

Billings School District 2

NONINSTRUCTIONAL OPERATIONS

District Safety – Threat Assessment & Safety Implementation and Analysis

For purposes of this policy. “Disaster means the occurrence or imminent threat of damage injury or loss of life or property”.

The Board recognizes that safety and health standards need to be incorporated into all aspects of operations. The Superintendent will develop safety and health standards that comply with the Montana Safety Culture Act and the Montana Safety Act. The Superintendent also will ensure that rules for safety and prevention of accidents are posted in compliance with Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA) requirements and that injuries and accidents are reported to the District administration office.

Billings Public Schools follows national evidence-based strategies for violence prevention in our schools. Threat Assessment & Safety Procedures have been proven to prevent threats from being carried out and identify interventions to prevent future acts. Threat Assessment procedures are recommended by the US Secret Service and the Department of Education. The District will maintain a system of legally-sound procedures for administering student discipline so that due process of law is provided.

The trustees shall review the school safety or emergency operations plan periodically and update the plan as determined necessary by the trustees based on the changing circumstances pertaining to school safety.

The trustees shall certify to the Office of Public Instruction that a school safety or emergency operations plan has been adopted.

A building principal will develop a plan for building safety, including fire, civil defense, tornado, and earthquake warning, protection, and evacuation and will distribute the plan to all building staff at the beginning of each school year. This plan and procedures will be discussed and distributed to each teacher at the beginning of each school year. All teachers will discuss safety drill procedures with their class at the beginning of each school year and will have them posted in a conspicuous place next to the exit door.

A building principal will schedule at least eight (8) disaster drills a year, four (4) of which must be fire drills and will schedule drills at different hours of the day or evening to avoid distinction between drills and actual disasters. A record will be kept of all drills.

Once the trustees have made the certification of the school safety or emergency operations plan to the Office of Public Instruction, the trustees may transfer funds pursuant to Section 2. 20-1-

401. MCA to make improvements to school safety and security.

Legal References: § 20-1-402, MCA Disaster drills to be conducted regularly. Districts to identify disaster risks and adopt a school safety plan.

 § 20-1-402, MCA Number of disaster drills required – time of drills to vary.

 § 39-71-1501, et seq., MCA Montana Safety Culture Act

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