



## District Safety Committee Newsletter



## Safety Committee Goals for the 2018-2019 School Year

- Addition of a digital radio frequency for the Maintenance, Grounds, Transportation, and Custodial Departments. Integration of digital frequency for these radios will include access to district emergency channel.
- Update and standardize School Site Evacuation Maps. These updated maps will include location of Utility Shut Offs, AED's, Fire Extinguishers, etc.
- Review and recommend Emergency Management and Communication Software for implementation as part of our safety protocols.

### Safety Committee Participants:

Jill Tamashiro, Maria Smith, Kris Kamandulis, Gokcen Ceran, Anthony Alberts, Dan Norris, Esmeralda Torres, Virginia Pender (Co-Chair) and Miguel Cruz (Chair)

## Safety Committee Upcoming 18/19 School Year Meeting Dates:

September 4, 2018 1:30pm at  
BUSD Corporation Yard

October 2, 2018 1:30pm at  
BUSD District Office

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

December 4, 2018 1:30pm at  
Ruskin Elementary

January 8, 2019 1:30pm at  
Sierramont Middle School

February 5, 2019 1:30pm at  
Morrill Middle School

March 5, 2019 1:30pm at  
BUSD Corporation Yard

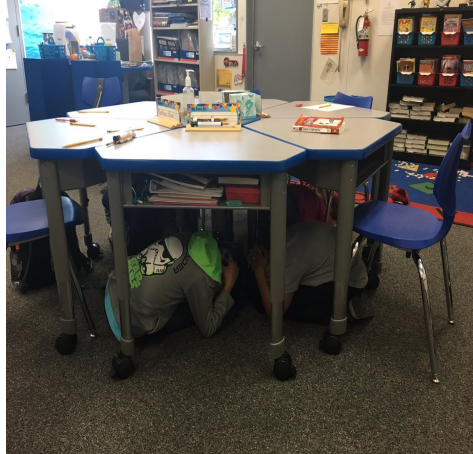
April 2, 2019 1:30pm at  
BUSD District Office

May 7, 2019 1:30pm at  
Piedmont Middle School

# Safety Committee Updates

## The Great California Shakeout

Thank you to all BUSD School Sites for their participation in the Great California Earthquake Shakeout. As part of 19.3 Million participants on this date, your participation will ensure from a district standpoint, that we are better prepared for the next big earthquake. Please ensure as part of the process to hold post-drill debriefing to identify what went well, what needs improvement, and identifying recommended changes. If your site requires additional support or resources please feel free to email the BUSD Safety Committee at [safety@busd.net](mailto:safety@busd.net).



## Comprehensive School Site Safety Plans

Since late August all BUSD School sites have been working hard to complete annual certification of all SB 187 plans for the 2018-2019 school year. These safety plans are designed to be utilized as a school resource for prevention/mitigation, preparedness, response, recovery planning, and training. This plan also meets the requirements for the annual safety plans process under California SB187, the Comprehensive School Safety Plan Act, and the National Incident Management System. As a District Safety Committee we are glad to report that all Comprehensive School Site Safety Plans were approved during the November board meeting. The public version of these plans will be available for review on the Safety and Emergency Homepage. Thank you to all sites for their efforts and contributions in order to accomplish this annual mandate and helping make BUSD a safer place!

## Chemical Hygiene Plans for Middle School Science Labs

During the last several months the BUSD safety committee has collaborated with the Maintenance department and the three BUSD middle schools science department to develop and approve a Chemical Hygiene Plan for each site. This document describes the Chemical Hygiene Plan for Berryessa Union School District as required by OSHA's Occupational Exposure to Hazardous Chemicals in Laboratories Standard. 29CFR1910.1450.

In order to comply with the Standard, Berryessa Union School District has established a plan to ensure our workplace is capable of protecting employees and students from Health Hazards associated with Hazardous Chemicals in the laboratory, and capable of keeping exposures below the Permissible Exposure Limits (PEL) specified in 29CFR1910 Subpart "Z". This plan is available for review on the Safety and Emergency Homepage. Shall you have any further questions please contact Miguel Cruz, Director of MOT.

# Safety Committee Updates Continued:

## Injury Illness Prevention Plan

During the last month the BUSD Safety Committee with the support of the BUSD Human Resources Department has updated and approved the Injury and Illness prevention plan for the 18/19 school year. The objective of this plans is maintain a safe and healthful work environment for all District employees. This program is also in compliance with California Labor Code Section 6401.7 and California Code of Regulations Title 9 Sections 1509 and 3203. The plan consists of various elements that include responsibility, compliance, communication, hazard assessment, hazard correction, accident/exposure investigation, training and instruction, and recordkeeping. This plan is available to all staff on the BUSD website under the MOT Homepage Safety & Emergency Services homepage.

## Lead Plan

During the last several months the BUSD Maintenance Department and the BUSD Safety has collaborated to develop and approve a Lead Plan. This plan is protective measures for preventing work-related lead poisoning to be in compliance with Cal/OSHA lead standard (Title 8 CCR Section 5198 for General Industry, or Section 1532.1 for Construction).

This document is the official District position on procedures and operations involving the use, maintenance, and disturbance of lead-containing materials at Berryessa Union School District (BUSD). This document was developed to assure that lead and lead-containing materials are properly maintained and handled. The procedures outlined in this policy will promote the safe management of lead and lead-containing materials at BUSD. They will also help assure compliance with regulations applicable to lead.

## BUSD Lead Sampling Program

As communicated in the BUSD 17/18 Winter Safety Newsletter, new legislation has passed requiring San Jose Water Company to collect samples from Preschools, Prekindergarten, and Day Care facilities that are on public property within our distribution system area. The district has identified these locations and completed collection of all samples identified for each school site.

These samples were tested at a laboratory certified by the Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program (ELAP) for lead analysis and submission of those results were electronically sent to the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB). San Jose Water Company (SJWC) has provided our district with a copy of these results for all BUSD school sites tested. We are glad to report that from the 6 total samples tested, no samples reached the action level of 15 parts per billion (ppb). All results have been posted under the Maintenance, Operations and Transportation (MOT) Safety and Emergency Services Webpage.

## Hearing Conservation Program

During the last several months the BUSD Maintenance Department and the BUSD Safety has collaborated to develop and approve a Hearing Conservation Plan. The objective of the BUSD Hearing Conservation Program (HCP) is to prevent permanent noise induced hearing loss resulting from on-the-job noise exposure and to comply with Title 8 of the California Code of Regulations, Sections 5095-5100.

This program includes noise surveys, audiometric testing, hearing protection, employee education and training, and recordkeeping. This plan is available at your on the BUSD website under the MOT Homepage Safety & Emergency Services homepage.

## 6 School Zone Safety Driving Tips

You've probably noticed the extra congestion on the roads as Labor Day marked the unofficial start of school for students across the nation.

As class begins for more than 50 million children, increased vehicles on the road and pedestrian foot traffic on sidewalks boosts the odds of potential school zone accidents. Drivers not only need to focus on the road ahead but also the surrounding areas during school hours when unpredictable children are most present - darting across the street and jumping into buses and cars.

To avoid getting into a school zone accident, follow these six-school zone safety-driving tips:

1. Never pass a bus from behind- It should be a given since it's illegal in all 50 states but never pass a stopped school bus loading and unloading children when the stop sign is extended and its lights are flashing. Children who lose their lives in bus-related accidents are most often hit by motorist illegally passing a stopped bus or by being hit by the bus itself, according to research conducted by the National Safety Council.
2. Don't block crosswalks- When at a stop sign or traffic light be sure to stop at the marked white line on the road before the crosswalk. When vehicles stop in the crosswalk, it causes pedestrians to go around the vehicle putting them in the path of moving traffic.
3. Yield when flashing- Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFB) are one of the most popular school zone safety solutions communities have been installing at high-risk intersections. Pedestrians always have the right-of-way but sometimes drivers don't see them. When the system is flashing, a pedestrian is actively crossing the road and drivers are required to yield.
4. Respect the crossing guard- Crossing guards are placed at intersections where children are most at risk. Crossing guards protect every pedestrian using a crosswalk, but only if drivers respect the guard's authority and stop when they're directing traffic. Remember, a crossing guard is always the first person on the street and last person off. If a guard is still in the road, assume pedestrians are crossing.
5. Reduce your speed- We've all seen the school zone speed limit signs, but how many drivers actually reduce their speed when traveling through a school zone? Answer: not many. Always assume there are children present during school hours and obey the posted reduced speed limit signs. Most states impose heavy fines for speeding within school zones.
6. Don't drive distracted- Most people drive distracted. When entering a school zone, rid yourself of all distractions. Children are notoriously unpredictable and a moment's delay in reaction time can be the difference between a near-miss or a deadly collision.

Follow these six school zone safety driving tips to increase pedestrian safety in your community.

Resource: Paulus, Steve, 6 School Zone Safety Driving Tips, Retrieved from <http://blog.tapconet.com/6-school-zone-safety-driving-tips>