

**TALBOT COUNTY
PUBLIC SCHOOLS
EASTON, MD 21601**

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SUICIDE PREVENTION AND INTERVENTION

In accordance with Section 6-122 of Chapter 36 of the Education Article, Annotated Code of Maryland (COMAR 13A.07.11, Student Suicide Prevention and Safety Training) and House Bill 1300/2018; 2020, it is required that all certificated school personnel having direct contact with students on a regular basis receive annual additional in-service training in the prevention and intervention of youth suicide before December 1. This training includes understanding and responding to mental health, understanding social-emotional well-being, planning for student safety, and identifying suicide risk. It also includes identifying professional resources to help students in crisis, increase skills to recognize student behavioral health issues, supporting students experiencing trauma or violence outside of school, and referring students to behavioral health services.

The Talbot County Board of Education believes the prevention of youth suicide requires sustained efforts and must remain a significant priority. Therefore, the Talbot County Board of Education directs the administration to develop administrative regulations to implement the requirements as listed above. These regulations should be reviewed annually to assess effective implementation and compliance with Maryland regulations.