



Pathway to the Future

District Safety Committee Newsletter

Safety Committee Upcoming 17/18 School Year Meeting Dates:

September 5, 2017 1:30pm at
BUSD Corporation Yard

October 3, 2017 1:30pm at
BUSD District Office

November 7, 2017 1:30pm at
Cherrywood Elementary

December 5, 2017 1:30pm at
Sierramont Middle School

January 2, 2018 1:30pm at
Ruskin Elementary

February 6, 2018 1:30pm at
Piedmont Middle School

March 6, 2018 1:30pm at
Morrill Middle School

April 10, 2018 1:30pm at
Morrill Middle School

May 8, 2018 1:30pm at
BUSD District Office



Safety Committee Goals for the 2016-2017 School Year

- Develop a prioritized Safety Committee calendar to review and implement the State and Federal required safety plans
- Develop a prioritized Safety Committee calendar to review and implement the State and Federal required safety trainings.
- Establish a Safety Committee Newsletter to enhance current Berryessa Union School District safety programs, which includes digital access to all staff.
- Develop a district wide standard for classroom door locking hardware for use during emergency lockdowns.

Safety Committee Participants:

Mayra Waller, Jill Tamashiro, Virginia Pender, Tina Choy, Kris Kamandulis, Gokcen Ceran, Thomas Carroll (Co-Chair) and Miguel Cruz (Chair)



Safety Committee Updates:

Hazardous Communication Program

In collaboration between the BUSD MOT Department and the Safety Committee our district Hazardous Communication Program has been updated as required by Cal-OSHA Hazard communication Regulation (T8CCR 5194). This approved program is to establish guidelines and policies to ensure all members, students and visitors of BUSD are appraised of the chemical hazards to which they may be exposed and to provide knowledge so employees can make informed decisions about hazardous materials and/or their “Right to know”.

Indoor Air Quality Plan

In collaboration between the BUSD MOT Department and the Safety Committee has developed an Indoor Air Quality Plan for our district. This plan identifies a standard operation procedure with respect to safety and environmental precautions. This plan includes where to report air quality complaints and what corrective action(s) the MOT department will take to establish resolution.



Integrated Pest Management Program

In collaboration between the BUSD MOT Department and Safety Committee has developed an Integrated Pest Management Program for our district. This program captures district responsibilities, treatment, application, monitoring, guidelines, and notifications to be compliant with the Healthy School Act (AB 2260).

All described plans are available on the BUSD MOT Homepage Safety Subsection of the BUSD website.

Safety Committee Updates Continued:

San Jose Police Department School Liaison Unit

During the last several months the BUSD safety committee has diligently worked towards meeting the established goal for the 16/17 school year to develop a district standard for classroom hardware device(s) for use during lockdown situations. To ensure the committee makes an informed decision they sought out the support of San Jose Police Department (SJPd) School Liaison Unit. This police department unit supports the 19 school districts in the City of San Jose with Emergency Response Protocol Training, Safe School Campus Initiatives and the implementation of programs to reduce truancy.

School Liaison Unit Officer Marc Taylor (#3135) attended our safety committee meeting during the month of May to present on Run, Hide, Defend and help answer any questions the committee had regarding lockdown hardware devices. As a committee this allowed us to review what surrounding school districts have been put in place and what additional items to take into consideration prior to making a recommendation for a district standard. These items include the installation involved, cost of the devices and functionality.

During the summer period the focus of our committee will be to take inventory of all our sites to identify types of doors in place, the specific swing of the door and the current hardware in place on the door. This will ensure the appropriate hardware device is selected and this initiative is budgeted appropriately. As a Safety committee a formal recommendation is anticipated for the beginning of the 17/18 school year.



Summer Safety Tips

Summer is here and with it comes fun! The National Traffic Safety Institute (NTSI) recommends the following safety tips to keep you summer fun.

- The first and best line of defense against the sun's harmful rays is to wear a hat, put on sunglasses and use sunscreen with a SPF no lower than 15. Make sure to reapply the sunscreen every two hours.
- Babies under six months of age should be kept out of the sun entirely.
- Heat stress can occur quickly in hot and humid weather. Limit intense activities to 15 minutes and drink plenty of fluids (water is best or use flavored salted beverages). Clothing should be light-colored and lightweight.
- Never leave children alone in or near a pool. Keep rescue equipment available.
- If your family will be boating, make sure that all children wear life jackets and that there is a life jacket available for adults. Remember that inflatable water rings and toys are not considered life saving devices.
- If your family will be outdoors, don't use scented soaps, perfumes or hair sprays as they tend to attract insects. Use repellents, but be careful not to use products with more than 10% DEET on children. Avoid areas where insects nest, such as stagnant pools of water, uncovered foods or places with concentrations of flowers. Do not wear clothes with flower prints. If stung by an insect, to remove a visible stinger from the skin, gently scrape it off horizontally with a credit card or your fingernail.
- When traveling, make sure that everybody is buckled up. Have snacks and water available in the vehicle. Make sure to have a first aid kit along. Arrange for friends or neighbors to pick up newspapers, mail and packages. Tell your neighbors you'll be gone. Arrange to have the lawn maintained.

The NTSI wishes you a safe summer!

Resource: American Academy of Pediatrics, 141 NW Point Blvd. Elk Grove Village, IL. 60007