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**Subject: Suicide and Other At-Risk Behavior:
Awareness, Intervention and Postvention**

The Board of Education and District recognize that suicide, the taking of one's life, is an especially tragic event when it occurs in school-age persons. The impact of this occurrence is wide spread affecting the individual's family, friends, peers, student body, education personnel and community members. Any student that demonstrates self-destructing behaviors needs to receive appropriate help as quickly as possible. Self-destructing behaviors such as: depressions, drug & alcohol abuse and emotional dysfunction shall be report to the Guidance Department/Principal.

All school personnel and students should be alerted to:

1. The warning signs of childhood and adolescent depression/suicide
2. The subsequent and immediate response strategies

School personnel shall include, but not be limited to teachers, counselors, administrators, child care facility personnel, and school nurses.

Procedures shall be established and maintained by the Superintendent for Prevention, Intervention and Postvention incidents that occur on school property or during school activities.

In accordance with the District's Confidentiality Policy all information related to the matter will be shared on a "need to know" basis.

Approved: Board of Education
June 10, 2009