

CRISIS RESPONSE/INTERVENTION

The Board of Education recognizes its responsibility to be prepared to confront circumstances in which the physical and/or mental well being of pupils, staff, and other individuals on school grounds is threatened or overtly impacted upon by an individual or group of individuals. Situations at issue include, but are not limited to, acts of terrorism, hostage situations, threat of personal injury, accidents, and other threats or acts of a violent nature. The Board further recognizes there is a need to deal with the aftermath of such events and circumstances, and to contend with the psychological trauma, pain, and confusion, which may ensue as the result of these events.

The Board establishes through the person of the Superintendent or his/her designee, a Crisis Team whose responsibility it shall be to act:

1. As a source of information;
2. As a vehicle through which direct services may be delivered;
3. In an advisory capacity to the Superintendent, or his/her designee, and/or other agents or agencies dealing with the crisis situation.

The Crisis Team shall consist of the following membership:

1. The Superintendent of Schools, or his/her designee;
2. An administrator from each of the schools within the district;
3. School Psychologist and/or Social Worker;
4. Student Assistance Counselor
5. Director of Special Services and/or Guidance
6. Director of Buildings and Grounds
7. Teacher representative (s);
8. A representative of local/State Police;
9. School Nurse;
10. Others as deemed appropriate to the function of the Crisis Team; e.g. a fire department representative, EMT specialist, or other community representatives.

The Crisis Team shall be convened at least on an annual basis:

1. To review established policy and procedures;
2. To orient new members as to their responsibility;
3. To maintain and reinforce lines of communication between the various disciplines and specialists who make up the Crisis Team.

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