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MEMORANDUM

Office Integrated Services

Meeting of

08/23/17

TO: Wendy S. Tukloff, Ed.D., Superintendent
For Board of Trustees

FROM: Ray Avila, Executive Director, Integrated Services

SUBJECT: BP/AR 5141.52 – Suicide Prevention
(Second Reading)

Background

Pacifica School District has a practice of using the California School Boards Association (CSBA) On-line Gamut service for Pacifica School District policies. The March 2017 Manual Maintenance included an update for Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 5141.52 (Suicide Prevention). In addition, the San Mateo County Counsel, in collaboration with the San Mateo County Office of Education to address recent legislation (AB 2246) that requires districts to adopt a student suicide prevention policy before the 2017-2018 school year, provided additional language to the BP/AR to reflect local actions. This BP/AR 5141.52 was brought to the Board on May 17, 2017 for First Reading. At this meeting, the Board of Trustees held a discussion in support of the revisions to policy and efforts in moving forward with suicide prevention awareness.

In support of the efforts to reduce youth suicide, and to help Districts prevent and respond to youth suicide, the San Mateo County Office of Education (SMCOE) and San Mateo County Health System created the **San Mateo County Schools Suicide Prevention Toolkit**, which is now available in its final form. (See attached Copy) The toolkit was developed through an extensive collaborative process involving community stakeholders, school mental health professionals, and suicide prevention experts including staff from County Behavioral Health and Recovery Services (BHRS). It outlines guidelines for identifying, intervening, and responding to suicidal and self-injurious students. It also offers best practices to school site crisis teams to be used in the aftermath of a student death by suicide.

To support the use and access to this toolkit, SMCOE and BHRS provided suicide prevention training and materials – including an informative Suicide Prevention Poster to select PSD staff including administrators, counselors and school psychologists on Monday, August 21st, 2017.

It is recommended for the Board to adopt the attached Board Policy and Administrative Regulation.