

Emergency Preparedness

Policy 4570

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Board Approved:

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Description:

An emergency is a sudden, unexpected occurrence requiring immediate action to stabilize a situation.

The Board of Education recognizes the importance of being prepared for various types of emergencies, both natural and human caused, that could occur in the school district. There is a need to have appropriate plans and procedures in place to deal with these emergencies at school and district facilities or involving school transportation.

It is important that information is communicated and made available to students, employees and parents about emergency plans and procedures established in the district.

The Superintendent of Schools will develop the plan and procedures to guide the district through any emergency.

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1. Direct responsibility for what may occur immediately following a response to a 911 call will lie with the Prime Responders (such as the RCMP, fire department, Regional Emergency Operation Center, or NHA Medical Officer). The District's first responsibility is to ensure the immediate safety of students and staff by activating the appropriate emergency plan.
2. A standardized emergency operations plan and procedures will be developed, implemented and maintained for all school, district facilities and school buses (See AP201 - [SD59 Peace River South School District Standardized Emergency Operations Plan](#)), and that:
 - 2.1. All employees shall be made aware of the emergency plans and procedures to be followed at their work site, to ensure their safety and the safety of others,
 - 2.2. Students and employees shall practice the emergency procedures implemented at their school or work site,
 - 2.3. Parents shall be advised of the emergency procedures developed at their child(ren)'s school(s).
 - 2.4. Plans will be posted at each school district site (Flip Chart)
 - 2.5. This policy shall be reviewed annually by the District Emergency Response Committee, and school plans shall be reviewed annually by school Joint Health & Safety Committees.
3. Other Supporting Documents:

[SD59 Pandemic Response Plan](#)

[School Critical Event Response Protocol](#)