SOUTH WHIDBEY SCHOOL DISTRICT
INVITES YOU TO A

COMMUNITY SAFETY PRESENTATION

South Whidbey High School New Commons

December 4, 2019
6:30pm - 8:00pm
5675 Maxelton Road, Langley

Learn how we keep your students safe and what you can do to prepare for an emergency. Learn from our superintendent, safety team, facility director and community partners about the safety protocol, our standard response protocol and how we will communicate with our staff, students and families.
It Takes a Team!

South Whidbey School District’s Superintendent, Principals, Transportation, Facilities, Communication, Teachers, Support staff, Parents, Students
Our Website Addresses our Safety Protocol

→ **Safety Sequence**
Step by step

→ **Standard Response Protocol**
Practice Drills

→ **Communication**
Via School Messenger
**SWSD Safety Sequence**

**ISSUE**
Annually, all staff are required to take approximately three hours of Safe Schools training, teaching them to spot and report issues. Additionally, many of our teachers and students have taken the Forefront Suicide Training. Our administrators have attended the ESD Safety Summit.

Students, staff, families and community members are encouraged to report anything that might compromise the safety of our students, staff and schools.

Please report in person, by phone, by email, or via Safe Schools Alert Notification System.

**NOTIFICATION**
Building Administrators (Principal) should be immediately notified. Principal will notify the Superintendent.

Principal will notify First Responders (police, sheriff, fire,コミ-911) of any threat to students/staff/school safety. Notifications can be oral, written in an email, or online via Safe Schools Reporting. Any 911 call made from a district phone immediately alerts all admin staff and building secretaries by phone, computer notification and cell phone (to the principals and superintendent). There is protocol in place when this happens.

If there is an immediate threat to the building and a lock down is necessary, any staff member can initiate a lock down from a campus phone.

**INVESTIGATION**
Principals will do the initial investigation. This will include visual, auditory, interviews, etc.
The district will conduct additional investigation as needed - all hands on deck (eg facilities director involvement).

911 First Responders will conduct an independent investigation as they deem necessary.

**ACTION**
Immediate action is taken. SWSD follows the I Love You Guys Standard Response Protocol. This protocol includes Lock-Out, Lock Down, Evacuation, or taking Shelter. Every classroom has a poster providing direction.

Additional actions may include student exclusion, suspension, or required threat assessment.

Every classroom stocks a bucket of emergency supplies and teachers have current class lists.

**COMMUNICATION**
SWSD will provide communication via School Messenger to all staff, HS students and families. Information will be provided as it is known. These messages may be sent via phone, text, email, push notification, Facebook post and website post. The method of delivery will depend on the urgency of the message. We realize that families communicate in different ways. We work to reserve text and phone messages only for urgent messages that we want read immediately. These messages are sent by the Communication Director and will be updated as new information is received. The Family Education Rights and Privacy Act prohibits the district from providing any student details.

Staff will usually have meetings before/after school to provide information to share, etc.

**PARTNERSHIP**
SWSD works in partnership with our local First Responders and community partners including our Educational Service District and Island County Health Services. Depending on the situation, counseling and other assistance may be needed. We need the partnership of the community to keep the phone lines and roads open for the First Responders when needed.

**REVIEW**
Once an incident has passed, SWSD Administration reviews our response and takes feedback for best practices and prevention. We are always working to improve.
IN AN EMERGENCY
WHEN YOU HEAR IT. DO IT.

LOCKOUT! GET INSIDE. LOCK OUTSIDE DOORS.

STUDENTS
Return inside
Business as usual

TEACHER
Bring everyone indoors
Lock perimeter doors
Increase situational awareness
Business as usual
Take attendance

LOCKDOWN! LOCKS, LIGHTS, OUT OF SIGHT.

STUDENTS
Move away from sight
Maintain silence
Do not open the door

TEACHER
Lock interior doors
Turn out the lights
Move away from sight
Do not open the door
Maintain silence
Take attendance

EVACUATE! TO ANNOUNCED LOCATION.

STUDENTS
Bring your phone
Leave your stuff behind
Follow instructions

TEACHER
Lead evacuation to location
Take attendance
Notify if missing, extra or injured students

SHELTER! HAZARD AND SAFETY STRATEGY.

STUDENTS
Tornado: Evacuate to shelter area
Seal the room
Earthquake: Drop, cover and hold
Tsunami: Get to high ground

TEACHER
Lead safety strategy
Take attendance

Standard Response Protocol
Monthly Safety Drills Practiced
I love you guys protocol is built around:

- The Standard Response Protocol (SRP) is based not on individual scenarios but on the response to any given situation.

- The benefits of SRP:
  - By standardizing the vocabulary, all stakeholders can understand the response and status of the event.
  - For students, this provides continuity of expectations and actions throughout their educational career.
  - For teachers, this becomes a simpler process to train and drill.

Short Video explanation

http://iloveuguys.org/videos/SRP_video_720p.mp4
Law Enforcement Assistance

I-COM 911
Island County, Washington
What else is our district doing?
**School Emergencies**

**How will I know what’s happening?**

During an emergency, our first priority is to protect our students and staff. When we share information, our goal is to ensure it's timely and accurate. We oftentimes are not at liberty to share information from law enforcement, so we communicate what we can, when we can. We cannot control what others post on social media. We urge our families and community to look for an official message from the district through our official communication channels and to avoid sharing unofficial information.

**Notifications**

Parents will receive an automated phone call alerting them about the emergency. They will also receive a second automated phone call once the emergency situation has ended. The automated calling system takes time to process all of the calls. Information will also be shared through the district’s mobile app, website and social media channels.
SPEAK UP!
Staff, Students, Parents, Community can alert us online, by email, by phone or by text.
Community Partners

American Red Cross
How Can You Help?

To provide for a safe and secure controlled release of students to their parents or other emergency contacts, we will set up a parent and student reunification process. Depending on the situation, this process may be at your child’s school or at a safe alternative location. Please do not go to the school or alternative location until notified; this delays first responders and impedes access to those providing life safety assistance.

Tip

We work hard to ensure our schools are safe, welcoming places for all students and families to learn and thrive. Parents and school personnel can help children feel safe by establishing a sense of normalcy and security and talking with them about their fears. No matter how old your kids are, threatening or upsetting news can affect them emotionally. What can you do as a parent to help your kids process information that can be unsettling? Here are some tips to help with family conversations at home.
Questions & Comments

Please use index cards and we will respond online via our website.