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AGENDA

BOARD MEETING (Work Session with Limited Business Session)

September 24, 2019

6 p.m.

Support Services Center, 2575 Commercial Street SE, Salem, Oregon 97302

1. **CALL TO ORDER** Chairperson
 - a. Board Attendance
 - b. Pledge of Allegiance
 - c. Agenda Modifications

2. **WORK SESSION** Superintendent
 - a. Suicide Prevention

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT (related to action item only)** Chairperson

The board will hear public comment related to the action item only.
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Meetings may be recorded and televised by the media.

4. **ACTION ITEMS** Chairperson
 - a. *Approve the Suicide Prevention Awareness Month Proclamation

5. **ADJOURNMENT** Chairperson

*Support Material Included

**SUICIDE PREVENTION AWARENESS MONTH
PROCLAMATION**

Background/Discussion

The Suicide Prevention Awareness Month Proclamation for September 2019 recognizes that suicide is a public health issue that requires vigilant attention and preventative action with death by suicide being the second leading killer of young people ages 10-24, especially for our LGBTQ youth who are five times more likely to attempt suicide than hetero youth. Suicide Prevention Awareness Month is recognized nationally in the month of September.

Recommendation/Board Action

Staff recommends the board approve the Suicide Prevention Awareness Month Proclamation.



SUICIDE PREVENTION AWARENESS MONTH PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the health of Salem-Keizer students and staff is of the utmost importance to the well-being of our community as a whole; and

WHEREAS, suicide is a public health issue that requires vigilant attention and preventative action with death by suicide being the second leading killer of young people ages 10-24; and

WHEREAS, one in six students nationwide in grades nine through 12 has seriously considered suicide; and

WHEREAS, our LGBTQ community is acutely impacted, with students attempting almost five times more often than their heterosexual peers; and

WHEREAS, each death by suicide directly impacts, on average, 100 other individuals including family members, friends, loved ones, and by extension the entire community; and

WHEREAS, Salem-Keizer Public Schools is committed to partnering with our community to raise awareness, provide education and training on suicide prevention, reduce access to lethal means, and reduce stigma; and

WHEREAS, the stigma associated with mental health and suicide works against suicide prevention by discouraging individuals at risk for suicide from seeking life-saving help; and

WHEREAS, no single suicide prevention effort will be sufficient or appropriate for all people or communities so all are asked to join together and take a stand to prevent suicide; and

WHEREAS, Salem-Keizer Public Schools is committed to providing inclusive environments that make all students and staff feel welcomed without regard to age, color, disability, marital status, national origin, race, religion or creed, sex or gender, sexual orientation, or veteran status; and

WHEREAS, Salem-Keizer Public Schools strives to support the health of all students and staff by promoting prevention and raising awareness of mental health supports available to end suicide in our community;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Salem-Keizer Public Schools Board of Directors joins with all those involved in raising awareness and providing education and training on suicide prevention, and reducing stigma around suicide, and proclaims that the month of September, 2019 is Suicide Prevention Awareness Month in Salem-Keizer Public Schools.

Marty Heyen, Chairperson, Board of Directors
Salem-Keizer Public Schools

Date