper. You have written several news stories about teen stress and mental health and wellness, and students seem to confide in you. Choose one of the school concerns below and write a response in the format described.

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Role	Audience	Format	Theme
Social Editor	All Newspaper Readers	Advice Column	A student writes that she has considered harming herself and lists stressors like hearing her parents fight and being overwhelmed with schoolwork. She has sent this letter to the newspaper anonymously. What advice would you give her?
Friend	Friend	Conversation	Your friend has confided in you that he is being bullied by some classmates in school. They tease him about his appearance and his lack of sports ability. You notice that he seems withdrawn and depressed. What support and advice would you give him?
Social Editor	Mental Health Professional	Interview Q&A	The sponsor of the school newspaper has asked that you write a follow-up article that spotlights a local mental health professional. What interview questions do you prepare? What were the professional's responses to your questions?