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Student at Risk of Suicide Protocol

I. If a student expresses suicide ideation or talk, or threatens suicide and is not currently experiencing a medical emergency, please follow these guidelines:

- Teachers and other school staff, please immediately report the incident/situation to a school counselor and/or principal
- School counselor and/or principal
 - speak with student to assess risk and contact parent(s)/guardian(s)
 - if unable to reach parent(s)/guardian(s) or emergency contact, school staff (i.e. teacher, administrator, counselor, liaison officer) may need to transport student to the local ER and remain with student until parent(s)/guardian(s) have been contacted - **DO NOT SEND STUDENT HOME**
 - inquire if student is currently seeing a therapist
 - if student is seeing a therapist, request a release of information (if one is not already on file) to contact that therapist for a crisis assessment, if contact cannot be made or their therapist is not available continue with the next step
 - complete Crisis Documentation form and send w/ individual accompanying student to the ER

II. If a student is experiencing a medical emergency, i.e. bleeding, overdose, creating an immediate seriously harmful situation, please follow these guidelines:

- Teachers and other school staff, please immediately report the incident/situation to a school nurse, counselor, and/or principal

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- School nurse, counselor, and/or principal
 - o contact parent(s)/guardian(s) o parent or school official call for emergency services (911)

III. Staff member will initiate a student re-entry meeting with the family

- School Counselor should follow-up to ensure student has connected w/ recommended services
 - i. Request the parent reach out to you once the student is to be released from any placement.
 - ii. Remind the parent/guardian that the Crisis Return to School Note needs to be completed by the releasing physician
- Collect the completed Crisis Return to School Note from the family
- Create a student safety plan
- Request a release of information to speak with any outside providers if one is not already on file