



## **POLICY JT – YOUTH SUICIDE PREVENTION**

The wellbeing and health of students is important. The District is committed to having a policy and procedures in place to prevent, assess the risk of, intervene in and respond to suicide. To that end, the District:

- Recognizes that physical and mental health of the entire school community are integral components of student outcomes, both educationally and beyond graduation;
- Further recognizes that suicide is a leading cause of death among young people; and
- Acknowledges the school's role in providing an environment that is sensitive to individual and societal factors that place youth at greater risk for suicide and helps to foster positive youth development and resilience.

The Board expects District staff to be equipped with practical skills and usable information that can be of help to children who are at risk. District staff need to be alert to and aware of the warning signs. District staff who become aware of a student exhibiting suicidal thoughts or behaviors should coordinate with the appropriate mental health school service provider.

The mental health school service provider should:

1. Contact the parent/guardian of the student exhibiting suicidal thoughts or behaviors;
2. Serve as liaison among professionals; and
3. Share mental health resources available within the District and the community to support the student's safety and wellbeing.

## **RESOURCES**

Resources that support suicide prevention and emotional wellness efforts will be maintained on the District's website and made publicly available [here](#).

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