

Indiana's State-Wide Deaf & Hard of Hearing Resource On & Off Campus

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RE: ISD Safety Committees

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The ISD will be reviewing and revising, as appropriate, all safety and emergency preparedness plans. The current Safe School Committee is being reorganized to ensure increased access for ISD staff, students, and parents. Effective January 7, 2013, ISD will coordinate both an Executive Safety Committee and an Advisory Safety Committee.

The Executive Safety Committee (ESC) has as its primary purpose to review and update current safety plans and emergency preparedness plans on an annual basis. In addition, the ESC will consider all valid and reasonable recommendations and concerns brought forth by the Advisory Safety Committee. The members of the ESC will include appropriate Administrative Team members and Operations Team members – all of which have the authority and ability to make decisions and effect appropriate change that will result in improved safety and security for ISD.

The Advisory Safety Committee (ASC) will include a larger number of members that cross-sects with all education and outreach components of ISD. The members of the ASC will be responsible for going back to their respective departments and leading discussions about school safety and providing feedback to the ESC for further improvements. The ASC will also include partner organizations, such as PTCO and Vincennes University and others. Parents who wish to serve on the ASC may do so by sending an email to safety@isd.k12.in.us and they will be added to the ASC meetings.

Anyone may send safety suggestions and recommendations to the following email account: safety@isd.k12.in.us – this email is monitored by administration and all appropriate and practical suggestions will be considered and reviewed by the ISD Executive Safety Committee.

The goals of the ISD Safety Committees will be first to swiftly improve safety and security in areas that have been identified by administration as high-risk, to assess all current safety plans and emergency procedures, and to present a completely revised safety and preparedness manual for implementation during the 2013-2014 school year.

Happy New Year!