

SUICIDE PREVENTION

The Board recognizes that self-destructive behavior and suicide occurs among children and adolescents in our country. Students who experience serious depression are unable to benefit fully from the educational program of the school. Moreover, such students pose a danger both to self and possibly others.

Students identified as self-destructive are in the need of appropriate help as quickly as possible. The primary efforts of school personnel working with a depressed or suicidal student are support, parental contact, and referral. To that end, student confidentiality *by law must* be waived in life-threatening situations.

The School Board directs the administration to:

- Develop guidelines or procedures to effectively intervene in life-threatening situations;
- Enlist the support, awareness, and involvement of all district staff in the identification of suicidal signals and utilize existing school staff for program implementation.

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