

Administrative Guideline- Public Consultation Invitation

Title:	Life Promotion, Suicide Prevention, Intervention and Postvention
Status:	Existing Administrative Guideline (Revised)
Responsible Superintendent:	Superintendent of Mental Health
Date feedback collection opens:	October 15, 2025
Date feedback collection closes:	November 13, 2025
Contact:	Please provide feedback using this link: https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=sKPKifIHuUa3UOlzFotsTlap7qGdIXFNtVTDUZ1HcqHUMjkzSDFCTUVXMjdDSkNUWUtNQ0NYVIZDUSQIQCNjPTEu

As part of Near North District School Board's (NNDSB) strategic commitment to Excellence in Communication, the board is inviting all stakeholders to provide input regarding this Administrative Guideline.

Feedback will be collected for 30 days, exclusive of board holidays. Feedback and requests for accessible document versions can be made by contacting the address listed above.

At the close of the public collection period, the document will be removed from the "Under Review" section of the website so the responsible superintendent can develop the final version.

Once approved by NNDSB's Executive Council, the Administrative Guideline will be added to the list of Administrative Guidelines on the website [here](#).

Thank you for taking time to provide your comments.

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Effective Date: October 14, 2025

Responsibility: Superintendent of Mental Health

1.0 Rationale:

The Near North District School Board is committed to providing safe, welcoming and supportive learning environments for staff and students. All school boards promote student well-being and at times are faced with supporting students who are having thoughts of suicide and may need to respond to a student death by suicide.

Effective suicide prevention, intervention, and postvention is a shared responsibility within a full system of care activated by the Board and community partners. “Whole school programs and strategies that promote mental health and well-being are considered the most effective way of preventing suicide.” ([Suicide Prevention and Life Promotion in Schools](#), page 30)

2.0 Purpose:

NNDSB addresses emergency and urgent needs where the elevated risk of a student needs immediate attention due to expressed thoughts of suicide or evidence of acts of suicide. The process of assessment may be supported by a member of the NNDSB’s mental health team or may be referred to community agencies. For more information about school response and assessment, please see our website (nearnorthschools.ca) under *Mental Health Resources*.

3.0 Guiding Principles:

- The safety and well-being of ALL students is our primary consideration and response to suicide risk is of the utmost priority.
- All expressed thoughts of suicide will be taken seriously.
- Students who disclose suicidal thoughts and/or behaviours will be treated with discretion, respect and dignity.
- Risk identification is responsive and timely.
- At no time is a student to be left alone until supports are in place.

IMMINENT EMERGENCY RISK – defined as any life-threatening action that requires immediate medical intervention (i.e. taken an overdose of pills)

1. CONTACT EMERGENCY SERVICES 911

2. Notify Principal/Vice-Principal as soon as possible

3. Principal or delegate will notify Parent/Guardian as soon as possible