



Emergency Preparedness

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Strategic Goal 3
Objective C

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- **Objective**

- To ensure preparedness of schools in the event of an emergency/crisis situation by conducting live and simulated exercises at all sites.

- **Target***

- A. 100% of schools will conduct a minimum of 1 live crisis mitigation exercise per year and a minimum of 1 simulated table-top exercise per year.
- B. The school district will conduct a minimum of 1 centralized crisis mitigation exercise per year and a minimum of 1 simulated table-top exercise per year.

*Target change being proposed for DAS Update 2011-2012

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- **What are we doing?**
 - Scenarios were developed to test various areas of sites' emergency plans
 - Hazardous Material Lockdown & Evacuation
 - Obstructed Exit Fire Drill
 - Severe Weather Warning
 - Riot
 - Missing Student
 - Each site completed online training in advance of the exercises
 - Exercises were scheduled with coordination from the sites to minimize impact on instruction
 - Exercise observation criteria were developed based on Federal Emergency Management Agency / National Incident Management System (NIMS) and Incident Command System Best Practices (ICS)

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- **How are we doing?**
 - Target A: Live Exercises (FY11)
 - 57 of 57 (100%) Sites completed a live exercise in the 2010–2011 school year.
 - Target B: Tabletop Exercises (FY11)
 - 57 of 57 (100%) sites completed a tabletop exercise in the 2010–2011 school year.

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- **What are we learning?**

- Exercises were confirmation that sites have developed the skills and confidence to utilize emergency protocols on their own and that emergency preparedness is becoming part of the culture at schools.
- Continued training is necessary as administrators move to new sites and/or personnel new to administration are assigned to sites.
- Sites continued good usage of their flip guides. Teams were well prepared in finding the links between classrooms displaying red cards to account missing staff and students.
- Sites continue to utilize their to-go kits more so than years prior.

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- **Action Items**

- Changing the program to include two table top exercises and one functional. This is in response to a poll of staff after exercise to determine which method they found more helpful.
- **Providing additional support and practice evacuations for schools having on-site construction.**
- Modifying scenarios and using more multi-phase exercises.
- Including outside observation in sites with camera systems.
- Yearly participation in a community full scale exercise.

Questions?