



Pathway to the Future

District Safety Committee Newsletter



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
Cherrywood Elementary

December 4, 2018 1:30pm at
Sierramont Middle School

January 8, 2019 1:30pm at
Ruskin Elementary

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

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

April 2, 2019 1:30pm at
Morrill Middle School

May 7, 2019 1:30pm at
BUSD District Office

Safety Committee Goals for the 2017-2018 School Year

- Develop a prioritized Safety Committee calendar to review and implement the State and Federal required safety plans
- Take inventory of classroom emergency red backpacks and emergency ark at each site, standardize what should be included and what should be periodically replaced.
- Update and distribute Emergency Response Guides (Flip Charts) to all BUSD Sites.
- Provide our sites with support in crisis management training.

Safety Committee Participants:

Mayra Waller, Jill Tamashiro, Virginia Pender, Kris Kamandulis, Gokcen Ceran, Anthony Alberts, Dan Norris, Esmeralda Torres, Thomas Carroll (Co-Chair) and Miguel Cruz (Chair)

Safety Committee Updates:

Security Camera Systems

During the April meeting the BUSD Safety Committee received an update on the installation of Security Camera Systems at Middle School Sites. The tandem of Tony Kanastab, Director of Bond Facilities and Modernization and Dave Johnston, Director of Technology Services provided this update. At this time of this meeting, a total of eighteen (18) cameras had been authorized for installation across our three middle school campuses. This particular phase of camera installations will focus on covering administration areas and staff parking lot areas. The type of camera system being installed at each site will also incorporate current cameras on the property and allow for additional cameras to be added in the future, if desired. Once installation of cameras are completed at the middle schools, staff will then assess installation of camera systems for Elementary School sites within our district.

Water to Go Station Grant

Congratulations to Vinci Park Elementary for being the selected school site to receive a \$5,000 Water to Go station grant funded by the Santa Clara Valley Water District. This grant was voter approved through the Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program. Vinci Park was selected from a competitive process by demonstrating an admirable commitment to student health and environmental consciousness. Installation of these water fill stations will help encourage drinking of water and help reduce the amount of waste generated for the environment. As part of these fill station a digital display will show the units of plastic bottles saved from waste. Please keep this in mind the next time you stop by to visit Vinci Park. Our committee looks forward to seeing and supporting additional sites throughout our district with these types of grants.



Emergency Flip Charts

During the last several months the BUSD Safety Committee has worked towards updating emergency flip charts. This emergency guide has been designed to provide a quick reference in case of an emergency. All Staff should be familiar with this emergency response guide as well as the School Site Safety Plan for your site. A final version of this response guide was approved at the April BUSD Safety Committee Meeting. Printing of all guides will be completed over the summer period and distribution will be completed during the beginning of the 18/19 school year. Upon distribution, this chart will be posted in every classroom and office throughout the Berryessa Union School District.

Improve Your IAQ IQ

Indoor Air Quality



Avoid Asthma and Allergy Triggers in the Classroom

Unblock Vents and Keep Air Flowing



Inadequate ventilation can cause headaches and drowsiness. Keep fan controls set to "ON." Attach a string to a pole to check vent airflow.

Use Less Toxic Instructional, Art and Science Products

Avoid chemical irritants by using products such as water-based, low-odor whiteboard pens. Tightly close supplies.



Help to Prevent and Eliminate Mold

Clean and dry classroom spills thoroughly. Alert building staff to leaks, and wall and ceiling discolorations.

Contact Your Local Teachers Association

Avoid Scented Products

Air fresheners, candles, perfumes and personal products can add contaminants to the air.



Avoid Upholstered Furniture and Clutter

A custodian-friendly room makes it easier to remove dust mites, pet dander and mold. Vacuum couches often.

Use District-Approved Cleaning Products

Clearly label all products and keep tightly capped. Ask if your district can use less toxic green cleaning products.

Don't Invite Pests Into the Classroom

Store food in airtight containers. Encourage your district to use less toxic "integrated pest management."

Choose Allergy-Friendly Classroom Pets



Avoid furry animals, or keep them caged and away from ventilation systems and sensitive students.



Help is available to address issues at your school site.

EPA's IAQ Tools for Schools Kit can help districts and teachers work together. www.epa.gov/iaq

Be an Early Warning System

Report unhealthy and uncomfortable conditions to building staff, including problems with odors, pests, vehicle exhaust, temperature and ventilation.

Indoor Air Quality Impacts the Ability of Teachers to Teach and Students to Learn

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