



Preparation for Threats to School Safety

With the recent threats to school campuses nationwide by individuals or groups claiming to be clowns and with the ongoing existence of threats to our school campuses, we wanted to send a reminder to consider your safety and emergency procedures including the following:

- 1) A strong campus visitation policy and procedure which requires registration and check out of all visitors, requires constant supervision and sets reasonable limitations for visitors on campus, including a clear statement that persons in disguise will not be allowed entrance on campus without prior agreement by school administration.
- 2) An emergency plan that includes emergency response training for all staff, lock down and evacuation procedures, and an internal and external communication system for emergency alerts.
- 3) Developing a relationship with local law enforcement to ensure ongoing communication regarding threats to the school, police presence as necessary on campus, and use of private security if needed.
- 4) Maintenance and consistent implementation of student discipline procedures, which includes monitoring and disciplining students for cyber-bullying and/or terroristic threats against the school.
- 5) Assemblies or other types of student instruction as to the seriousness of “copycat” threats on social media, the severity of penalties for the same, and emergency response training.
- 6) Child find procedures for identifying students who are triggered by the threats and might require counseling and/or mental health support.”

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