

Safety Forum January 17, 2023

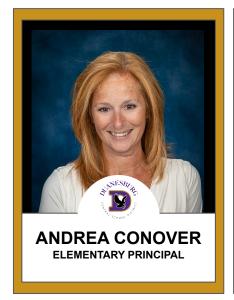
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We will provide students of every ability the support, dedication, quality instruction and experiences they need as they strive to fulfill their dreams and aspirations for the future.



#### **School Administration**









Principals oversee matters relating to students or staff safety in our school buildings. They are in charge of student discipline, lead their building's safety team.



# **Building and District Level Planning**



Active Shooter Threat	Building Structural Failure	Earthquake	Cyber Attack	Flooding	School Bus Accident
Bomb Threat/ Explosion	Carbon Monoxide Alarm	Electrical System Failure	Hazardous Materials (On and Offsite)	Multiple Casualty Event	Severe Weather Emergency
Air Pollution	Civil Disturbance	Energy Loss	Heating System Failure	Medical Emergencies	Threats of Violence
Biological Threat	Crimes against Persons	Epidemic	Hostage Situation	Gas Leak	Toxic Exposure
Aviation Crash	Crimes against Persons	Fire and Alarm Activation	Intruder	Radiological Incident	Water Emergency



### Safety Drills





Minimum of 8 fire drills must be conducted at each building annually



Minimum of four other types of dills, including lockdowns

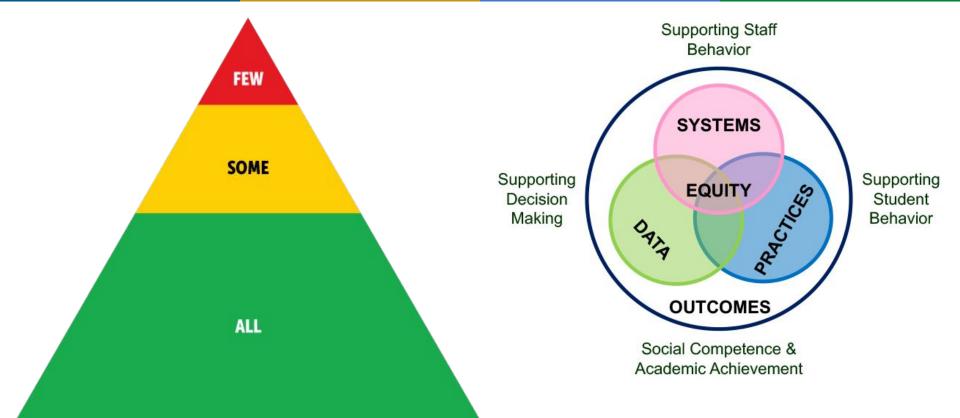
#### **Drill Best Practices**

- Various times
- Various methods
- Consider developmental appropriateness
- Build confidence, not fear



# Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS)







#### **School Resource Officers**







# What does an SRO do?

#### School Resource Officers:

- Promote safety in and around school
- Serve as liaisons
- Teach topics related to positive student behavior
- Connect youth to services
- Develop and implement comprehensive safety plans



## **Building Security**



- Single point of entry at each building
- All visitors screened with Raptor Visitor Management System
- Video surveillance throughout buildings
- All employees and regular volunteers fingerprinted and background checked





## New and Ongoing Safety Measures



- Silent door alarm on every exterior door
- Tap App deployed districtwide
- Automatic shutdown buttons installed in buildings
- Regular Training
  - Emergency Planning
  - Incident Command
  - Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events
  - Violence Prevention
  - Mental Health Awareness
  - Cybersecurity
  - o Bullying
  - Sexual harassment





# Mental Health and Wellness

**Essential Elements of School Safety** 











#### **School Counselors**







School counselors help students apply academic achievement strategies, manage emotions, apply interpersonal skills, and plan for postsecondary options.



#### Mental Health and Wellness











DCS employs a school psychologist to conduct educational testing, a social worker to conduct mental health counseling in the elementary school, and a student support counselor to conduct mental health counseling in the secondary school. We have also hosted a Northern Rivers clinic in our school building for several years to provide more in-depth counseling services to children.

#### **Relevant Counseling Plan Elements**



Understanding Feelings and Coping Strategies

Internet Safety

**Peer Mediation** 

Sexual Abuse Prevention (Unsafe/Unwanted Touch)

Liaison with Outside Agencies Individual and Group
Counseling

Dignity for All Students Act & Anti- Bullying



# **Emergency Communication**







### Transportation Safety





- Bus Safety Evacuation Drills
- Bus Checks
  - Pre and Post Trip every AM & PM
- Preventative Maintenance
  - Every 30 days for Mechanical of 50+ items
    - Sometimes will catch safety that gets fixed right away
  - Brake checks every 10K to 12K miles
    - Replacement based on wear 2-3 years
- Cameras
  - o (6 buses have dash cams, Stop sign cameras on 10 buses)
- GPS on all 30 buses
- Radio system upgrade coming soon
- Homeland Security planning
- DOT Checks
  - Buses all checked every 6 months

