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1 Suicide Awareness and Prevention

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3 Professional Development

4 The Administration shall develop and implement a youth suicide prevention program meeting
5 minimum requirements set forth in 10.55.719, ARM.

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

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11 The District will provide at least two (2) hours of youth suicide and prevention training
12 beginning the 2017-18 school year. The District will provide, at a minimum, two (2) hours of
13 youth suicide awareness and prevention training every five (5) years thereafter. All new
14 employees who work directly with any student enrolled in the school district will be provided
15 training the first year of employment.

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17 Youth suicide and prevention training may include:

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

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26 Prevention and Response

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

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

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

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

Legal Reference: § 20-7-1310, MCA Youth suicide awareness and prevention training

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