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Dear Clark-Shawnee Families,

As a School District, we have always been committed to providing you with information about matters involving school safety. This will be the first in a series of updates where we provide you with information about the new safety procedures implemented at Clark-Shawnee and schools across Clark County.

During the summer of 2024, our Clark-Shawnee administrative team joined school administrators and first responders across Clark County for training on a unified approach and common terminology for school safety. The system is called the [Standard Response Protocol \("SRP"\)](#), developed by school safety experts from across the nation with the support of the "I Love You Guys" Foundation. This foundation was created by parents who lost their daughter in a school shooting in 2006 and have since worked with national experts to develop the SRP for emergencies affecting schools. Schools and first responders across Clark County will now be using the SRP, ensuring we all speak the same language and respond consistently.

This is the first in a series of updates that will explain the five actions associated with the SRP, helping you, as parents and guardians, to understand the procedures and concepts we will practice with students. This update covers the first two actions of the SRP:

ACTION: HOLD

From time to time, we have had a student or staff member experiencing a medical emergency within the building that requires the attention of a first responder. The **HOLD** action is used when we need students and staff to remain in their classrooms so that school officials and/or first responders can respond appropriately to the situation at hand. During **HOLD**, it will be business as usual within each classroom but students will not change classes in order to keep the hallways clear.

ACTION: SECURE

Whenever there is an external issue that could impact school operations and/or safety, a school may implement the **SECURE** action. For example, a police chase in the vicinity or a nearby bank robbery may prompt this action. When a school is in **SECURE**, we will bring everyone inside and lock the perimeter doors. While it will be business as usual inside the school, we will not let anyone in or out of the building during a **SECURE** action in order to ensure the safety of our students and staff. If you arrive at school during a **SECURE** action, you will not be able to enter the building. Law enforcement will guide us on when to lift a **SECURE** action.

Parents and guardians will receive information from the school and/or District in the event that an SRP action is implemented for any prolonged or dangerous situation. Our first priority in a school safety situation is to activate and implement the appropriate SRP action for the safety of our students

and staff. Communication to families will come in as timely a manner as possible.

Thank you for taking the time to review this Safety Series Update. Stay tuned for the next update, which will explain additional actions associated with the Standard Response Protocol.

Sincerely,
Brian Kuhn
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Clark-Shawnee Local Schools