

Pre-Disaster Survey Results – 2015-02

South Whidbey School District

Respondents: 55

1 Which natural disaster do you believe produces the highest threat to the buildings that make up South Whidbey School District? (Choose one per building/site.)

Site/Building	Earthquake	Flood	Tsunami	Landslide	Fire	Volcano
Elementary School	84%	0%	0%	0%	16%	0%
S.W. Academy	85%	0%	0%	0%	15%	0%
Langley Middle School	87%	0%	2%	0%	11%	0%
High School	84%	0%	0%	0%	16%	0%
Transportation/Maint	82%	2%	0%	0%	15%	2%

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2 Considering a natural disaster event when schools ARE in session (filled with students and staff), what is your primary concern? (Please select one primary concern).

Concern	Response
Contacting persons at the school	0%
Access to the school	4%
Immediate protection of persons at the school	84%
After-event protection of persons at the school	13%
Damage to school facilities	0%
Other, please specify:	0%

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3 Considering a natural disaster event when schools are NOT in session, what is your primary concern? (Please select one primary concern.)

Concern	Response
Disruption of school activities	0%
Damage to school facilities	28%
Impact on education of students	62%
Cost of recovery	6%
Other, please specify:	4%
Damage to resources/materials in classroom (maybe that would go under impact of education of students?)	
safe community shelter	

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4 What do you think is the best way for SWSD to prepare for a natural disaster? (Please select one.)

Preparation	Response
Protect and improve entry/exit areas to the school buildings	4%
Strengthen the buildings to better survive natural disasters	41%
Review and enhance training for students and staff in the event of a natural disaster	33%
Further train emergency teams for natural disaster response	17%
Other, please specify:	6%
I think it is important to not only strengthen buildings, but train staff and students as well.	
provide safe community shelter and or assistance	
Close LMS and move all students into SWHS	

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5 Please tell us about your level of support regarding the following strategies related to reducing risks to schools from natural disasters: (Rate each strategy on the scale provided.)

Strategy	Not Important	Low	Moderate	High	Very Important
More resources should be available to help districts.	0%	7%	11%	31%	51%
WA State should be more proactive in helping identify high-risk schools.	0%	11%	17%	19%	54%
New schools should not be built in high risk areas.	0%	9%	13%	19%	59%

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6 Are there other risk reduction strategies you feel would be helpful to schools in our district?

Other Strategies?	Response
Yes	26%
No	58%
Suggestions: train, train, train	16%
The state can't rely on individual schools to have competent people to say what needs to be done to make the schools safe when they have no prior background In construction to know what needs to be addressed. training, drills, alert parents on how students will be released, inspections of buildings now, Proper maintenance of buildings. For example, some windows are broken and cannot be opened and closed properly. In the event of a disaster requiring students and staff to exit through a window, they would be unable to do so. More in-depth, intensive training of first responders staff should spend a whole day training for a disaster the only thing we practice is duck and cover and then to out to the field Practice earthquake drills more often than lockdown drills. Close LMS and move middle school to safer, newer high school campus. Close schools that are too old and pose threat of injury or life safety to students and staff	

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7 Please identify the group that best describes your interest in this project. (Please choose one.)

Group Identity	Response
Interested citizen	9%
Parent of a student	20%
Teacher	38%
Student	0%
Other district staff	31%
Non-school agency or organization	2%

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