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5350 - **STUDENT SUICIDE PREVENTION**

The School Board recognizes that suicide is one of the leading causes of death for Florida's youth. To address the prevalence of student suicide, the Board believes there must be a partnership between families, the community, and schools. It is critical for families and community members to communicate with and provide information to school staff to identify students at risk of suicide.

The Board will provide access to suicide prevention educational resources to all instructional and administrative staff as part of the District's professional development program. The suicide educational resources will include material approved by the Statewide Office for Suicide Prevention, the Florida Suicide Prevention Coalition, and the Coordinated School Health Resource Center. The District's student personnel services staff will be responsible for providing suicide prevention and awareness training and resources to students and staff.

All school personnel should be alert to signs of suicide ideation and to students who threaten or attempt suicide. Suicide ideation is the process of fantasizing, planning, practicing, and motivating oneself to commit suicide. Any such signs or the report of such signs from another student or staff member should be taken with the utmost seriousness. Families, community members, and students are encouraged to report any such signs to the Principal.

Professional development training in youth suicide prevention shall be provided for student personnel services staff, administration, and instructional staff. Further, additional professional development training regarding risk assessment and intervention shall be provided to mental health employees, counselors, psychologists, and school nurses.

Throughout any intervention, it is essential that Board policies and District procedures regarding confidentiality be observed at all times.

Youth Suicide Awareness and Prevention

A two (2) hour continuing education program of youth suicide awareness and prevention training, utilizing training materials from the list approved by the Florida Department of Education (FLDOE) shall be developed. Instruction about how to identify appropriate mental health services and how to refer youth and their families to those services shall be included in the program.

If provided at a school, the training shall be included in the existing continuing education or inservice training requirements for instructional personnel. If all instructional personnel at a District school participates in the two (2) hours of youth suicide awareness and prevention training that school will be considered "Suicide Prevention Certified School".

The Superintendent will notify the FLDOE of all schools qualifying for this designation.

Pursuant to State law, participating in the training does not create any new duty of care or the basis of liability.

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