



ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDELINE

Title: **Safe Schools: Crisis Response Team**

Effective Date: May 22, 2018

Responsibility: Superintendent of Education

RATIONALE: The Near North District School Board is committed to providing safe, welcoming and supportive working and learning environments. In order to educate learners to their fullest potential in preparation for life-long learning, immediate and sensitive intervention and support can be crucial when students experience traumatic events in their lives. Response teams have been established within the Board to work with the affected school staff and community to assist in coordinating and facilitating appropriate supports. The ***Crisis Response Team (CRT)*** is a team of professional support services staff and educators who are trained to respond to crisis events in our school system.

DEFINITION OF A CRISIS EVENT:

A crisis event is a death, accident or traumatic event that affects students, staff and school community that goes beyond the school resources in terms of coping and responding.
(For a death by suicide, please refer to the Suicide Response Administrative Guideline.)

CRT TEAM:

The Crisis Response Team (CRT) membership varies, but in general is comprised of professional support services staff and educators, with a designated regional lead.

ROLES OF CRT:

The CRT team can assist in many ways such as:

- a) Provide group activities to help students in crisis
- b) Be available to talk, listen and interact with students and/or staff members
- c) Provide staff with additional resources
- d) Activate community resources as appropriate

CONTACTING CRT:

In the event of a crisis, please contact your school Superintendent and CRT Leader in your region. If the CRT Leader can't be reached, please call the Principal of Special Education.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Additional information and other specifics are included in the following appendices. Other resources pertaining to grief issues can be accessed through the team leaders.