

ATTENDANCE AWARENESS AND SUICIDE PREVENTION

Resources and Information

Dear School Social Workers,

The project consultants and staff at the Bureau of Student Support Services (BoSSS) would like to wish you an enriching and productive 2021–2022 school year. During the month of September, we intend to highlight and focus on two initiatives: Attendance Awareness and Suicide Prevention. Our aim is to remind / share insight on strategies, tools and resources available to help you meet the challenges of planning, communicating and monitoring students' compliance with attendance guidelines and the connection to student success. Likewise, we wish to acquaint all constituents with the intervention strategies and tools available to help assess, reduce and prevent suicide.

Wishing you a very successful school year. We will be in contact throughout the year regarding various initiatives that BoSSS will be working on.

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Suicide Prevention Month Resources

- [National Association of Mental Illness \(NAMI\)](#)
- [Suicide Prevention Resource Center – Ideas for Action](#)
- [American Foundation Suicide Prevention \(AFSP\)](#)
[Suicide Prevention Week Sept. 5-11](#)

BoSSS Resources

Visit [BoSSS](#) for additional information on How to Become a Designated Suicide Prevention Certified School and additional resources related to suicide prevention.



A new tool can help you determine if every student in your school is supported by a

meaningful relationship with a staff person. Consider using the Harvard School of Education's "[How-to Guide to Relationship Mapping](#)," offered as a virtual and in-person resource.

Attendance Works E-Learning Series

Spots are still available in two groups of the Attendance Works [Professional E-Learning Series](#). Interact with Attendance Works team members and learn how to create solutions to chronic absence. Sign up for Group 4 (Sept. 23–Oct. 1) or our Michigan-focused group (Sept. 22–Oct. 2). [Learn more and register.](#)

Resources for Suicide Prevention:

- ◇ American Foundation for Suicide Prevention [Social Shareables](#) and [recommended messages](#).
- ◇ [Take 5 to Save Lives](#) campaign—We encourage everyone to take **FIVE** minutes to complete the five action items by the National Council for Suicide Prevention.
- ◇ [#BeThere](#) is the campaign for the National Action Alliance for Suicide Prevention (NAASP).
- ◇ [#HereForYou](#) is the campaign for Active Minds.
- ◇ [#MentalHealth4All](#) is the campaign for American Foundation for Suicide Prevention.
- ◇ [#SeizeTheAwkward](#) is the campaign for The Jed Foundation.
- ◇ [#Tools2Thrive](#) is the campaign for Mental Health America.
- ◇ [#NotAlone](#) is the campaign for NAMI.
- ◇ [#AAS365](#) is the campaign for the American Association of Suicidology.

Please remember to follow the [framework for successful and safe messaging](#) produced by NAASP.



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