Pittsburg Unified School District

Suicide Prevention Awareness Month
RESOLUTION NO. 26-12

Recognizing September 2026 as Suicide Prevention Awareness Month
In the Pittsburg Unified School District

WHEREAS, the Pittsburg Unified School District recognizes that suicide is a leading cause of death among youth and supports actions in preventing suicidal ideation, attempts, and deaths; and

WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Dease Control and Prevention, one person dies by suicide every 11.7 minutes, resulting in nearly 45,000 deaths each year in the United States; and

WHEREAS, suicide is the 10th leading cause of death among adults in the United States and the 2nd leading cause of death among people aged 10 - 24; and

WHEREAS, suicide is a preventable national, state, and local public health problem; and

WHEREAS, providing a safe and nurturing school environment ensures both the physical and emotional safety of students and staff and minimizes suicidal ideation; and

WHEREAS, the stigma associated with mental health conditions and with suicidality works against suicide prevention by discouraging persons at risk for suicide from seeking life-saving help and further traumatizes survivors of suicide loss and people with lived experiences of suicide; and

WHEREAS, it is essential to educate and to encourage students, staff, and families to recognise the warning signs of suicide, and guide those in need to appropriate services and supports; and

WHEREAS, the month of September is National Suicide Prevention Month which is a campaign in response to the need to reise awareness of suicide prevention and provide schools and communities with the opportunity to educate students, parents, and others about their role in suicide prevention; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Board of the Pittsburg Unified School District hereby supports the goals of National Suicide Prevention Month and will work with community partners, parents, students, teachers, counselors, and staff to raise awareness, build resiliency, and find hope.

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