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*Dr. Henry Webb, Superintendent of Schools*

**KCSD ISSUE PAPER**

**DATE:**

**July 2, 2019**

**AGENDA ITEM (ACTION ITEM):**

**Consider/Approve** the participation agreement with Sources of Strength for Woodland Middle School to participate in the Sources of Strength suicide prevention program for the 2019-20 school year...

**APPLICABLE BOARD POLICY:**

**01.1** Legal Status of the Board

**HISTORY/BACKGROUND:**

**Sources of Strength** is a best practice youth suicide prevention project designed to harness the power of peer social networks to change unhealthy norms and culture, ultimately preventing suicide, bullying, and substance abuse. The mission of Sources of Strength is to prevent suicide by increasing help seeking behaviors and promoting connections between peers and caring adults. Sources of Strength will be implemented at Woodland Middle School during the 2019-20 school year as part of our comprehensive Social Emotional Learning program. Training for adult mentors and peer leaders will be provided by Sources of Strength trainers. Peer leaders will meet weekly for 30 minutes with their adult mentors to foster a strong, proactive, upstream approach to student mental health.

**FISCAL/BUDGETARY IMPACT:**

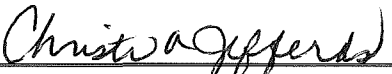
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**RECOMMENDATION:**

**Approval of** the participation agreement with Sources of Strength for Woodland Middle School to participate in the Sources of Strength suicide prevention program for the 2019-20 school year..

**CONTACT PERSON:**

**Christi Jefferds**

  
**Principal**

  
**District Administrator**

  
**Superintendent**

*Use this form to submit your request to the Superintendent for items to be added to the Board Meeting Agenda.*

*Principal –complete, print, sign and send to your Director. Director –if approved, sign and put in the Superintendent's mailbox.*

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Sources of Strength Implementation Coordinator  
Prevention and Promotion Branch  
Kentucky Division of Behavioral Health  
275 E. Main Street 4W-G  
Frankfort, KY 40601

Woodland Middle School (name of organization) is pleased to participate in the project to implement the best practice *Sources of Strength* suicide prevention program in our school. This project is consistent with our goals to strengthen student-adult connectedness, enhance positive student coping behavior and reduce suicidal behavior. Woodland Middle School (name of organization) agrees to participate in the *Sources of Strength* program including all phases of implementation. We understand that Sources of Strength development of teams and school climate change is a three-year start-up process in which the peer teams grow in effectiveness from year to year. We agree to participate and support the program in this multi-year effort.

**The school/administration will support the program with the following: (please initial each box)**

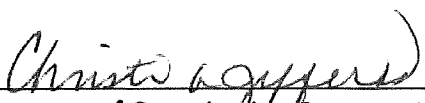
- ☒ Complete all required activities in the pre-training phase of the program. Technical assistance (TA) is available from the SOURCES team members at every step. **Required pre-training activities include:**
- Secure organizational administrative buy-in so that the program support/promotion comes from the highest level possible.
  - Identify school/organization coordinator who will be the primary contact for the SOURCES national and state team members.
  - Review suicide safety protocol for the day of training to ensure a plan is in place and Adult Advisors and program trainers are aware of the protocol.
  - Complete the online suicide safe policy and procedure assessment provided by state SOURCES team.
  - Complete the online work plan to address any gaps identified during the assessment.
  - Follow process and utilize tools provided by SOURCES team for selecting Adult Advisors (AAs).
  - Follow process and utilize tools provided by SOURCES team for selecting Peer Leaders (PLs).
  - Select training date(s) for AAs and PLs in consultation with SOURCES team
  - Secure training facility in consultation with SOURCES team to ensure space will accommodate attendees for optimal sharing.
  - Identify school contact who will work with state SOURCES team to report evaluation and safety data regularly through an online system.

☒ Implement the training event under direction of nationally certified SOURCES training team.

- ☒ Hold first AA/PL group meeting within 10 days of the school training and hold regular meetings 1-2 times a month throughout the remainder of the school year.
- ☒ In partnership with the state SOURCES team, develop and implement a sustainability plan to support resource needs beyond the life of the grant.
- ☒ In partnership with the state SOURCES team, participate in an evaluation process to determine the effectiveness of the program.
- ☒ Report evaluation and safety data regularly to state SOURCES team.

**Sources of Strength through DBHDID will provide:**

- ☒ Provide access to the SOURCES training and materials, valued at \$5,000, to be used in implementing the training program at no cost to the organization when available.
- ☒ Provide initial SOURCES implementation promotional materials in the amount of (up to) \$500.
- ☒ Provide annual refresher Sources of Strength training at no cost (\$750 value) to the Organization when funds allow. Additionally, the cost should be built into a sustainability plan whereby community partners have the opportunity to invest and support the program beyond the life of the grant.
- ☒ Provide training to the Organization staff on the implementation of Early Identification, Referral and Follow-up (EIRF) processes as an integral part of the improved safety protocol for students, to include reporting of de-identified data to the Division of Behavioral Health.
- ☒ Provide technical assistance in development of a sustainability plan for human and financial supports beyond the life of the grant.
- ☒ Provide an evaluation mechanism to determine the effectiveness of the program.
- ☒ Provide technical assistance to Organization as needed at each phase and activity.

  
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Signature of Organization Representative

6/25/2019  
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Date