

Safety First: Creating Safe School Environments

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Our Time Today

- **Our Work**
- **Prevention**
 - Climate & Culture
 - Behavioral Threat Assessment
 - Safe2Tell
- **Mitigation**
 - Target Hardening
 - Building & Situational Awareness
 - Claire Davis School Safety Act
- **Preparedness**
 - Emergency Drills
 - Training
 - What Families Should Do in an Emergency
- **Response**
 - Standard Response Protocol (SRP)
 - Duty to Protect
- **Recovery**
 - Standard Reunification Method (SRM)

Our Work: Who We Are / What We Do & Safety Operations

Who We Are & What We Do



Safety Operations



Prevention: Climate/Culture, Behavioral Threat Assessment, & Safe2Tell



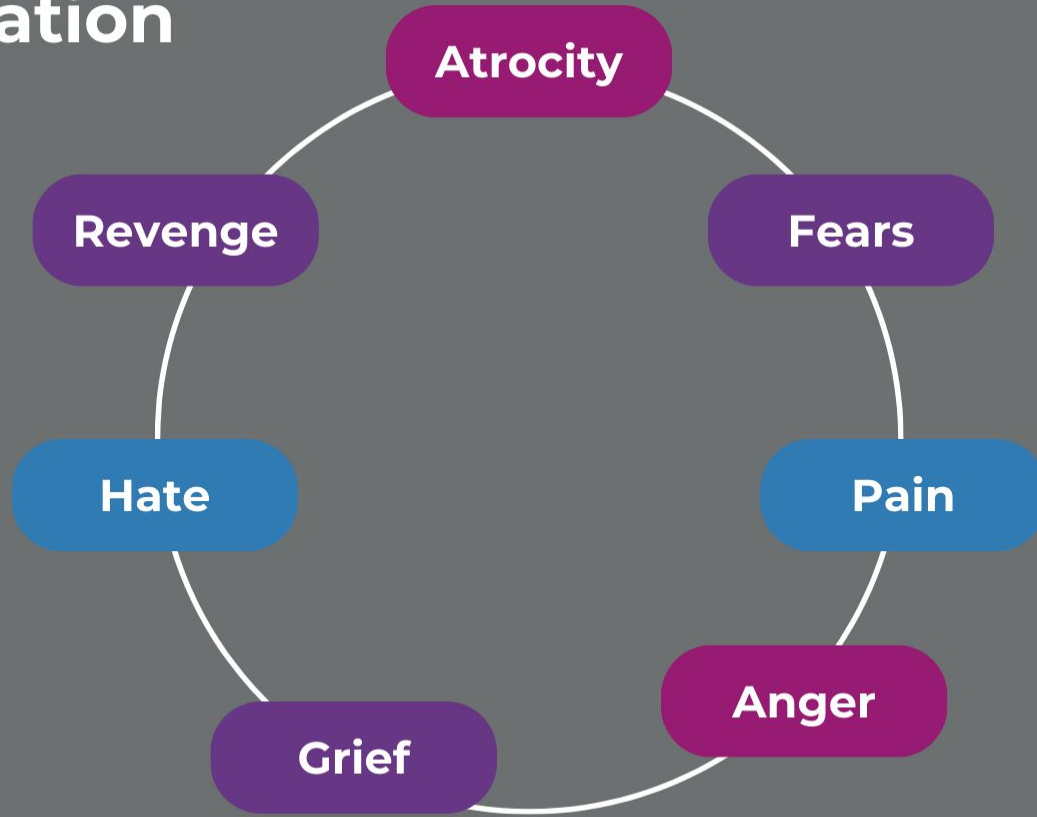
Vision

Our vision is for Jeffco Public Schools is to be a thriving district where all students achieve their biggest dreams.



Desensitization

Isolation



Anxiety

Hopelessness

Creating the extraordinary student experience starts with a commitment to knowing every student by...

Name, Strength & Need



Culture & Climate of Safe Schools

“Safe school environments embed working relationships between Jeffco schools and the Department of School Safety to support the climate and culture of our schools with both a safety and educational lens in mind.”

“Safe schools require a proactive culture with emphasis on safety, connections and partnerships with all key stakeholders while knowing our students by name, strength and need. How leaders choose to engage and enable this transparent culture will vary building to building”

Safe School Environments

- **Welcoming Environment**
 - All voices heard and welcomed
 - Volunteers
- **Trust and Transparency**
- **Student Connections**



Behavioral Threat Assessment

- **We believe you!**
- **Who's involved**
 - Multidisciplinary
- **Support**
- **Safety Plans**
- **Dynamic Process**
 - Advisory in nature



Safe2Tell Data

- According to the U.S. Secret Service 81% of the time a violent act occurs on school property, at least one student had prior knowledge of the event but failed to report it. Students must learn the importance of taking every threat seriously and reporting it in a way that keeps them safe.
- 93% of all school violence cases studied indicated the person who knew prior to the incident happening was a peer, a friend, school mate or sibling!

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Safe2Tell

- **What is it?**
- **The process**
 - State of Colorado
 - Jeffco Dispatch
 - Law Enforcement
 - Schools
- **The results**

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Mitigation: Target Hardening & Situational/ Building Awareness



Target Hardening

- **Secure Vestibule**
- **Door Access**
- **Fob/Key Access**
- **Visitor/Volunteer Management**
- **Cameras**
- **After school activities, events, etc.**



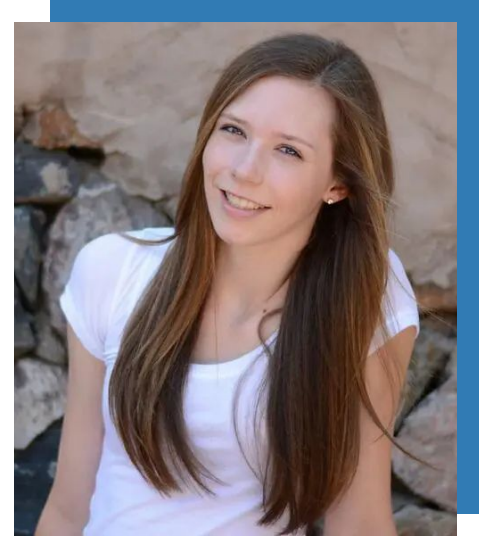
Situational / Building Awareness

- Shared Responsibility
- Training
- Support



Claire Davis School Safety Act

- Prior to this bill, schools could not be sued for negligence because they were a government entity
- This act holds schools liable for student and employee safety, and allows victims of school incidents the right to sue for negligence
- Schools must provide “reasonable care” from harm that is reasonably foreseeable
- 100% of attackers exhibited concerning behaviors before an attack; 83% reported they were going to do it



Preparedness: Emergency Drills, Training, & What Families Should Do in an Emergency



Emergency Drills

- **Emergency Prepared, Not Emergency Scared**
 - Learning vs. Scared
- **Neuropathways**
- **Positive Interaction with First Responders**
- **The results**



Training

- **Administrators Safety Academy**
- **Comprehensive Incident Command System (ICS) Training** (CRS 22-32-109.1) with School Response Teams
- **Tabletop Exercises**
- **Specialty Trainings** with unique Stakeholder Groups (Custodial, Transportation, Front Office Staff, etc.)
- **School Safety Checklist** i.e. site specific emergency plans
- **Frank DeAngelis Center for Community Safety**



What Families Should Do in an Emergency

- **Stay away.** Do not go to the school. This may interfere with procedures. Only public safety personnel will be allowed in or near a school during an emergency situation.
- **Do not call.** Do not call the school or security staff. We understand you may want to communicate with your student during an emergency, but calling may prevent them from hearing important instructions.
- **Be informed.** Monitor your phone, email, district social media channels, local law enforcement or fire social media channels and local news. Jeffco provides fast and accurate information to its community. In some situations, accurate information can take a long time to verify and share. Please be patient.
- **Be ready.** When you are asked to pick up your student, come quickly and bring your identification to the reunification location communicated to you. Jeffco will only release students to adults listed on that student's Infinite Campus page. Make sure anyone who could pick up your student in an emergency is listed. This can include neighbors, friends or other family members.

Response: Standard Response Protocol (SRP) & Duty to Protect



Standard Response Protocol (SRP)



Duty to Protect

- **Campus Security**
 - Trained in Crisis Response, CPR/First Aid/Stop the Bleed, etc.
- **Dispatch**
 - Interoperability with JEFFCOM 911
- **Emergency Management**
 - Emergency Planning with Jefferson County Emergency Management
- **Patrol**
 - Trains tactically with Law Enforcement
 - Partnership with School Resource Officers (SROs)



Recovery: Standard Reunification Method (SRM)



Standard Reunification Method (SRM)

- In less serious situations, "Reunification" **could be as simple as a normal or early dismissal process** at your student's school with a higher law enforcement or security presence. In **other situations, the school may move students to another Jeffco School site** to be reunified.
- Families will be told where to pick up their student and what to bring with them. "Reunification" **often requires any parent or legal guardian picking up a student to have a photo ID with them.** Jeffco will only release students to adults listed on that student's Infinite Campus page. **Make sure anyone who could pick up your student in an emergency is listed.** This can include neighbors, friends or other family members.



**STANDARD
REUNIFICATION METHOD™**

Student Safety: Our Shared Responsibility

Questions?

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