

## **Raymond School District Policy - JLDB**

### **SUICIDE PREVENTION AND RESPONSE**

#### ***Proposed new policy June 3, 2020 Second Reading***

The Raymond School District recognizes that suicide is a complex issue that requires school family, and community resources to be harnessed for appropriate and timely help to be available to NH students in order to prevent suicide. This policy guides the Raymond School District in the development and implementation of a coordinated plan to prevent, assess the risk of, intervene in, and respond to suicide.

As outlined in 193-J:1, this coordinated plan includes:

- a. Training for staff: 2 hours of annual training in suicide awareness and prevention for faculty, staff, contracted personnel, and designated volunteers. The training may include but not limited to: youth suicide factors, warning signs, protective factors, response procedures, referrals, post-intervention, and resources available within the school and community. This training will be evidenced informed.
- b. Educating students in the importance of safe and healthy choices and coping strategies, recognizing risk factors and warning signs of mental disorders and suicide in oneself and others, and providing help-seeking strategies for oneself or others, including how to engage resources and refer friends for help.
- c. Identifying within the school, the person(s) who serve as the point of contact when a student is believed to be at an elevated risk for suicide.
- d. Making referral, crisis intervention, and other related information, both within the school and community, available for students, parents, faculty, staff and school volunteers.
- e. Promoting cooperative efforts between school districts, charter public schools, and community suicide prevention program personnel.

*Raymond Schools will create a procedure JLDB-R that guides the implementation of this policy, and is reviewed annually, and revised as needed.*

193-J:3 Immunity.

Nothing in this chapter shall create a private right of action against any school administrative unit, school district, public academy, chartered public school, the state, or any employee, contractor, subcontractor, or agent thereof. A school administrative unit employee, school employee, chartered public school employee, public academy employee, regular school volunteer, pupil, parent, legal guardian, or employee of a company under contract to a school, school district, school administrative unit, or chartered public school, shall be immune from civil liability for conduct arising from or related to the implementation of, or failure to adequately implement, this chapter. 315:2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020.

Legal References: RSA 193-J, Suicide Prevention Education

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