

# Parent & Community Forum

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School Security and Safety – Ellensburg School District

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# Purpose

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- Inform parents, families and community about security and safety efforts in our schools
- Provide ideas for helping keep our students safe from a family perspective
- Provide time for questions and concerns

# Aspects of School Security & Safety

## PREVENTION-RESPONSE-RECOVERY

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- Physical Security
  - Building Design
  - All Hazards Assessments
  - Access Control & Fencing
  - Surveillance
  - Visitor Management
- Mental/Emotional Security
  - School Climate & Culture
  - Training
  - Emergency Drills
  - Harassment/Bullying/Intimidation
  - Anonymous Tipline

# Physical Security

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- All buildings have completed comprehensive, all-hazards site assessments (and working on recommended changes) – using CPTED Principles
- Single point of entry (main entrance) at all buildings
- Electronic surveillance systems at all buildings
- EHS, MMS have Visitor Management Systems in place, other schools soon
- Fencing projects at Valley View, Lincoln, Morgan, and EHS. Upgrades and additional fencing part of future site recommendations
- All buildings have an on-site Crisis Response Team
- Select staff have been trained in Threat Assessment, and formal TA conducted periodically

# Mental/Emotional Security

*Before a child can learn they need to feel safe*

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- Ongoing training and presentations to **students** including:
  - Harassment/Bullying/Intimidation
  - Cyber safety
  - Cell Phone Safety
  - Emergency Response (evacuation, lockdown, run/hide/fight, etc.)
- Ongoing training provided to various **staff** including:
  - CPR/First Aid
  - Crisis Management/Verbal De-Escalation
  - Drug/Alcohol Recognition
  - Emergency Response (evacuation, lockdown, run/hide/fight, etc.)

# Mental/Emotional Security (cont.)

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- All sites conduct monthly emergency response drills including Evacuation, Shelter in Place, Lockdown, Secure & Teach, and others
- All sites have common response plans and training
- Students at MMS and EHS have access to Anonymous Tipline for reporting dangerous, unsafe behaviors

# Family Reunification

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- Plan in place to reunify students with families in case a building is not able to be occupied
- Location for reunification will be announced via social media, Blackboard, website, radio stations
- Parent/Guardian must bring photo ID to pick up child
- Pick up by alpha/last name

# Law Enforcement Partnership

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- We benefit from an excellent partnership with Ellensburg Police Department
- 1 full time SRO – School Resource Officer
- Part time Reserve Police Officers periodically in schools
- We encourage other officers/agencies to stop by anytime and tour our schools while in uniform



# What can YOU do?

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- Ensure your contact information is current at your child's school
- Talk to your kids about school safety (drills, plans, etc.)
- Encourage them to talk to you about concerning behaviors at school, share with school officials
- Volunteer at your child's school
- Report any suspicious or concerning behaviors to school or law enforcement
- Periodically check your child's phone and social media presence

# Questions/Concerns/Feedback

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