

SUGGESTED BOE POLICY RECOGNIZING LISPAN

The _____ Board of Education has developed policies and practices to ensure the safety, physical and mental health, and general well-being of its student and staff. In recognition of this responsibility, this BOE recognizes and endorses the existence of the Long Island School Practitioner Action Network (LI-SPAN). This is a voluntary organization of school-based mental health and other crisis team members whose mission it is to lend a helping hand to member school districts during the time of a building or regional school crisis which may exceed the capacity of the _____ school district to intervene utilizing just internal district resources. School districts who become part of the LI-SPAN network pay no dues or any way provide any type of financial remuneration for membership. The only requirement for membership is to have one or more school crisis team members trained in the National Association of School Psychologist PREPaRE curriculum workshop 2, entitled:

Crisis Intervention and Recovery: The Roles of School-Based Mental Health Professionals

This 2-day workshop provides school-based mental health professionals and other school crisis intervention team members with the knowledge necessary to meet the mental health needs of students and staff following a school-associated crisis event. With updated research and crisis intervention strategies, this workshop teaches participants how to prevent and prepare for psychological trauma, helps to reaffirm both the physical health of members of the school community and students' perceptions that they are safe and secure, evaluates the degree of psychological trauma, responds to the psychological needs of members of the school community and examines the effectiveness of school crisis intervention and recovery efforts,

AND to be able to release available PREPaRE-2 trained staff, at the discretion of the Superintendent or designee, to serve in other LI-SPAN member districts upon request. These volunteers will attend monthly, two-hour training in rotating school district locations and be available to report to the on-site coordinator in the affected district on a per-day basis for the length of time as specified by the Superintendent or designee.

In return for signing the LI-SPAN Memorandum of Understanding, the _____ school district may, in kind, request the support of other school district in the event of a crisis on any of our school campuses.

Voted and approved by the _____ Board of Education on

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