

# COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO.20

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Dear Parkview Junior High School Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

Public Act 102-321, the Excused Student Absence for Mental Health Reasons Act, went into effect January 1, 2022. This act allows students to have an excused absence due to the mental or behavioral health of the student. Students will be allowed up to five excused Mental Health Days per school year. These five days count towards the total excused absences already allowed per school year (six absences per nine weeks; 12 total per semester). After using two Mental Health Days the student may be referred to the appropriate school support personnel. After the student uses five Mental Health Days, a doctor's note will be required. Students are not allowed to call themselves in; a parent must call the school in order for the absence to be considered excused. CUSD #20 recognizes the importance of mental health and wants to support our families. The following process has been implemented:

- Day One: Parent calls in student for Excused-Mental Health Day
- Day Two: A letter will be sent to student and parent with list of resources
- Day Three: In-person meeting with student; parent may be contacted
- Day Four: Parent contact; community resources letter mailed to family
- Day Five: Parent will be notified that there are no remaining days

As a reminder, there are resources available to all students within Student Services, as well as resources available in our community. If you would like to discuss your child's mental health with a social worker or counselor at school, please contact your child's school and the office will put you in contact with the correct person.

**Parkview Student Service Supports**

Kylee Hoke, Parkview Junior High School Social Worker  
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**National Suicide Prevention Lifeline**

800-273-8255 available 24 hours everyday  
Text HELLO to 741741

Professionally,

Brittany Boldt  
Assistant Superintendent