



MT. DIABLO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD
RESOLUTION 23/24-01

Suicide Prevention Awareness Month – September 2023

WHEREAS, Suicide is the fourth leading cause of death among youth between 10 and 14 years of age. However, suicide is preventable, and

WHEREAS, the Mt. Diablo Unified School District is committed to helping schools develop systems of support and interventions that focus on meeting the academic, social and emotional needs of students, and

WHEREAS, the Mt. Diablo Unified School District recognizes that safe school climates share an important relationship with academic achievement, absenteeism, truancy, and health outcomes.

WHEREAS, a study of 20,000 students in grades 7-12 found that school connectedness was the only school-related factor that consistently protected students from engaging in unhealthy behaviors.

WHEREAS, the Mt. Diablo school Unified School District staff fully supports Suicide Prevention Awareness Month. Staff will develop a Crisis Intervention Plan in which includes:

- School staff will work to create an environment where students feel safe sharing such information.
- School psychologists and other crisis team personnel, including the school counselors and school administrators will be trained to intervene when a student is identified as at risk for suicide.
- When appropriate, trained staff will conduct suicide risk assessment, inform parents, provide recommendations and referrals to community services, provide follow up counseling and support at school.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Mt. Diablo Unified School District declares September as Suicide Prevention Awareness Month.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education encourages parents/guardians and the community to support the work of staff to help prevent suicides.

AYES: NOES: ABSENCES: ABSTENTIONS:

Keisha Nzewi, Board President

Erin McFerrin, Board Vice President

Cherise Khaund, Board Member

Linda Mayo, Board Member

Debra Mason, Board Member

Dr. Adam Clark, Superintendent

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Adopted at the meeting of the MDUSD Governing Board of Education on 8/23/2023
