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"Home of the Panthers"

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Dear DCPS Parents:

As part of the Daviness County Public School district's commitment to preparing students to succeed for life, our schools have always recognized the importance of ensuring the physical, emotional and social well-being of the students entrusted to our care.

The Kentucky Legislature recently passed HB 51*, which requires public schools in Kentucky to provide information on suicide prevention to all middle and high school students. The legislature also passed SB 65*, requiring all public school administrators and staff to complete two hours of suicide prevention training each year.

DCPS knows the value of student health as an important element of receiving a quality education. As part of our commitment to emotional and behavioral well-being, DCPS utilizes our school psychologists, guidance counselors, student assistance coordinators, youth service coordinators, teachers and administrators to be available to meet the needs of our students and families.

DCPS provided training on suicide prevention to nearly all staff members a few years ago, well before the recent legislation was adopted.

To continue this work and meet the requirements of HB51 and SB65, DCPS will be showing a video designed to help students recognize signs of depression and suicide in themselves and others. It also teaches students how to take appropriate action to get a trusted adult involved to help. We will also distribute a packet with valuable information on this topic. Please review the information your children bring home, or call his/her school for a copy.

Thank you for your continued partnership as our schools and homes work together to benefit our children. If you have questions or concerns, please call the guidance office.

Sincerely,
Anthony Sparks, principal

***HB 51 - Suicide Prevention Information for Middle and High School Students**

Signed by Governor March 4, 2010 <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/10RS/HB51.htm>
Amends KRS 156.095 to require the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to post suicide prevention awareness and training information on its Web page by August 1, 2010; require every public middle and high school administrator to disseminate suicide prevention awareness information to all middle and high school students by September 1, 2010, and September 1 of each year thereafter.

***SB 65 - Suicide Prevention Education for Middle and High School Staff Signed by**

Governor April 13, 2010 <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/10RS/SB65.htm>
Amends KRS 158.070 to require all high school and middle school principals, guidance counselors, and teachers to complete a minimum of two hours of self-study review of suicide prevention materials each school year. Also amends KRS 161.011 to permit suicide prevention training for classified employees.