**Second Step Curriculum Discussion, Counselortalk, March 2018**

Many people asked for the responses to my question about feedback regarding Second Step. This is what I received.

- I use Second Step with grades K-6. I really like it and I feel it has helped all students be more aware of how they interact with others and how better to regulate their emotions.

-I use second steps teaching a 7th grade rotation of Character Ed.  I really like it.  The kids seem to like it.

-I have the second step program for grades 6-8. The videos were not easily viewable for multiple audiences. Our tech guy got it done, but it was cumbersome. I’ve used bits and pieces of the curriculum to supplement my current programming. I didn’t find it comprehensive enough for an “only Second Step” option.

- WhyTry; I like it a lot better and the students respond better to it as well. We use Second Steps as well, but my preference for middle school students is Why Try.

-I use Second Step in Elementary.  It is so easy.  It is scripted and it comes with lots of extra resources.  The students are receptive and it is effective.  However, it is a program meant for the classroom teachers to teach and/or reinforce.  There are “follow through” activities that keep the information going throughout the week between lessons.  Our most effective classrooms have been those were the teacher teaches or does follow through activities.

-We did this many many years ago - I think 20 years ago in fact. It's pretty good, especially for younger kids who like to act things out and such. The curriculum is very simple and easy to use. I don't know why we stopped doing it but at one point it was K-12.

-I really like Second Steps. It’s the best curriculum I’ve used but it’s expensive. We also have Positive Action but I didn’t like that one.