POLICY TITLE: Student Suicide Prevention

SECTION 500: STUDENTS

The Vallivue School District recognizes its obligation to protect the health and safety of all students attending its schools. School staff is responsible for following the accompanying procedures in the event it is suspected that a student may have suicidal tendencies, or in the event a student suicide occurs.

The legal duty to warn of a student’s suicidal tendencies occurs whenever this school district or any teacher has knowledge of direct evidence of a student’s suicidal tendencies. The legal duty to warn of a student’s suicidal tendencies occurs whenever this school district or any teacher had knowledge of direct evidence, as determined by the court as a matter of law, of a student’s suicidal tendencies, as determined by a court as a matter of law.

For the purposes of this policy, “direct evidence” is defined as evidence which directly proves a fact without inference and which in itself, if true, conclusively establishes that fact. Direct evidence includes unequivocal and unambiguous oral or written statements by the student which would not cause a reasonable teacher to speculate regarding the existence of the fact in question. Direct evidence does not include equivocal or ambiguous oral or written statements by a student which would cause a reasonable teacher to speculate regarding the existence of the fact in question.

LEGAL REFERENCE:
Idaho Code Sections
   33-512(4) – Governance of Schools
   33-512B – Suicidal Tendencies – Duty to Warn
IDAPA 08.02.02.076.10(c) – Principle IX – Duty to Report – Duty to Warn
IDAPA 08.02.03.160 – Safe Environment and Discipline
Carrier v. Lake Pend Orielle School Dist., 142 Idaho 804, 134 P.3d 655 (Idaho 2006)

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