



Santa Barbara SCHOOL DISTRICTS

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Date: March 24, 2009
To: Dr. J. Brian Sarvis, Superintendent
From: Bud Andrews, Administrator, Safety, Welfare, and Attendance
Subject: Submission of Santa Barbara School Districts Safe School Plans

Action Agenda: XX (Time Required: 5 Minutes)

Background

California Education Code (§32280 – 32289) provides the requirements for a Comprehensive Safe School Plan. Education Code (§35294.6) requires that each school site review and update their school safety plan by March 1 of each year. The following Education Code sections detail some of the requirements for a comprehensive school safety plan, specifically CEC §35294.1 (b) (1) indicating that the school site council will write and develop a comprehensive school safety plan relevant to the needs and resources of that particular school. Also, CEC §35294.1(2) provides that the school site council may delegate this responsibility to a school safety planning committee and requires that the school safety plan include the following:

Board policy requires, at a minimum, that the Board consider two issues:

1. How the safety plan addresses the needs of each school, students, and employees within that school.
2. How the school site council or safety planning committee, when writing the plan, considered the “three essential components” described in education Code 35294.21 including assuring each student a safe physical environment, assuring each student a safe, respectful, accepting, and emotionally nurturing environment, and developing each student’s resiliency skills.

Though each site safety plan differs by degree of being comprehensive, each still fully meets the obligations as cited in the Education Code.

To ensure uniformity and minimize differences in the future, these steps will be taken:

1. Templates for each school site to follow.
2. Sites will submit drafts to District Office by February 1 for review.
3. Insufficient data or plans during review will result in returning the plans to the sites for modifications as necessary.
4. Final versions of the plan will be printed in sufficient time for Board and public review on or shortly after March 1.

Specifically, issue #1 above: Safety plans are site-specific and are written with only the school in mind. The plans cover all students, employees, and visitors to that site for any given time.

On issue #2: Three essential components: Safe Physical Environment, Social-emotional Environment, and Student Resiliency.

Adams Elementary School Cesar Chavez Charter School Cleveland Elementary School Franklin Elementary School	Harding Elementary School McKinley Elementary School Monroe Elementary School Open Alternative School	Peabody Charter School Roosevelt Elementary School Santa Barbara Charter School Santa Barbara Community Academy Washington Elementary School	Goleta Valley Junior High School La Colina Junior High School La Cumbre Junior High School Santa Barbara Junior High School	Dos Pueblos High School La Cuesta Continuation High School San Marcos High School Santa Barbara High School
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On the Safe Physical Environments:

Presently, both district and school staffs continually check for safety issues (e.g., broken windows, tripping hazards, etc.). Graffiti removal is immediate at all sites. Further, while already done for the high schools, each of the schools in the districts will have a physical security inspection and report to help the planning process of the safety plans.

On the Social-Emotional environments:

All staffs at each school site contribute to the warmth and welcoming nature of the school to which they are assigned. Board policy provides for consequences for students who willfully violate the intent to keep schools safe and welcoming. Additionally, each school site provides a handbook to each student that outlines expectations for behavior and identifies resources with enhancing problem resolution skills. School assemblies throughout the year also contribute to respecting tolerance and diversity.

On Student Resiliency:

All school sites have extensive programs that seek to help students learn personal as well as academic skills. The District Office also provides considerable support in terms of identifying both school and community-based resources for specific issues that our school children might face.

Recommendation

That the Board approves the submissions of each Safe School Plan.

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(Plans submitted to Board for March 10, 2009 meeting)