

### *Self-Harming Behavior*

Although the District is not legally responsible for student self-harming behavior, all efforts will be made to ensure the safety of students.

“Self-harming behavior” includes but is not limited to threats of suicide, excessive risk taking, purposeful self-injury, and evidence of excessive alcohol consumption or harmful drug use.

#### Suicide Prevention

The Board recognizes its responsibility to provide education on youth suicide awareness and prevention, and to establish methods of suicide prevention, intervention and response.

Therefore the Board directs the Superintendent to develop guidelines and procedures, in compliance with state law and regulations, utilizing a multifaceted approach to suicide prevention which integrates school and community-based supports.

#### Other Self-harming Behavior

It is the policy of the District to take all signs of self-harming behavior seriously. Once evidence of self-harming behavior is made known to a District employee, the employee must intervene in accordance with the procedures outlined in the accompanying Administrative Regulation 5423.