



District Safety Committee Newsletter



Safety Committee
18/19 School Year
remaining meeting
dates:

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

Safety Committee Goals for the 2018-2019 School Year

- Addition of a digital 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 current safety protocols.



Safety Committee Participants:

Jill Tamashiro, Maria Smith, Kris Kamandulis, Gokcen Ceran, Tony Alberts, Catherine Aguilar, Dan Norris, Colleen Fanciullo, Virginia Pender (Co-Chair) and Miguel Cruz (Chair)

Safety Committee Updates:

Emergency Preparedness Update

I wanted to take some time to recognize all BUSD schools sites for completion of their mandated lockdown drill for the 18/19 school year. Lockdown drill accomplishments for this year included integration of the red barricade safety straps, standardizing emergency preparedness procedures across all sites, and participation from external groups. Completing these drills also allowed the site assessment teams to identify additional areas of opportunity for improvement. The Safety Committee will collect this feedback and collectively work towards improving these items as part future scheduled drills. Thank you for your participation in order to make Berryessa Union School District a safer place for all.



Electrical Safety Program

During the month of April the BUSD District Safety Committee approved an Electrical Safety Program. This program is designed to minimize, and in some instances eliminate, the hazards associated with electrical work. The purpose of this program is to ensure the safety of employees who work near electrical equipment, ensure understanding and compliance with safe electrical work practices, and to comply with all current OSHA standards.

Fire Prevention Plans

With collaboration from the MOT Department, the Safety Committee has developed a Fire Prevention Plan for schools and the District Office/Corporation Yard. The purpose of this plan is to protect our employees, students, and occupants from the dangers of fire. This plan is in compliance with the California Code of Regulations, Title 8, and Section 3221. These plans include Emergency Procedures, Training, Drills and details for current Fire Protection Measures.

PCB's in Schools Plan

During the month of April the Safety Committee has approved the PCBs in school plan. PCBs are a group of synthetic organic chemicals that can cause a number of different harmful effects. PCB's were used widely as coolants and lubricants in transformers, capacitors, and other electrical equipment. The manufacture of PCBs stopped in the United States in August of 1977. Consumer products that may contain PCBs include old fluorescent lighting fixtures, window and door caulking, electrical devices, etc.

All plans described are available on the BUSD MOT Safety homepage.



Spring Cleaning

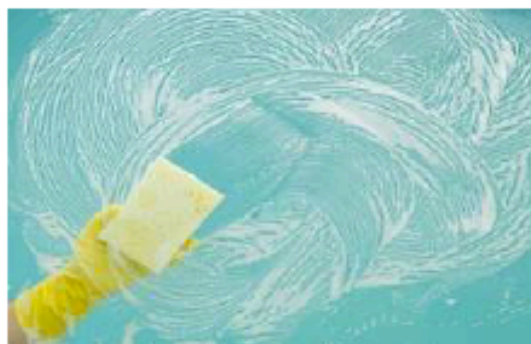
With Spring in full bloom, now is the perfect time to clean, rearrange, and give your facilities a fresh new look! Here are some spring cleaning tips to remember and hazards to consider when freshening up your campus.

Out with the Old:

Supplies and other stored items tend to accumulate. Spring is the perfect time to identify items that are no longer needed. Too many accumulated items can lead to trip, fire, or health hazards. When evaluating items, separate into three piles: trash, keep, and give away. When the sorting is completed, handle each pile promptly.

Clean Safely:

Before cleaning, determine personal protective equipment that should be worn, such as gloves, goggles, or aprons, and confirm that all cleaning supplies are confirmed appropriate for classroom use (Healthy Schools Act). Dust the entire area thoroughly. Deep clean whiteboards and chalkboards. Sanitize surface areas that are considered “high touch”. If using a ladder, remember to maintain 3-points of contact (2 feet + 1 hand, or 2 hands + 1 foot), and keep belt buckles inside the width of the ladder. Keep in mind safety measures while cleaning, such as bending at the knees and avoiding overreaching. Get help or use assistive devices if heavy or large items need to be moved.



Reorganize/Rearrange:

Evaluate your current use of bins and storage units. Label and place them to easily track items, but don't block electrical panels, fire extinguishers, aisles, and exits. Classroom libraries, books, supply areas, and labs are usually in need of rearranging and reorganizing to determine items that are no longer needed (consider donating versus disposing). Assess if desks and furniture should be reconfigured to optimize learning experiences and efficient operations. When doing so, identify trip hazards and remove them. Some trip hazards to look out for are power cords, curled carpets, damaged floor tiles, and lifted/cracked cement.

Take Inventory:

Review the quantity of supplies in your classrooms, labs, and facilities, including inventorying chemicals. Determine if supplies can be reduced or if they are out-of-date and need to be eliminated. Dispose of expired or excess items appropriately. If supplies need to be purchased, plan in advance.

Always Think Safety!