

AUGUST 25, 2024



Dear CPU Families, Staff, and Community Members:

In alignment with our mission to foster a safe and caring environment, which is at the heart of everything we do, I would like to share with you how our 2024-25 District Goals and Priorities reflect this commitment. Specifically, we are focusing on **Goal #2: Safe and Caring Environment** as one of our key goals for this year. This includes several activities and success indicators on how we will achieve Goal #2:

## **1. Communicate the District's Emergency Operation Plan**

While some internal details of our EOP cannot be shared for safety reasons, it outlines procedures for responding to various emergencies, including security threats, inclement weather, and natural disasters. It includes protocols for communication, evacuation, and coordination with local authorities. Above all, keeping doors locked and secure throughout the day is a major priority.

### **Key elements include:**

- **Timely and Accurate Communication:** Our primary focus is ensuring the safety and well-being of students and staff. Updates will be provided as promptly and accurately as possible. Please understand that immediate information may not always be available as we first need to assess and address the situation thoroughly.
- **Handling Atypical Situations:** Utilizing all available resources to address unusual or unforeseen circumstances.
- **Post-Event Review:** Regularly assessing and improving our response based on previous events.

## **2. Apply and Monitor School Safety Procedures, Protocols, and Drills**

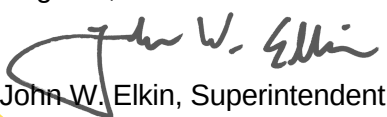
All school safety drills have been planned prior to the first day of school and will proceed as scheduled unless affected by inclement weather or unforeseen events. District leadership will monitor these drills for accountability and effectiveness and will review procedures as needed.

### **Additional Information**

- **Safe+Sound Anonymous Reporting:** On the home page of our website, [www.cpuschools.org](http://www.cpuschools.org), there is a dedicated link entitled "Safety Concerns" where anyone can report safety concerns or threats anonymously via the "Safe+Sound" system. You may also click the below image that will take you directly to this system.
- **Partnership with Law Enforcement Agencies:** The district maintains an ongoing partnership with Linn and Benton County law enforcement agencies for crisis management.
- **Character Strong Social Emotional Learning (SEL) Curriculum:** Focuses on building character, empathy, and emotional resilience in students.

Thank you for your support and cooperation as we work together to maintain a safe and caring environment for our students and staff.

Regards,

  
John W. Elkin, Superintendent



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