Abortion Referrals

It is understood that students often times are faced with very difficult information related to decisions or actions in their life. This could include the fact that a student believes they are pregnant or that they actually are pregnant. In situations like this, the role of teachers, counselors, administrators, and staff is very important to help maintain both the physical and mental wellbeing of the student and possible child.

In instances of suspected child abuse or neglect, ALL staff shall follow Board Policy GBCC and report any suspected child abuse or neglect to Child Protective Services.

In all instances, the staff should work with the student to provide appropriate supports to ensure the child is healthy. This could include a referral to the Lenawee County Health Department, Lenawee Community Mental Health or referral to the building, administrator, school counselor, or social worker.

Outside of Health Department or Community Mental Health referrals, administrators, counselors, social workers and or staff will work with students to help build strategies for regular attendance at school, alternatives to traditional school programs, strategies to work with the student’s family, links community resources and parenting education, provide information about Lenawee Prep and support ways to balance mother and child wellness with the demands of being a students. Staff will work with pregnant students in a supportive and flexible manner when it comes to school work and assignments.

As required in Section 1507 of the Revised School Code, a school official, board member, or employee of Adrian Public Schools shall not refer a student for an abortion or assist a student in obtaining an abortion. This prohibition does not apply to a person who is the parent or legal guardian of that student.

If a parent or legal guardian of a student enrolled in Adrian Public Schools believes that an Adrian Public Schools school official, board member or employee has violated
this Policy, he or she may file a complaint with the Superintendent, who will investigate the complaint and, within 30 days after the date of the complaint, provide written report of his or her findings to the complainant and to the superintendent of public instruction in accordance with State Law. If a violation is substantiated, the Superintendent or the Board will discipline that person in accordance with Board Policy and any applicable collective bargaining agreement or employment contract. The Superintendent will take corrective action to ensure that there is no further violation.

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