



# Suicide Prevention, Intervention & Postvention From Policy to Practice

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## **Learning Objectives**

- Identify key components of a comprehensive suicide prevention policy
- 2. Know where to access resources, trainings and tools to move from policy to practice in schools
- 3. Learn about statewide initiatives and policies to support suicide prevention





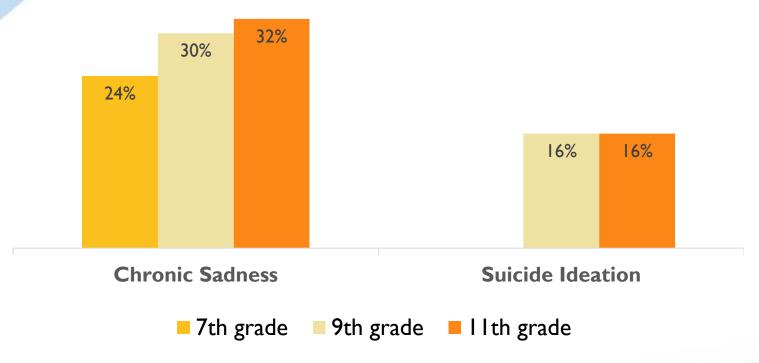
### Youth Suicide in the U.S.

- Suicide is the 2<sup>nd</sup> leading cause of death for ages 10-24
- 50% of students ages 14 and older with a mental illness drop out of high school
- Almost 4,000 people ages 14 to 24 die by suicide in the U.S. annually
- Over 90 percent of children/youth who die by suicide have a mental health disorder





## California CHKS Student Data



Source: 2015-17 California Healthy Kids Survey

- Chronic Sadness: During the past 12 months, did you ever feel so sad or hopeless almost every day for two weeks or more that you stopped doing some usual activities?
- Suicide Ideation: During the past 12 months, did you ever seriously consider attempting suicide?



## Why AB2246 Was Enacted:

As children and teens spend a significant amount of their young lives in school, the personnel who interact with them on a daily basis are in a prime position to recognize the warning signs of suicide and make the appropriate referrals for help





## AB2246 Requirements

Education Code section 215 (a)

The governing board or body of (1)a local educational agency that serves pupils in grades 7 to 12, inclusive, shall, before the beginning of the 2017-18 school year, adopt, at a regularly scheduled meeting, a policy on pupil suicide prevention in grades 7 to 12, inclusive. The policy shall be developed in consultation with school and community stakeholders, schoolemployed mental health professionals, and suicide prevention experts and shall, at a minimum, address procedures relating to suicide prevention, intervention, and postvention.



## **AB2246 Requirements**

#### Education Code section 215 (a) (3)

The policy shall also address any training to be provided to teachers of pupils in grades 7 to 12, inclusive, on suicide awareness and prevention

AB 2246 require policies to specifically address the needs of certain high-risk groups that are disproportionately affected by suicide

Education Code section 215

(a) (2)

The policy shall
specifically address the needs of high-risk groups, including, but not limited including, but not limited to, all of the following:

Youth bereaved by suicide.

Youth with disabilities, mental illness, or substance use disorders.

Youth experiencing homelessness or in out-of-home settings, such as foster care.

Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or questioning youth.





## **AB2246 Requirements**

- At least two staff members shall be designated as the primary and secondary point of contact regarding potential suicidal intentions
- A referral process should be prominently disseminated to all staff members, so they know how to respond to a crisis and be knowledgeable of the school and community- based resources
- Additional professional development in risk assessment and crisis intervention will be provided to school employed mental health professionals and school nurses

Education Code section 215

(4) The policy shall be written to ensure that a school employee acts only within the authorization and scope of the employee's credential or license. Nothing in this section shall be construed as authorizing or encouraging a school employee to diagnose or treat mental illness unless the employee is specifically licensed and employed to do so.



## Key Components of a Comprehensive Suicide Prevention Policy



## **Building a Strong Foundation**

A strong suicide prevention policy

**Protocols** for helping students at risk

Staff education and training

Parent education and training

Student education and engagement

Intervention Postvention





# Suicide Prevention in Schools

Grounding in school culture that supports enhancement of protective factors

Protocols that address postvention and crisis intervention

Intervention and assessment tools for at-risk students

Awareness inservices for faculty & staff; parent resouce activities and materials; student curriculum

Administrative policies and protocols thar reflect engagement with the larger community







## Prevention: Key Tasks for Schools

- Adopt comprehensive policies and procedures on suicide prevention, intervention, and postvention to support personnel and to provide them with a clear roadmap, accessible yearround, for how to prevent, intervene in, and respond to student suicidal behavior.
- School staff members, should be trained on suicide risk factors, warning signs and how to address and respond to suicidal behavior
- Suicide prevention should be integrated into the values, culture, leadership, and work of schools
- Students, parents and guardians should be included in all aspects of suicide prevention





## Suicide Prevention in San Diego County

- AB2246 Preparing for Policy Change: Suicide Prevention, Intervention & Postvention workshops
- Youth Mental Health First Aid certification trainings
- Positive school climate trainings
- NAMI On Campus trainings, Walk in our Shoes, Say Something
- Ninth District PTA, Migrant Education

### SDCOE Suicide Prevention

#### **Administrative Regulation**

SAN DIEGO COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION

ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION NO. 5141.3

CLASSIFICATION: Students

ADOPTED: 3/1/18

SUBJECT: Suicide Prevention

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The County Superintendent of Schools establishes this administrative regulation to provide measures and strategies for suicide prevention, intervention, and postvention for students who are at high risk of suicide, including, but not limited to, students who are breaved by suicide; students with disabilities, mental illness, or substance use disorders: students who are experiencing homelessness or who are in out-of-home settings such as foster care; and students who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or questioning youth pursuant to Education Code 215, as added by AB 2246 (Ch. 642

The measures and strategies established in this administrative regulation shall apply to students, teachers, and other employees at any school or in any school program under the jurisdiction of the County Superintendent of Schools.

The responsibility for implementation and maintenance of this administrative regulation shall be assigned to the assistant superintendent, Student Services and Programs, or

#### Staff Development

Suicide prevention training shall be provided to teachers, counselors, and other employees at any school or in any school program under the jurisdiction of the County Superintendent of Schools who interact with students at the secondary level, Additional professional development in suicide risk assessment and crisis intervention (suicide intervention) shall be provided to school-employed mental health professionals (e.g. school counselors, psychologists, or social workers) at any school or in any school program under the jurisdiction of the County Superintendent of Schools. Staff training can be adjusted year-to-year based on previous professional development activities and

Materials for training shall include how to identify appropriate mental health services at the school site and within the community, and when and how to refer youth and their families to those services. Materials shall also include programs that can be completed through self-review of suitable suicide prevention materials

Staff development shall include research and information related to the following topics

#### **Board Policy**

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The County Board of Education and the County Superintendent of Schools recognizes that suicide is a leading cause of death among youth and that school personnel who regularly interact with students are often in a position to recognize the warning signs of suicide and to offer appropriate referral and/or assistance. In an attempt to reduce suicidal behavior and its impact on students and families, the County Superintendent of Schools or his/her designee(s) shall develop measures and strategies for suicide prevention, intervention, and postvention pursuant to Education Code 215, as added by AB 2246 (Ch. 642, Statues of 2016).

In developing measures and strategies for use by the schools or school activities under the jurisdiction of the County Superintendent of Schools, the County Superintendent of Schools or his/her designee(s) may consult with school health professionals, school counselors, school psychologists, school social workers, administrators, other staff, parents/guardians, students, local health agencies, mental health professionals, and community organizations.

Such measures and strategies shall include, but are not limited to

- Staff development on suicide awareness and prevention for teachers, school counselors, and other County Superintendent of Schools employees who interact with students in the secondary grades
- Instruction to students in problem-solving and coping skills to promote students' mental, emotional, and social health and well-being, as well as instruction in recognizing and appropriately responding to warning signs of suicidal intent in others
- 3. Methods for promoting a positive school climate that enhances students' feelings of connectedness with the school and that is characterized by caring staff and harmonious interrelationships among students
- 4. The provision of information to parents/guardians regarding risk factors and warning signs of suicide, the severity of the youth suicide problem, the County Superintendent of Schools' suicide prevention curriculum, basic steps for helping suicidal youth, and/or school and community resources that can help youth in crisis
- 5. Encouragement for students to notify appropriate school personnel or other adults when they are experiencing thoughts of suicide or when they suspect or have

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https://www.sdcoe.net/Board/Documents/bp/5141.3.pdf





















San Diego County Suicide Prevention Council Suicide Prevention: Resource Guide for Schools





Resources	Local	National
School	HERE Now School Based PEI and	The K-12 Toolkit for Mental Health Promotion
Support	Anti-BIAS Program Countywide	and Suicide Prevention
• • •	San Diego Youth Services, Spring Valley and East	The K-12 Toolkit for Mental Health Promotion and Suicide
	Communities Campus	Prevention has been created to help schools comply with and
	Tel. 619 258-6877 ext. 3274	implement AB 2246; the Pupil Suicide Prevention Policies. The
	Cell. 619-405-8340 Fax. 619 258-0676	Toolkit includes resources for schools as they promote youth mental wellness, intervene in a mental health crisis, and support members
	ipark@sdyouthservices.org	of a school community after the loss of someone to suicide.
	www.sdyouthservices.org	Additional information about this Toolkit for schools can be accesse
	Introduction to Services:	on the Heard Alliance website at http://www.heardalliance.org/
	The HERE Now Project focuses on preventing suicide by	
	educating youth and their families on the risk factors of suicide and reducing the stigma around seeking help for	Barrandia a Barinida a A Tarathit for High
	themselves or others. In addition, the HERE Now program	Preventing Suicide: A Toolkit for High
	is working to support the school culture and environment	Schools 2012 by SAMHSA
	to be preventive and proactive in educating all members of	This toolkit assists high schools and school districts in designing an
	the school community (teachers, students, parents)	implementing strategies to prevent suicide and promote behavioral health. The toolkit includes tools to implement a multifaceted suicide
	regarding suicide prevention, as well as identifying and working with individual and groups of students who may	prevention program that responds to the needs and cultures of
	be struggling emotionally and/or engaging in self-	students. https://www.samhsa.gov/capt/tools-learning-
	destructive or otherwise risky behaviors.	resources/preventing-suicide-toolkit
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	San Diego County Office of Education	After a Suicide: A Toolkit for School
	The San Diego County Office of Education (SDCOE) is	After a Suicide: A Toolkit for School is a comprehensive guide that
	committed to supporting schools, students and families	will assist schools on what to do if a suicide death takes place in the
	with resources to address suicide prevention for our	school community. See the Suicide Prevention Resource Center web page at http://www.sprc.org/comprehensive-
	students. They provide consultation, trainings and technical assistance to the 42 School Districts to	approach/postvention
	implement AB2246, http://www.sdcoe.net/student-	
	services/student-support/Pages/Suicide-Prevention.aspx	

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"students school climate perceptions are associated with suicide ideation... feelings of belonging to the school and adult support are associated with lower rates of suicide ideation"

(Benbenishty, Astor, and Roziner 2018)



#### Tiered Professional Development for Student Wellness & Positive School Climate



**ALL** 

#### Universal, Tier I

- · Youth Mental Health First Aid
- Best Practices for Creating Inclusive Environments
- Building Asset Based Relationships with Youth
- GLSEN 1.0
- Introduction to Restorative Practices
- Trauma Informed Practices in Schools



"Research has shown that feelings of connectedness are specifically related to reductions in suicidal thoughts and attempts and are a protective factor for youth"

CDC. Adolescent and School Health 2018





### **Peer Lead Suicide Prevention**

- NAMI on Campus and Ending the Silence Presentations
- The Directing Change Program and Film Contest
- More Than Sad (American Foundation for Suicide Prevention)
- LEADS for Youth: Linking Education and Awareness of Depression and Suicide
- Kognito (Peer-to-Peer)
- Living Works





#### Directing Change Program & Film Contest

Youth and young adults submit 60 second films in suicide prevention, mental health matters, and

explore these topics through the lens of diverse cultures.

| Inspire | Change |
| Inspire a new generation |
| Inspire a new genera

**Submission Deadline: March 1, 20** 

Open to students ages 14-25

Red Carpet Award Ceremony
Cash prizes for winning teams and
schools







### **Parent Information**



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symptoms of youth depression Provention of Youth WHAT CAN PARENTS DO TO PREVENT YOUTH SUICIDE?

rf you or someone you know is in crisis, please call:

1-800-273-TALK (8255) suicideprevent/onlifeline.org

Click here to visit the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline website.

Notice: The Office of Suickle Prevention website is informational and not intended as a citale response or hatting. Local crists hatting numbers can be found in the front of your facel phone book or call 91.

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#### PARENT CONTACT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM

Student Name:	Date of Birth:	
School:		
This is to verify that I have spoker	n with a member of the school's mental health staff	
(name) onsuicidal risk. I have been advised therapist immediately.	(date) concerning my child's to seek the services of a mental health agency or	
	(name of staff my child, and the mental health care provider to d for services within two weeks.	
Parent Signature:	Date	
Parent Contact Information:		
Phone:		
Email:		
School Staff Member Signature:		
Date:		

http://suicideprevention.nv.gov/Youth/WhatYouCanDo/ (Multiple languages)







## Intervention: Key Tasks for Schools

- Key school and community based mental health service providers are identified and trained in suicide risk assessment, safety planning and monitoring
- Policies and procedures include measures to ensure that key staff have explicit protocols and guidance to support and intervene with at risk students





## Suicide Intervention in San Diego County

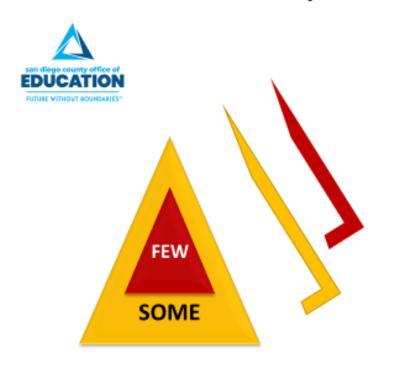
Provided deeper trainings for district/school teams:

- Assessing Suicidal Students
- Question, Persuade & Refer (QPR)
- Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST)
- Developed comprehensive suicide prevention & intervention protocols and procedures for districts





#### Tiered Professional Development for Student Wellness & Positive School Climate



#### Individualized, Tier III

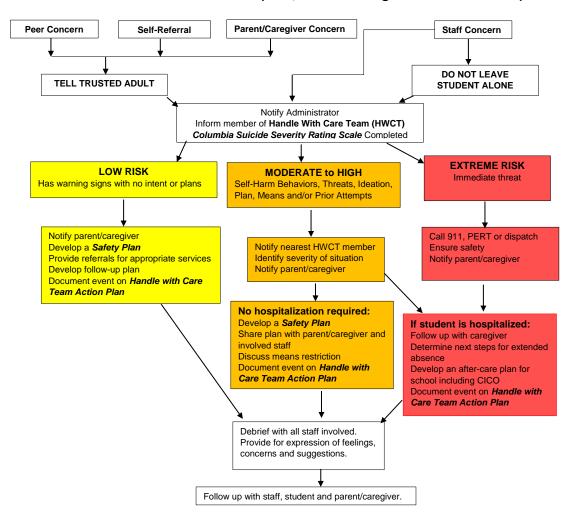
- Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training
- Engaging Students Involved in CSEC 102
- · Managing Students who Self Injure
- Question, Persuade & Refer
- Restorative Conferences
- Assessing Suicidal Students

#### Targeted, Tier II

- · Anxiety in Young People
- · Gender & Sexuality Alliances
- GLSEN 2.0
- · Restorative Practices Circles
- · Trauma Informed Classroom Strategies

## **Protocols** for Suicide Intervention

#### Protocols for Suicide Intervention (Low, Moderate-High and Extreme Risk)











## Columbia **Severity Rating** Scale Pre-Screener



	SUICIDE IDEATION DEFINITIONS AND PROMPTS	Since Cont	
	Ask questions that are bold and <u>underlined</u>	YES	NO
	Ask Questions 1 and 2		
1)	Have you wished you were dead or wished you could go to sleep and not wake up?		
2)	Have you actually had any thoughts of killing yourself?		
	If YES to 2, ask questions 3, 4, 5, and 6. If NO to 2, go directly to question 6		
	3) Have you been thinking about how you might do this?		
	E.g. "I thought about taking an overdose but I never made a specific plan as to when where or how I would actually do itand I would never go through with it."		
	4) Have you had these thoughts and had some intention of acting on them?		
	As opposed to "I have the thoughts but I definitely will not do anything about them."		
	5) Have you started to work out or worked out the details of how to kill yourself and do you intend to carry out this plan?		
6)	Have you done anything, started to do anything, or prepared to do anything to end your life?		
	Examples: Collected pills, obtained a gun, gave away valuables, wrote a will or suicide note, took out pills but didn't swallow any, held a gun but changed your mind or it was grabbed from your hand, went to the roof but didn't jump; or actually took pills, tried to shoot yourself, cut yourself, tried to hang yourself, etc.		

■ Moderate Risk ■ High Risk

Low Risk

https://cssrs.columbia.edu/the-scale-in-action/schools/















### **Action Plan and Documentation Form**

	Determined <i>Low Risk</i> bas	ed on CSSRS Screenir	g		
<ul> <li>Suicidal ideation with low frequency, intensity and duration</li> <li>No intent (degree to which student has planned suicidal behavior)</li> </ul>			Few risk factors     Good self-control		
•	No plans		Presence of prof		
Date:	·	School:	·	Grade:	
	Action Plan Checklist	Responsible Staff	External Contacts	Phone Number	
	Take every warning sign seriously				
	Notify admin				
	Notify parent/caregiver with student present if appropriate				
	Complete Parent/Caregiver Notification Form				
	Develop Safety Plan with student and parents if necessary				
	Refer to primary care or mental health services if necessary				
	Get parent signature on Authorization for Release and/or Disclosure				
	of Information Form if necessary				
	Communicate to appropriate staff and rest of HWCT and document				
	Provide copy of Safety Plan with parents and involved staff				
	Follow up with student and family as often as necessary until student is stable				
	Debrief with involved staff to assisted with the intervention, provide for expression of feelings, concerns and suggestions				
Who id	dentified student as being at risk:				
Reason	n for concern:				
Staff no	otified:				
Additio	onal Information:				





## Sample Student Safety Plan

Step 1:	Warning Signs (thoughts, images, mood, situation, beha	vior) that a crisis may be developing:
1.		
2.		
3.		
	Internal coping strategies – Things I can do to take my m (relaxation technique, physical activity):	nind off my problems without contacting another
1.		
2.		
3.		
Step 3:	People and social settings that provide distraction:	
1.	Name	Phone
2.	Name	Phone
3.	Place4. Place	<u></u>
Step 4:	People whom I can ask for help:	
1.	Name	Phone
2.	Name	Phone
3.	Name	
Step 5:	Professionals or agencies I can contact during a crisis:	
1.	Emergency Contact Name	Phone
	SD Access & Crisis Line 1-888-724-7240	
	National Suicide Prevention Lifeline 1-800-273-8255	
	TrevorLifeLine (LGBTQ) 1-866-488-7386 Crisis Text Line – Text "Courage" to 741741	
	Making the environment safe:	
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2.		
The one	e thing that is most important to me and worth living fo	r is:





## Suicide Risk Assessment Template Packet

- Protocol for Suicide Intervention
- Student Safety Plan
- Columbia Suicide Severity Rating Scale
- Action Plan and Documentation
- Parent Acknowledgement Form
- What Can Parents Do To Prevent Youth Suicide?
- Handle With Care Memo
- Web of Support Diagram

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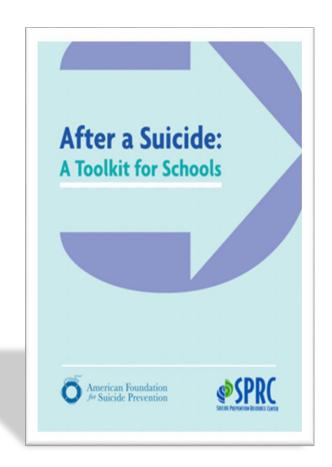


## Postvention: Key Tasks for Schools

- Schools need concrete, pragmatic guidance on how to support both students and staff – before a crisis occurs
- A comprehensive school policy that incorporates methods of postvention will ensure that educators know how to respond safely when a suicide occurs in the school community, avoiding suicide contagion and that educators are equipped to support affected students and their families as well as fellow school staff

## Postvention in San Diego County

- AB2246 Workshops included postvention planning
- Suicide Prevention Resource Guide for Schools includes postvention
- After a Suicide: Toolkit for Schools









## **Postvention** Checklist

Included in Suicide Prevention Protocols & Procedures template packet

Steps to Take in mmediate Aftermath	Staff Responsible	External Contacts (Phone Numbers)	Tools
Notify key individuals			
Verify death	Lead:	Police:	
	Backup:	Medical examiner:	
Ensure that staff know how to respond to inquiries and manage the campus for safety	Lead: Backup:		Tool 3.A.1: Sample Script for Office Staff
Notify superintendent's office	Lead: Backup:	Superintendent :	
4. Notify district crisis team*	Lead: Backup:	District crisis team:  Weekend/vacation/late night contacts:	
Notify schools attended by family members of the deceased	Lead: Backup:	Other schools in district:	
Contact and coordinate with external mental health professionals	Lead: Backup:	Community mental health providers:  External crisis response professionals:	Tool 3.A.2: Sources of Postvention Consultation
Reach out to and work     with the family of the     deceased	Lead: Backup:		Tool 3.A.3: Guidelines for Working with the Family





## **Next Steps**





## Suicide Risk Assessment Pilot Project

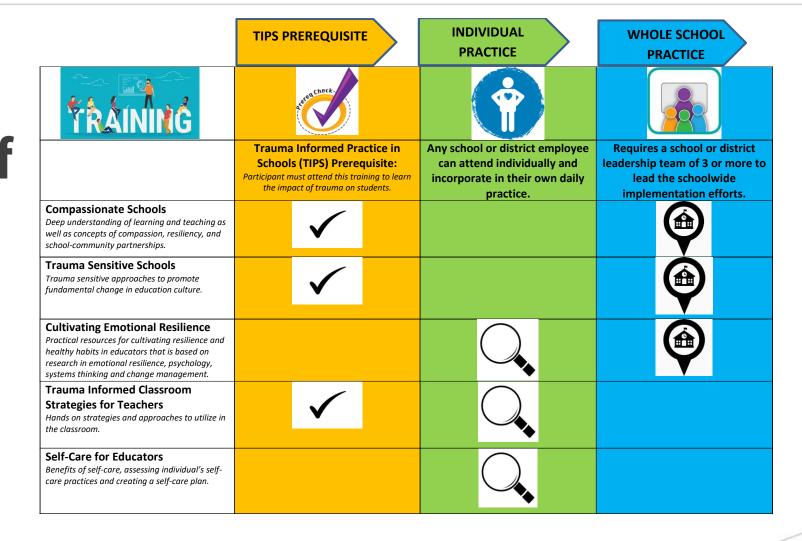
- Several K-12 districts participating
- Report monthly suicide risk assessments
- Demographics
- Identify Trends
- Inform local and state funding and policy recommendations



## Online Suicide Prevention Training Grant

- EC Section 215
- Provide access to an online suicide prevention training program through Living Works
- All middle and high schools in the state of California
- Train students and school staff

## Continuum of Trauma Informed Care **Trainings**















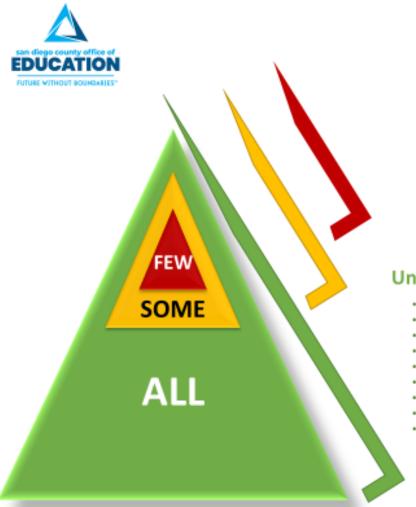


## As a Result...





#### Tiered Professional Development for Student Wellness & Positive School Climate



#### Individualized, Tier III

- Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training
- Engaging Students Involved in CSEC 102
- Managing Students who Self Injure
- Question, Persuade & Refer
- Restorative Conferences

#### Targeted, Tier II

- · Anxiety in Young People
- · Bullying Prevention in the Classroom
- Drug Impairment Training for Educational Professional
- Engaging Students in Foster Care or Experiencing Homelessness
- · Gender & Sexuality Alliances

- GLSEN 2.0
- · Restorative Practices Circles
- Special Populations: Unaccompanied Homeless Youth
- · Trauma Informed Classroom Strategies

#### Universal, Tier I

- . Best Practices for Creating Inclusive Environments
- Building Asset Based Relationships with Youth
- Bullying Prevention Whole School
- CSEC Awareness 101
- · Compassionate Schools
- · Cultivating Emotional Resilience
- Educating Students Experiencing Homelessness
- Educating Students in Foster Care
- GLSEN 1.0

- Introduction to Restorative Practices
- Managing Students with Seizures
- Self-Care for Educators
- Standards of Quality for Family Strengthening & Support
- · Stop the Bleed
- · Strengthening Family Assets & Relationships
- · Trauma Informed Practices in Schools
- · Youth Mental Health First Aid



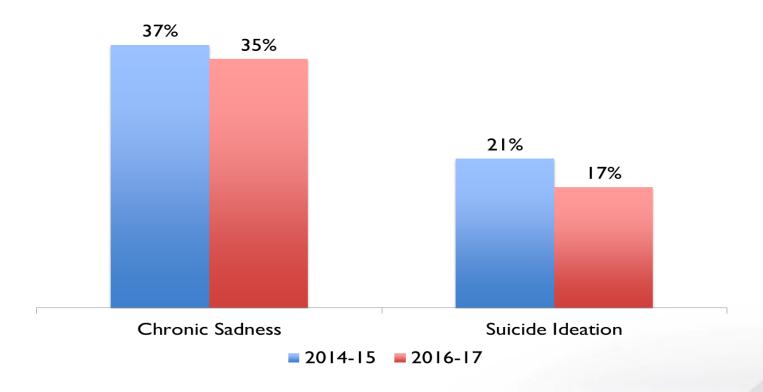
## San Diego School Climate Trends

#### California Healthy Kids Survey 7th, 9th and IIth Grade Students Who Scored Their School Environment High 2014-15 2016-17 Cal-Well **Outcome Total School Supports** 29% 32% +3% Caring Adults in School 33% 35% +2% High Expectations-Adults in Schools 41% 43% +2% Meaningful Participation at School 11% 14% +3% **School Connectedness** 42% 49% +7% Academic Motivation 22% 24% +2%



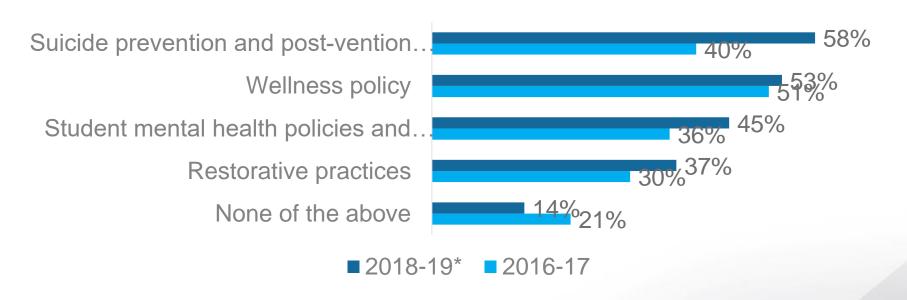


## San Diego CHKS Survey Data Trends for High School Students





# % Principals reporting that the following topics were outlined in their school's Comprehensive School Safety Plan



Source: Project Cal-Well Principal Survey; \*2018-19 data are preliminary





## Student Mental Health Policy Workgroup (SMHPWG)

- SB 972- Student ID Cards
- AB 2022- Pupil Mental Health Services School Notification





### **Thank You**

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