JORDAN SCHOOL DISTRICT

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SUBJECT: Suicide Prevention Training Video and Staff and Parent Resources

September is suicide prevention month.

Schools play a critical role in suicide prevention for current and future students. It is important that we expand our knowledge about the warning signs of suicide and how to facilitate opportunities to strengthen connections. *Remember:* These suicide prevention activities can all be included as part of your schoolwide <u>prevention plan</u>.

In accordance with the Utah State Legislature's Administrative Code (<u>53G-9-704</u>), Student Services has created <u>this short training video</u> for ALL District employees. Here are some ideas on how to show the video to school staff: Send the link in an email and instruct your staff to watch it, show it at a faculty meeting, or allow time during early release/late start

We have also created **new guidelines for Secondary Suicide Prevention Classroom Lessons,** which can be reviewed at this link: <u>Suicide Prevention Classroom Lesson Guidelines</u>

Here are additional, important Suicide Prevention Resources that can be used as part of your prevention plan:

- Webinar on Thursday, September 18 2:00 PM ET Supporting Students, Saving Lives: Expert Perspectives on Suicide Prevention in Schools
- Use the LiveOn Playbook to become a suicide prevention ambassador
- Share NAMI's <u>infographic</u> with your community
- Visit USBE Suicide Prevention Media Channel
- Take the <u>Counseling on Access to Lethal Means</u> for crucial conversations with parents/families of suicidal students
- Share this FREE course with parents through Parent Guidance, "What Parents Need to Know about Suicide Prevention"