

## **SUICIDE RISK ASSESSMENT PROTOCOL**

### **Background**

The District recognizes that students, on occasion, are at risk of harming themselves and that a coordinated effort might reduce harm and provide students with services they need.

### **Procedure**

1. Should a student disclose feelings of suicidal ideation, the staff member who has received the disclosure, must inform the Principal.
2. The principal or an individual appointed by the principal will contact Catholic Family Services to have a trained professional come in to complete a risk assessment  

Catholic Family Services **(780) 532-9381**
3. The risk assessment alone is not enough to guarantee that a student is safe / not at-risk. Following the assessment, the assessor must meet with the school team comprised of the person who was made aware of the risk, the Principal (or an administrator appointed by the Principal) and the Classroom Support Teacher. Based on the information shared amongst the team, the level of risk will be determined. At NO time shall one person be given the sole responsibility to determine the level of risk.
4. Once level of risk has been determined, a plan of action will be developed.
  - a. In all cases, parents must be notified
  - b. If the level of risk is moderate to high, the student will remain at the school until they can be transported to the Integrated Crisis and Access Team (ICT) by a parent or staff member designated by the principal. The clinic is located on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Aberdeen Centre, 9728 101 Avenue, Grande Prairie, AB. Phone 587 259 5513
  - c. A follow up plan will be developed for the student's return to school  

Possible need for an intake meeting once student has received treatment

Continued support through Catholic Family Services Liaison or Mental Health
5. Once imminent risk is over, the Superintendent of Schools and Director of Inclusive Education must be made aware of the situation