

# SAFE SCHOOLS

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## **ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION – AFC/ CAL / FAIRVIEW**

FVHS has run 2 Code Red Simulation Drills focusing on the Incident Command Team this year. Additional staff/teacher training should be conducted.

Six foot fencing around perimeter (especially north and east sides because of community traffic during school hours.)

Signage directing traffic to main office. Separate entrance for Oakdale

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Emergency Training required for new hires/subs. Can a monthly 1 hour class be available so as we get new people throughout the district they can attend this class as part of their hiring process (just like fingerprints, CPR, etc)

Each school is required to run at least 1 Code Red Simulation Drill focusing on the Incident Command Team and their roles.

Each school devotes at least 1 staff meeting to Code Red Training and review.

## **BIDWELL JUNIOR HIGH**

Table top simulations for key players on the Incident Command list.

Improved look and function of gates and locks (including door knob-type locks – NOT padlocks)

Up to date cameras that works better with our technology and additional locations on campus for those cameras which may include better lighting at night – longer time for lights to be on (cost prohibitive? – solar powered maybe not ) A CUSD Anonymous Text Line is a good idea – incorporated into Bully tip line?

Security mirrors in lockers rooms for better adult supervision.

## **CHAPMAN ELEMENTARY**

At Chapman, the one concern is our proximity to 20<sup>th</sup> Street Park and the transient population.

## **CHICO HIGH**

We have had excellent Code Red Training and practice regularly. I think we are good here.

We need to eliminate the cross traffic on our campus across our PE fields. I realize this is a much used pathway for CSUC students/staff but we continue to have confrontations between our staff/CHS students and visitors as well as people under the influence crossing through our

fields. We also have people riding bikes and motor bikes on the pathway through our PE classes. These are major safety problems for us here at CHS.

We have some cameras (9) but not enough to cover the campus...especially all the critical areas. Needed areas include the new building, parking lot and campus interior. Additionally the new cafeteria/gym being built will be a high traffic area that will need cameras.

No one ever calls into our Bully Tip Line. Students text, however, much more than call each other on the phone. It might be that a text line would be used more so this might be worth a try. We would need some tech help setting it up so that it could be checked on a computer easily (checking messages on a smart phone would be cumbersome).

Thanks for asking for our input.

### **CHICO JUNIOR HIGH**

Thank you for asking us for input. I actually thought a lot about this over the break and read a lot about Sandy Hook. So here goes:

I believe that we are good with training.

I am not sure that having a fence put around Chico Junior will deter any acts of violence towards our students. I believe that putting a fence around our school will give the perception that our school is unsafe. To be honest vigilance is a better deterrent.

I would love to have security cameras at Chico Junior.

### **CITRUS ELEMENTARY**

Our entire staff needs an updated Code Red training since we have so many new folks on campus. I contacted Rhonda Odum before break to schedule this and we are trying to coordinate a date.

Citrus is in need of fencing across the front of campus and to close the walk-through gates on the grass area. A request has gone in for the front gate and someone came out to measure about a month ago. The kindergarten gate needs to be replaced or fortified as it easily pushes open even when locked.

Security cameras are needed. The ones that are here are obsolete and no longer work. Security lighting would also help. We often find empty liquor bottles, drug paraphernalia, broken glass and litter on the playground on Monday mornings. I prefer parents call us directly with concerns about safety so that we can address them immediately and ask for clarifying information if needed.

I recommend adding an "ICE" (In Case of Emergency) cell in Aeries and on the emergency cards for students and staff so we know the most important number to call in an emergency.

### **EMMA WILSON ELEMENTARY**

We could use further information about how to best assess a "situation" quickly.

We are also very open to the public and would be interested in a perimeter of some kind. We are very vulnerable being so close to the street and having the park next door.

We have a couple of cameras, but could use more. Especially in the kg area and in front of the school.

Possibly have a member or two of the DIRT/Chico PD come to the next practice drill for feedback and ways to improve and to analyze effectiveness of drill and staff responsibilities. Specifically, to analyze procedures when responding to a code red while students are outside of the classrooms; during recess, etc.

### **HOOKER OAK ELEMENTARY**

Training: How to keep students and adults calm for extended times

Perimeter: We only have access through main door after we lock gates, but front door is still very easy to pass by office unnoticed. Not sure how to monitor access more.

Cameras: Yes they are needed at HO

### **INSPIRE CHARTER HIGH**

We could use further information about how to best assess a 'situation' quickly.

We are essentially open to the public and need a perimeter of some kind. Of course, this is a collaborative discussion with CHS and Inspire.

We support an anonymous text line. We do need security cameras.

How do we effectively partner with families? Dan La Bar has organized an information meeting for parents this Thursday (1/17/13) to raise awareness about our current model and an invitation of partnership with our families.

### **LCC ELEMENTARY**

One of the things I have heard is even though there are gates that can be locked and closed there are gaps where person can stick there hand through and open the gate. A solution would be to weld a barrier of some sort into that section of the gates that need it.

There is a close circuit camera system but the monitor for the cameras is located in a small area that isn't occupied. I would like to get the monitor moved into the principal's office.

I am not sure how well an anonymous reporting device would work for the elementary level.

LCC has chain-linked fencing every where except for the driving entrance on the south side.

### **LOMA VISTA SCHOOL**

Concerns regarding safety at Loma Vista

1. Entry and exit to building - unlocked doors with access to building from three sides
2. Students have easy access to exit campus to street - need secure fencing
3. Windows do not have covering
4. Doors on interior do not lock from inside

### **MARIGOLD ELEMENTARY**

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A system put into place for locking and unlocking gated areas. However, the front of both Loma Vista and Marigold have access points that are vulnerable.(Not fenced and gated.) Marigold and Loma Vista need to be on the same Drill Schedule.(Eric and I are working on that one.)

We support an anonymous text line. We do need security cameras. Signage and 2-Way radios for all classrooms and buildings.

How do we effectively partner with families? I'm in the planning stages to have a parent ed. Night on school crisis situations. Marigold's PA system needs to be evaluated and repaired for clarity and volume.

### **MARSH JUNIOR HIGH**

Marsh needs information on where to evacuate students during a bomb threat.

Marsh would like also be involved in a non-obtrusive fence around our campus. More security/motion censored lighting.

Marsh needs more security cameras, and update the one we have.

Possibly have a member or two of the DIRT/Chico PD come to the next practice drill for feedback and ways to improve and to analyze effectiveness of drill and staff responsibilities.

### **McMANUS ELEMENTARY**

At McManus, the one concern is traffic safety connected with parking issues.

### **NEAL DOW ELEMENTARY**

We have an opening in our fence line near the bus stop area at the front of the school. We cannot see this from the office and several parents have used this opening to skirt around checking in at the front office. We could use a lockable gate there. The opening is about the size of a small gate. Also, several "at risk" students use that opening to run into the parking lot.

### **PARKVIEW ELEMENTARY**

Code Red is always welcome...we can never get enough. My staff has specific questions regarding Code Red during recess, at lunch, during ASP, all the "what ifs" that I don't necessarily have the answers to.

We would like the campus to be totally enclosed with perimeter fencing, locking gates, which will direct all foot traffic to the office. We currently have parents come on to our campus who bypass the office and never sign in. We would like to have fencing that would make this impossible.

I think security cameras would be helpful on many levels. They would be much appreciated. I like the idea of the anonymous Text Line for parents and students to report concerns. An alarm system might be helpful as well.

Is there any way we could get a panic button installed so that the office manager/principal could just push that and it would notify PD immediately in case of an armed intruder. I know that banks have them for the cashiers. In addition, I would love to have an SRO assigned to my site.

### **PLEASANT VALLEY HIGH**

We could use further information about how to best assess a "situation" quickly.

We are essentially open to the public and need a perimeter of some kind. We have discussed this option at PV and know we could devise a non-obtrusive fenced perimeter, providing more supervised ingress and egress.

We need more cameras as our landscape changes with the addition of more buildings and different sightlines.

How do we effectively partner with families?

### **ROSEDALE ELEMENTARY**

I would like to practice an evacuation (or more realistically a partial evacuation). I would like to practice reunification (with parents) for myself as well as my key staff members. All staff members should be aware of the reunification process.

Fencing and gates to ensure all visitors need to enter through the office. In our case, it would be a minimum of two fences: one with a large gate for vehicle access and one with a gate to allow for pedestrian traffic when we needed it. Our parking lots are extremely close to two wings of classrooms; this could be a concern that would possibly be dealt with long term, though.

Security cameras would be welcomed at a minimum of two for observation of our two parking areas. Also, cameras throughout the school could help us locate and account for students in a lockdown situation (in this case, there would be a number of cameras throughout campus). They would also allow us to monitor the campus in a lockdown situation.

I think that an anonymous text line would be a good idea. The more ideas, the better. I know that I get a small number of security concerns brought to me (mostly about fencing) and I am guessing others do, too. This would be a way to centralize input and see patterns of concern across the District.

Providing information for parents on the reunification process following an incident. As you can see, I would like to get the reunification process nailed down for all parties. I am concerned about accounting for students as they leave campus so that we always have an accounting of who is here and who is not. This was an issue I witnessed during a lockdown in my past District.

I feel that as a District, we do a lot to ensure the security of our students. I'm not sure how it would look, but anyway to get information to the community about our past and existing efforts would be a positive.

### **SHASTA ELEMENTARY**

1. Training – There is an interest from some teachers about training in the use of a fire extinguisher for defensive purposes.
2. Perimeter – Fencing in the front of the school. A sight-line barrier in between the school playground and new construction
3. Security cameras are not a priority at this time.
4. Additional concerns – The parking and traffic build-up preventing emergency vehicles from responding is a concern.

### **SIERRA VIEW ELEMENTARY**

We lock the gates going to Filbert and St. Francis every day at 8:30 and open them just before school is dismissed. However, we have 2 openings on the Madrone side that do not have gates. A quick and easy solution would be to have gates installed on these 2 openings that we could also lock up each morning. The front is still easily accessible from various points, but we'd have to gate all these areas and I don't believe that this would be an easy or inexpensive remedy.