

## **Memorandum 49 – Suicide Prevention and Treatment Policy**

(section on parental notification)

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Conversations with Parents of Students: In instances of psychological emergency (e.g., credible suicide/homicide threat, or other form of serious self-harm) the Norwich University Director of Counseling and Psychological Services or his/her designee shall be primarily responsible for contacting the parent of a student when there exists a substantial likelihood that in the near future the student will: (i) cause serious physical harm to him/herself or others as evidenced by recent behavior or any other relevant information or (ii) suffer serious harm due to his/her lack of capacity to protect him/herself from harm or to provide for his/her basic human needs. Notification may be withheld if the student's treating physician or mental health provider licensed by a state health regulatory board has made a part of the student's record a written statement that, in the exercise of his/her professional judgment, the notification would be reasonably likely to cause substantial harm to the student or another person.