

Chapter 5: PERSONNEL**General Personnel****Student Suicide Awareness and
Prevention Program****Effective Date**

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The School Board believes the physical and mental well-being of all students must be maintained as a prerequisite to achievement through the formally structured educational process. Furthermore, the Board recognizes that suicide is a mental health problem and that the problem may be addressed with the involvement of the state or community mental health agency and with the appropriate adolescent suicide awareness, prevention and intervention.

The Superintendent or a designee is directed to develop, implement and communicate a comprehensive and continuing adolescent suicide awareness and prevention program for the District's employees. The Superintendent will make an effort to develop a liaison between the state or community mental health agency and the District for the purpose of securing professional expertise and assistance with the program.

The program shall have as its goals to help School District employees, parents/guardians and students to:

- . identify community resources and procedures that can help a suicidal person and design procedures for the implementation of their services;
- . understand the developmental stages of adolescence;
- . understand the causes of adolescent suicide;
- . recognize the early warning signs of adolescent suicide;
- . be aware of the contagion effect;
- . address the repercussions of such a tragedy.

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