

# STRIVING FOR ZERO EXCELLENCE AWARDS

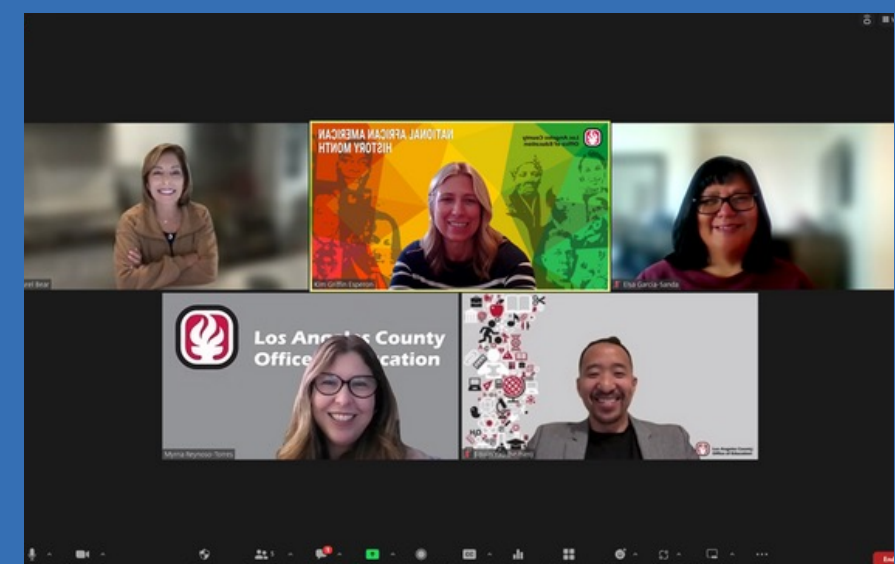
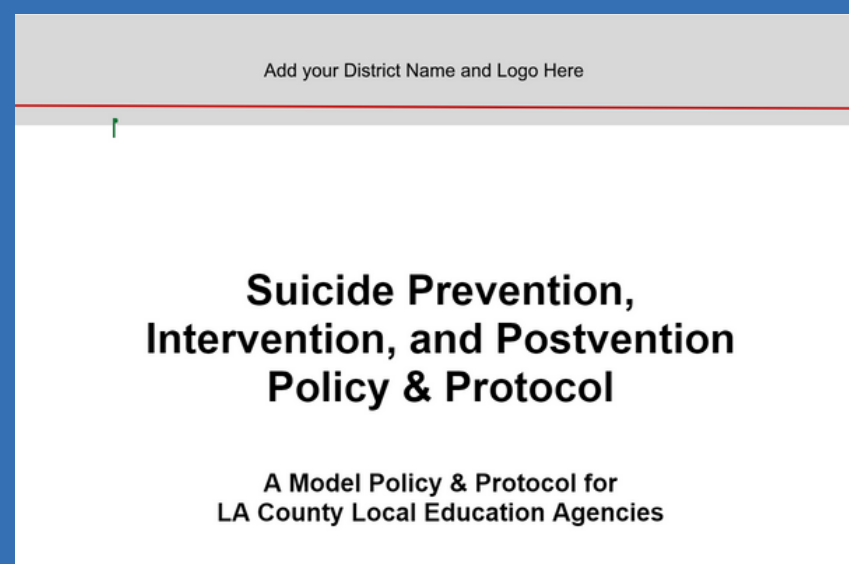
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## COMPREHENSIVE SUICIDE RELATED CARE

### Los Angeles County Model Suicide Prevention, Intervention, and Postvention Policy and Protocol for Schools *Los Angeles County*

The Los Angeles County Office of Education is working to address identified gaps in LA County districts' suicide prevention, intervention, and postvention policies, protocols, and training by:

- Working with district partners to develop a Model Suicide Prevention, Intervention, and Postvention policy and protocol that can be easily adapted by each district
- Developing, curating, and providing trainings to support all elements of the policy and protocol for staff, parents, and students
- Hosting a District and School Crisis Team Conference, in collaboration with the LAC Department of Mental Health each fall to ensure all district and school employees tasked with implementing suicide prevention training and protocols have the tools and skills needed to support the work.



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