

## Function of the Safe Schools Subcommittee

The Safe Schools Subcommittee is one of two divisions of the campus “Whole Child Committee”. Their goal is to address mental health and stress related concerns facing staff and students and develop a plan to address these findings.

### Action Plan

- Collaborate with the Counseling Department in identifying strategies and opportunities
- Research services that are beyond current duties of the counselors which will enhance what they currently provide.
- In order to identify specific needs and trends on each campus, staff, students and parents will take the “Safe Schools Survey” annually. This will include general safety, drug use, suicide, mental health, bullying and peer abuse and healthy relationships.
- Using the results of the survey, each campus “Safe Schools Committee” will develop a plan to 1) address areas of concern from the Safe Schools Survey and 2) implement strategies to increase protective factors and decrease risk factors for social-emotional health of staff and students on their campus
- Each campus will develop a specific plan to increase student, family, staff and community connectedness.

### Measurable Outcomes

- ✓ The Student Ambassador teams on high school campuses will address student connectedness. The Student Ambassadors will be part of the campus “Safe Schools Subcommittee”.
- ✓ The Safe Schools Committee will meet monthly to discuss ongoing prevention efforts
- ✓ Establish classroom meetings to address prevention in suicide, substance abuse, dating violence, healthy relationships, peer mistreatment (bullying and harassment), discrimination and coping skills.
- ✓ Provide a report on research finding and survey results.
- ✓ There will be an annual training for all staff on drugs, bullying, suicide, dating violence and mental health. This will be achieved by 1) Having a counselor and assistant principal from each school attend a “Trainer of Trainers” workshop 2) The counselor and assistant principal will train staff on their campus. In addition to this general training, there will be specific training for counselors and administrators.
- ✓ Students receive training on bullying, suicide, healthy relationships, mental health and discrimination through classroom meetings, guidance lessons, health class, guest speakers, peer leaders and school wide assemblies. Students also receive individual assistance through counselors and other caring adults.