Creating a Safe Space Within an Educational Community

LOCKDOWN DRILL PROCEDURES AND THE IMPORTANCE OF COMMUNICATION

PRESENTATION OVERVIEW

- Looking at statistics
- Our stories and experiences
- Proposed solutions
- Overview as a whole
- Possible time for questions

Washigton State requirement for school drills:

SCHOOLS SHALL CONDUCT AT LEAST ONE SAFETY RELATED DRILL PER MONTH

- Shelter in place
- Lockdown
- Evacuation

102 OUT OF 155

STUDENTS STATED THAT THEY DO NOT FEEL AS IF LOCKDOWN DRILLS AND/OR SCHOOL PROCEDURES REALLY PREPARE THEM FOR ANY LOCKDOWN INCIDENT

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STUDENTS STATED THAT THEY DO FEEL AS IF LOCKDOWN DRILLS AND/OR SCHOOL PROCEDURES REALLY PREPARE THEM FOR ANY LOCKDOWN INCIDENTS

OF STUDENTS STATED THAT THEY DO NOT FEEL PREPARED FOR A POSSIBLE LOCKDOWN

OUR STORIES AND OWN EXPERIENCE WITH THIS ISSUE

A STUDENT'S POINT OF VIEW

During these lock down drills we find that...

- Teachers are muddled in terms of whats really going on
- Teachers and administration lack communication to students when passing on vital information both during or after any lock down incident that may occur
- Students may feel disquieting and aggravating emotions when unaware of what's going on both during and after incidents
 - Students feel underprepared and unfamiliar with procedures

"A student's imagination is worse than reality."

- SS-SWAC YAC Representative

LAWS REGARDING MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL LOCK DOWN PROCEDURES SHOULD REQUIRE:

- Notifications well before lockdown drills and after incidents (such as through emails and PA announcements)
- Specific staff training concerning lock down drills, towards the beginning of the year
- More frequent (3-4 times a year) and standardized lock down drills
- Drills inside and outside the classroom (during lunch, assemblies, passing periods)
- Specification of what is and what is not a drill over the PA announcements during the initiation of the procedure

MAKINGIT BETTER THROUGH THESE PROPOSED SOLUTIONS

LETS MAKE IT WORK!

SCHEDULED DRILLS AND NOTIFICATION

To avoid unnecessary futile student anxiety and to clarify what is and what is not a drill

STANDARDIZED PROCEDURES IN VARIABLE SETTINGS

Students and staff should know what to do and should feel as confident in lock down procedures, regardless of location, as they are about any other drill (such as evacuation or hide in place)

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR LISTENING TO OUR PRESENTATION!

AT THIS TIME WE WILL BE ANSWERING ANY QUESTIONS! PLEASE FEEL FREE TO IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS TO RAISE YOUR HAND AND WE'LL GET TO YOU HOPEFULLY AT THIS TIME!

If we do not get to you today please contact our adviser Ella DeVerse ella.deverse@k12.wa.us and we'll get back to you as soon as we can!