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1) GENERAL POLICY STATEMENT

Edison School of the Arts recognizes that suicide is one of the leading causes of death for Indiana youth. This policy is meant to increase child suicide awareness and prevention. The Board believes there must be a partnership between families, the community, and the school to combat this problem.

The school provides assessment and triage services for students and cooperates with the larger community regarding mental health including suicide prevention services.

The school recognizes the relationship between suicide and drug and alcohol use. All plans, training, or other programs administered under this policy shall increase awareness of this correlation.

All school employees shall meet training requirements consistent with Indiana law on suicide prevention and awareness. Such training should address warning signs and tendencies that may be evidence of a student considering suicide.

The Board directs all school personnel to be alert to students who exhibits signs of unusual depression or who threatens or attempts suicide. Any such signs or the report of such signs from another student or staff member should be taken seriously and evaluated promptly.

2) ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDELINES

Consistent with Indiana law, the Executive Director, CEO or his/her designee shall

develop a plan to assist survivors of attempted suicide and to assist students and school employees to cope with a suicide or attempted suicide. The Executive Director, CEO or his/her designee may develop administrative guidelines and may development any other appropriate programs or activities to increase awareness and prevention of child suicide. This policy is aligned to Indiana Code 20-26-5-34.4.