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Student Welfare – Suicide

The Board recognizes that childhood/adolescent suicide and suicidal tendencies are continuing problems within the elementary and secondary schools of the nation. Therefore the Board directs the superintendent to initiate and establish an aggressive, comprehensive suicide prevention program.

To ensure maximum effectiveness, the comprehensive program will:

1. Involve the entire community;
2. Provide appropriate in-service programs for staff, students, parents, community;
3. Respond to individuals in crisis;
4. Recognize those who are potentially suicidal;
5. Provide meaningful prevention and intervention strategies;
6. Provide procedures to deal with loss, or post-intervention strategies.

The program efforts shall improve the general mental health atmosphere of the district and place suicide prevention by the district and the community as a high priority.

Decisions regarding individual or a group in crisis will be made through a team approach. No individual staff member will make crisis decisions in isolation.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):