

Superintendent's Corner

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Preparing for a School Crisis

Hope for the best and prepare for the worst. My mom and dad would tell me that while I was growing up. In the school community, we also need to hope for the best and prepare for the worst.

Within the past month, we have been working with many of the city and county agencies to update our school crisis plan. This is the plan that is activated whenever there is an extreme emergency at the school, and there is a need to lockdown or evacuate the buildings. We also have to give thought to where we might evacuate to and to what services might be needed during and after an event. We are very lucky to have so many people and agencies in our community that were willing to help us update our plan and volunteer their time. In addition to a variety of school personnel, we had representatives from local law enforcement, the Indiana State Police, the Ohio County Health Department, 911 and Emergency Services, the Judge's office, Ohio County Division of Family and Children, Ohio County Parks and Recreation, and others who are willing to volunteer their time or facilities.

We are now reviewing the potential updates and will be bringing the revised plan to the School Board for their consideration. While all of the plan is not public because of the need to have multiple "safe zones" that are not known by a potential threat, it is important for parents and community members to know that the agencies in town are working together to provide the safest environment possible. As my parents told me hope for the best, but make sure you plan for the worst.