



ALEDO ISD BOARD MEETING TEMPLATE

MEETING DATE: February 17, 2014

AGENDA ITEM: LifeLines Suicide Prevention Program Approval

PRESENTER: Scott Kessel

ALIGNS TO BOARD PRIORITY:

- Safety - The District will maintain a safe and orderly environment.

Background Information:

The 2011 legislative session brought many new laws forward regarding bullying. One of the associated laws was relative to school districts making local decisions to adopt evidence-based suicide prevention programs. The Student Health Advisory Council has spent a little more than one year reviewing, evaluating, discussing and determining which suicide prevention program to recommend. The SHAC committee has selected a single program to utilize with our students. The LifeLines Suicide Prevention Program is on the National Registry of Best Practices for suicide prevention and is an evidence-based program. It has been comprehensively reviewed and unanimously recommended by the Student Health Advisory Council.

Administrative Considerations:

- Highlights of the program include a faculty training component, a parent training component and a student component that empowers student bystanders to seek help from trusted adults to support their peers at risk of suicide attempts
- Implementation of the program would take place through high school health courses
- Active consent will be required from parents for students to be able to participate
- Suicide is the 3rd leading cause of death among adolescents

FISCAL NOTE: Purchase of the LifeLines Suicide Prevention kit would be \$225, with no recurring costs

Administrative Recommendation: Administration recommends the approval of the LifeLines Suicide Prevention Program