

MAINE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT #33

**Crisis Response**

The Board of Directors recognizes that the psychological well-being and safety of its students and staff are vital to maintaining a healthy learning environment.

Occasionally a crisis (or the threat thereof) occurs in the lives of individuals, groups, and communities that impacts an individual's ability to perform his/her duties satisfactorily. The District is committed to providing direction as well as supporting and coordinating services when a crisis occurs where students and/or staff are affected.

The District will form and maintain a **Crisis Response Team** comprised of administrators, the guidance counselor, the school nurse and teachers. The team will be responsible for determining the scope of the crisis (or the threat thereof) and coordinating the level of response required to assist individuals in coping with the crisis.

Respect and confidentiality must be at the forefront of any proposed response to a crisis.

The Superintendent of Schools shall be the sole spokesperson during and following a school crisis. All media requests shall be referred to the Office of the Superintendent.

Legal Reference: MRSA Title 20-A § 1001 §§16

Cross Reference: KDE-R Crisis Response

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