Suicide Awareness and Prevention Policy

Nittany Valley Charter School

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The Board is committed to protecting the health, safety and welfare of its students

and school community. This policy supports federal, state and local efforts to

provide education on youth suicide awareness and prevention; establish methods of

prevention, intervention, and response to suicide or suicide attempt; and to promote

access to suicide awareness and prevention resources.

In compliance with state law and regulations, and in support of the school’s suicide

prevention measures, information received in confidence from a student may be

revealed to the student's parents/guardians, the CEO or other appropriate staff when the health, welfare or safety of the student or any other person is deemed to be at risk.

Nittany Valley Charter School shall utilize a multifaceted approach to suicide prevention which integrates school and community-based supports.

SUICIDE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION EDUCATION

* Protocols for Administration of Student Education:

Students shall receive age-appropriate education on the importance of safe and

healthy choices, coping strategies, how to recognize risk factors and warning signs,

as well as help-seeking strategies for self or others including how to engage school

resources and refer friends for help.

Lessons shall contain information on comprehensive health and wellness, including

emotional, behavioral and social skills development.

* Protocols for Administration of Employee Education:

All school employees shall receive information regarding risk factors, warning signs, response procedures, referrals, and resources regarding youth suicide prevention. As part of the school's professional development plan, professional educators in school buildings serving at least students in grades six through eight shall participate in four hours of youth suicide awareness and prevention training every five years.