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KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

KPBSD INFORMATION

School Safety: Drills, Conversations, and Focus

School safety is a top priority in the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District. What to do before, during, and after a school emergency, weather related delay start, or school closure is important. KPBSD regularly practices safety drills in schools, and includes law enforcement in [ALICE trainings](#) for school emergencies. The District strives for continuous improvement in school safety.

Specifically, in the past several weeks:

- KPBSD district office leadership held a mandatory meeting for all school administrators to discuss school safety. The candid conversation addressed preparation, drills, response to threats, school culture, mental health resources, legal and philosophical discussions about arming staff, what schools need from the district, and how to continue to create a safe culture for student learning.
- Superintendent Dusek and Assistant Superintendent Dave Jones met with Borough Mayor Pierce and his Chief of Staff to discuss current safety concerns and items to be addressed. The result is the district and borough will work together to address concerns to meet the priority of safety in KPBSD schools.
- Local law enforcement joined the Board of Education for a conversation about school safety prior to the March 5, 2018, school board meeting.
- Additional meetings are scheduled, and district leadership continues to discuss school safety, needed resources, and responses.

School Safety Drills

Safety drills train our students and staff what to do in an emergency, identify areas of focus and additional training, and work with law enforcement to become familiar with schools and aid in an emergency response. In addition to fire and earthquake drills, a minimum of two drills each year are required to focus on emergency responses to an intruder or active shooter. In 2014, KPBSD instituted the ALICE protocol response districtwide, and invested in training for administrators and local law enforcement. This was a fundamental paradigm shift in response to the potential of an armed intruder.

Action for Parents and Guardians

Kindly review KPBSD [Emergency Guidelines for Parents and Guardians](#), [ALICE School Safety Closure information](#), and make certain your contact information in PowerSchool is current.

Online links to review and share in social media posts:

- Communications blog post: [KPBSD Emergency Guidelines for Parents and Guardians](#)
- Communications blog post: [KPBSD School "Safety Closure" information](#)
- [School delays and closures protocol](#)

KPBSD: ONE DISTRICT, FORTY-FOUR DIVERSE SCHOOLS

The mission of the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District is to empower all learners to positively shape their futures.

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