

## MESSALONSKEE SCHOOL DISTRICT (MSAD 47)

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### CRISIS RESPONSE PLAN

The Messalonskee School District (MSAD 47) Crisis Intervention Team (hereafter referred to as the C.I.T.) is responsible for supporting students and staff as they respond to crises in the district including deaths, natural disasters, local accidents (e.g. school bus, automobile, industrial, etc.) serious illness of student/staff, and suicide attempts or potential suicides. The structure of the teams, specific responsibilities and suggested procedures will be developed and periodically revised. In order to assure the sound implementation of this policy, the superintendent of schools shall be responsible for the conduct of the following:

1. A Crisis Intervention Team (C.I.T.) shall be created by the building principal in each school.
2. A directory which identifies a wide range of community resources shall be maintained in each school. The directory will be updated annually.
3. The Messalonskee School District (MSAD 47) Professional Development/In-Service Committee shall be urged by the district C.I.T. to provide a variety of in-service programs.
4. The make-up and training of each school team shall be reviewed annually by the superintendent and crisis team coordinator.
5. The chair of each school's team and the coordinator will explain the policy to all new staff in the fall.

The C.I.T. will meet and recommend action in the following type of situations consistent with the attached procedures:

1. All deaths in the immediate academic community or others deemed appropriate for the C.I.T. to deal with by the school principal and counselors.
2. Natural disasters.
3. Local accidents involving many people (but not necessarily death).
4. Serious illness of student/staff, e.g. mental breakdown, cancer, etc.
5. Other crisis incidents that the principal and crisis team coordinator believe require the C.I.T.'s help.

Each school's C.I.T. will meet twice each year to update the calling tree and C.I.T. guide, and plan other activities (e.g. in-service, prevention activities) as needed. C.I.T. will invite new staff to the first meeting each year to review the crisis intervention procedures.

A district C.I.T. chairperson will be selected annually by the Superintendent with input from principals and guidance staff.

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