



Resolution Re: Downtown College Prep's Commitment to Suicide Prevention for Children and Youth

Downtown College Prep Board of Directors Meeting

September 19, 2018

The meeting of the Board of Downtown College Prep ("DCP") was called to order on September 19, 2018 pursuant to notice and a quorum was present for the transaction of business.

WHEREAS, DCP operates public charter schools committed to protecting the health and well-being of all students;

WHEREAS, DCP recognizes that physical, behavioral, and emotional health are integral components of a student's educational outcomes;

WHEREAS, suicide is a leading cause of death for youth and young adults ages 10-24 years of age;

WHEREAS, certain students are at a higher risk for suicide than others, including, but not limited to:

- Youth bereaved by suicide
- Youth with a history of suicide or suicidal intent
- Youth with disabilities, mental illness, and/or substance use disorders
- Youth experiencing homelessness or in out of home settings such as foster care
- Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex and or questioning youth

WHEREAS, children and teenagers spend a significant amount of their young lives in school, and the personnel who interact with them on a daily basis are in a prime position to recognize warning signs of suicide and provide referrals and intervene as appropriate; and

WHEREAS the State of California legislature has enacted California Assembly Bill 2246 requiring Local Education Agencies to create resolutions specifying their suicide prevention, intervention and postvention policies in secondary schools

NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED, by the Board of Directors at DCP that absent any applicable federal, state, or local law, regulation, ordinance or court decision, DCP schools shall:

1. Require the Central Office of DCP to designate a lead for suicide prevention planning and coordination of the implementation of this Board Policy



2. Require each school principal to oversee and to designate a lead for suicide prevention planning, coordination and policy implementation. All staff members shall report students they believe to be at an elevated risk for suicide to the principal or designee.
3. Provide annual professional development on risk factors, warning signs, protective factors, response procedures, referrals, postvention, and resource regarding youth suicide prevention to all staff. The professional development will include additional information regarding groups of students at elevated risk for suicide, how to identify appropriate mental health services and when and how to refer youth and their families to school site and community based resources as available.
4. Provide additional annual professional development to staff designated or assigned as school site leads in the areas of suicide prevention coordination and suicide risk assessment. The professional development will include information relevant and appropriate for the certification of the employee so designated.
5. Affirm that school employees should only act within the scope and authorization of the employee's credential. Nothing in this policy shall be construed as authorizing or encouraging a DCP employee to support student mental health or respond to crisis unless the employee is specifically employed to do so and holds the necessary credential to do so.

I, Maria Arellano, hereby certify that I am the current and duly empowered Secretary of Downtown College Prep Board of Directors, that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Board of Directors of Downtown College Prep at the meeting held on September 19, 2018, that the resolution is in full force and effect, that the same has not been modified or rescinded, and that it is not contrary to any provision of the Articles of Incorporation or the Bylaws of DCP.

Signature

Date:

Maria Arellano

9/19/2018

Maria Arellano
Board Secretary