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5 **INSTRUCTION**

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7 Suicide Awareness and Prevention

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9 Professional Development

10 The District will provide professional development on youth suicide awareness and prevention to each  
11 employee of the district who work directly with any students enrolled in the school district. The training  
12 materials will be approved by the Office of Public Instruction (OPI).

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14 The District will provide at least two (2) hours of youth suicide and prevention training. The District will  
15 provide, at a minimum, two (2) hours of youth suicide awareness and prevention training every five (5)  
16 years thereafter. All new employees who work directly with any student enrolled in the school district  
17 will be provided training the first year of employment.

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19 Youth suicide and prevention training may include:

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- 21 A. In-person attendance at a live training;
- 22 B. Videoconference;
- 23 C. An individual program of study of designated materials;
- 24 D. Self-review modules available online; and
- 25 E. Any other method chosen by the local school board that is consistent with professional  
26 development standards.

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28 Prevention and Response

29 The Board authorizes the Administration and appropriate District staff to develop procedures to address  
30 matters related to suicide prevention and response that:

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- 32 A. Promote collaboration with families and with community providers in all aspects of  
33 suicide prevention and response;
- 34 B. Include high quality intervention services for students;
- 35 C. Promote interagency cooperation that enables school personnel to identify and access  
36 appropriate community resources for use in times of crisis;
- 37 D. Include reintegration of youth into a school following a crisis, hospitalization, or  
38 residential treatment;
- 39 E. Provide for leadership, planning, and support for students and school personnel to ensure  
40 appropriate responses to attempted or completed suicides.

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42 No cause of action may be brought for any loss or damage caused by any act or admission resulting  
43 from the implementation of the provisions of this policy or resulting from any training, or lack of  
44 training, related to this policy. Nothing in this policy shall be construed to impose a specific duty of  
45 care.

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47 This policy will be reviewed by the Board of Trustees on a regular basis.

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49 Legal Reference: § 20-7-1310, MCA Youth suicide awareness and prevention training  
50 ARM 10.55.720 Suicide Prevention and Response

1 Policy History:

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