Background:
The 2001-2003 operating budget for Washington State provided for the establishment of a school safety center in the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction. The purpose of the center is to disseminate successful models of school safety plans and cooperative efforts; provide assistance to schools to establish plans; provide incident reports; coordinate school safety activities; review and approve manuals and curricula; and develop and maintain a school safety information website.

The School Safety Center Advisory Committee was to be established with representatives from educators, classified staff, principals, superintendents, administrators, the American Society for Industrial Security, the Criminal Justice Training Commission, law enforcement and, "others deemed appropriate and approved by the committee." The advisory committee was directed to develop a training program, using the best practices in school safety for all school safety personnel.

Purpose:
The purpose of the advisory is to support and assist in the implementation of the work performed by the Washington State School Safety Center as well as support the efforts for increased academic achievement by students.

Safety Center Advisory/Safety Center Actions/Activities:
- Established operating procedures including process for determining membership on committee.
- Set regular meeting schedule on the second Thursday of each month.
- Reviewed legislative directives in 2001 budget language.
  - Approved Criminal Justice Training Center’s 2002 curriculum and schedule for training school security officers and administrators.
  - Provided training pilot program in Pacific County.
  - Conducted two Train-the-Trainer classes, 77 attendees from throughout the state.
  - Conducted 4 Security Security Personnel Trainings throughout the state.
  - Endorsed establishing OSPI website for school safety center.
  - Initiated work on defining the comprehensive safe schools plans and district reporting requirements.
  - Endorsed Comprehensive Safe Schools Planning documents located on Safety Center Website.
  - Endorsed putting “school responses to terrorism” information on website.
  - Reviewed and endorsed the Anti-bullying Work Group’s model policy on anti-bullying, harassment and intimidation developed by the OSPI Anti-bullying Workgroup.
  - Provided 14 Harassment, Intimidation, or Bullying trainings throughout the state for school administrators.
  - Invited selected school districts to share their comprehensive safe schools plans for review and discussion.
  - Provided information to schools regarding March 21, 2003 Rapid Visual Screening of Buildings and Post-Earthquake Safety Evaluation of Buildings.
  - 10 Incident Command Trainings for schools.
  - 4 trainings scheduled for school safety personnel and school administrators.
  - Reviewed Model Threat Policy.
  - Participation on the committee to develop Persistently Dangerous Schools definition, per NCLB.
  - Participation in the national incident simulation.

On-going Activities:
- Review OSPI’s development and distribution of “tools” to help schools with their comprehensive safe school plans and other school safety issues.
- Review and evaluation of 2002-03 pilot programs and recommendations for CJTC programs for 2003-04.
- Recommendations for school district school safety allocation and comprehensive plan reporting requirements.
- Review and recommendations for website content.
- Review of current and emergent safety issues in schools.
- Continue to provide joint training and technical assistance to schools on harassment, intimidation, or bullying.
- Participation on EMD Homeland Security Committee.

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