2022 School Preparedness Questions for Parents

School Emergency Policies

- 1. How do parents find out about school emergency policies? In different languages?
- 2. How are Emergency contact forms distributed? Where kept? How often updated?
- 3. How are parents and/or care givers notified in emergencies?
- 4. What are student pick-up policies? Where are alternative pick-up locations ? Who is allowed to pick up your child? How will they be notified ? How will they be identified?

Emergency Drills

- 1. What threats does the school face because of location?
- 2. What emergency drills does the school hold?
- 3. Does the school train for evacuation as well as shelter-in-place?
- 4. Do parents know about when the drills are called and how they are conducted?
- 5. Who does the training and how often? Are results evaluated and shared?
- 6. Are substitute teachers included? Are bus drivers included?

Emergency Supplies and Equipment

- 1. What emergency food and water supplies are kept at school?
- 2. Do school busses carry any supplies?
- 3. What supplies and equipment are in the classroom in case of extended lockdown?
- 4. Where are first aid supplies located? What first aid training do staff members get?
- 5. What emergency equipment is on site? (fire extinguishers, AEDs, wheelchairs, etc.)
- 6. Who is trained in equipment use?

School Security

- 1. Describe the school's emergency communications system. Who gets emergency messages? How do parents get updates?
- 2. Does the school have a Resource Officer? Always on site? Armed?
- 3. Does the school have security cameras? Monitored? By whom?
- 4. What about audio sensors to detect aggressive voices, gun shots, calls for help?
- 5. Perimeter security? Fences, controlled entrance gate, locked doors?
- 6. Are school security features tested and monitored?

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