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LMS Eagle Hotline - (810) 373 - 2458

LHS Eagle Hotline - (810) 373 - 2131

Community Mental Health also has a 24 hour crisis hotline - (810) 257 - 3740

Statistics show that suicide is the third highest cause of death for teenagers and young adults in the country. Our district website has a link at the bottom of the home page titled "<u>Suicide Prevention</u>—<u>Facts, Signs and Intervention</u>." This six-page document is from an organization called KidsPeace. KidsPeace is a charity dedicated to giving hope, help and healing to children facing crisis and has an interactive website for kids or adults in need: <u>www.TeenCentral.Net</u>. Both the link and website are excellent informational resources I encourage you to view.

As a district, we work hard on bully prevention and keeping open lines of communication, but also realize it exists and is a constant challenge to thwart. We have also included on our website a link titled "<u>Anti-Bully Programming 2013-14</u>," which outlines our plans, by (K-12) building. While we feel our plans are well developed, we also realize the fight against bullying is never over.

The numbers above for the "Eagle Hotline" are in place so middle school and high school students can <u>anonymously text</u> in reports of bullying, harassment, suicide risk, abuse, drugs, etc. These numbers are given to students each year and they are encouraged to put them into their phones so they'll have the number ready when they find the need. It will be monitored outside of school hours/days, 24/7/365. Community Mental Health also has a 24 hour crisis hotline for help outside of school at (810) 257 - 3740.

Please do not hesitate to contact your school administration, a trusted staff member, or me with any concerns or new ideas you may have for improving our efforts.

Thank you,

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