February 4, 2013

Dear Yakima County Superintendents;

Thank you for your support of Safe and Secure Schools. As you know, we are actively engaged with the legislative conversations to insist that this be a priority in funding.

On the following page are 5 rating factors that a school safety work group of Superintendents and Law Enforcement officials have selected for use to evaluate the overall security of a school building. The primary intent of this tool is to begin the process of identifying school buildings which are less secure, so we can identify the gaps and begin to plan how to make the necessary recommendations and changes to make our schools more secure. Some of this information may also be compiled into an aggregate document to use as information for elected officials to consider for potential school safety and security funding in the future. If you have any questions please call Randy Town at 509-454-5313.

Instructions:

1. As superintendent please send this form to each of your building principals.
2. Be sure they list the name of the building and the district on the lines provided.
3. Each building needs to be rated using the tool. Total the score at the bottom of the page. The higher score means buildings are more secure and lower scores less secure.
4. Have each principal return the scored rating scale to you.
5. Please sort through the rated forms and forward those that concern you the most. Please keep the others for future reference and planning.
6. Fax or email the completed scale to Randy Town at ESD 105 by February 12:
   a. Email: randy.town@esd105.org
   b. Fax: 509-853-3156
Building Security:
1 – Multiple unlocked entrances in use throughout the day; multiple exterior glass windows with no wire mesh or "Armor Coat"-type appliqué.
2 - Multiple locked entrances in use throughout the day. Exterior doors not electronically monitored (alarm or camera). Multiple exterior glass windows with no wire mesh or "Armor Coat"-type appliqué.
3 – Monitored single building entry/exit in use throughout the day. All exterior doors closed, and locked but not monitored. Multiple exterior glass windows with no wire mesh or "Armor Coat"-type appliqué.
4 – Monitored single building entry/exit in use throughout the day. Airlock-type entrance. All exterior doors closed, and locked but not monitored. Most exterior glass windows have either wire mesh or "Armor Coat"-type appliqué.
5 – Monitored single building entry/exit in use throughout the day. Airlock-type entrance. All exterior doors closed, locked & monitored via alarm system and/or cameras. All exterior glass windows have either wire mesh or "Armor Coat"-type appliqué.

Communications:
1 – No functional mass communications system.
2 - Single mass communications system with no battery backup.
3 – Single mass communications system with battery backup.
4 – Redundant (two or more) mass communications systems with battery backup on one or less (where applicable).
5 – Redundant communications systems with battery backup on all systems (where applicable).

Remoteness (*):
1 - Expected Emergency Law Enforcement response time of 15 minutes or greater.
2 - Expected Emergency Law Enforcement response time of 10-15 minutes.
3 - Expected Emergency Law Enforcement response time of 5-10 minutes.
4 - Expected Emergency Law Enforcement response time of less than 5 minutes.
5 - Expected Emergency Law Enforcement response time of 30 seconds or less (already in the building).
* = This is not standard LE response time, but response time for an all-out emergency.

SRO, SSO or School District Designated armed personnel:
1 - No armed presence in the school district outside of normal police Patrol.
2 – No armed presence in the building outside of normal police Patrol.
3 – Single armed presence in the building on most school days.
4 – Single armed presence in the building on every school day.
5 – Redundant armed presence in the building on every school day.

Student age group:
1 – Pre-school
2 – Elementary School (K-5) or Intermediate School (3-5)
3 – Middle School (6-8)
4 – Junior High School (7-9)
5 – High School (9-12 or 10-12)

The score should total between 5-25 points

Total Rating

Thank you for your time and effort; please direct any questions to Randy Town at ESD 105;
509-454-5313/509-949-1165 or email at randy.town@esd105.org