



Rural Education Council School Preparedness Fall 2018

At the October 2018 meeting of the Commissioner's Rural Education Council, a broad and interactive session on school preparedness between the Council and seven other state agencies/organization was held in order to identify themes, challenges, and opportunities in order to better leverage our resources across the state. The information below outlines the overall themes and resources that came out of our work.

Emergency and Crisis Planning

Overall Themes

- Capacity
 - Leveraging support from region/BOCES
 - Better and more coordination from support agencies (law enforcement, county planning, etc.)
- Identification of Best Practices and Supporting Resources
 - Common/consistent language and response
 - Plan maintenance
 - Concern around cost of security-related resources and maintenance of facilities and/or controlling cost escalation
- Coordination
 - Increased collaborative opportunities
 - Who should be involved?
 - Planning that takes into account different emergency scenarios (natural disaster vs. active shooter, etc.)

Resources

- Early Education Resources and Programming: <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cssrc/early-education>
- Templates/Tools/Best Practices: <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cssrc/cssrc-tools-and-templates>
- Trauma Aware Schools: <http://traumaawareschools.org/>
- CO Dept of Education Disaster Resource Page: <http://www.cde.state.co.us/disaster-resources>
- BEST: <http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdefinance/capconstbest>
- Disaster Recovery Efforts: <http://www.cde.state.co.us/disaster-resources#recovery>

Safety and Security Personnel

Overall themes:

- Need for Increased Funding Opportunities
 - Regional supports such as CSSRC regional support teams
 - Mobile regional threat assessment teams
- Framework for Operations
 - SRO National Model
 - Colorado State Patrol
 - Local sheriff offices
 - BOCES and/or regional supports
- Preventative Practices

- Connections to school culture (see resources in health/wellness section)
- Implementation of preventative and restorative practices, etc.
<https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cssrc/cssrc-tools-and-templates>
- Supports for students
- Process for information sharing
- Continuing Education
 - Aligning appropriate systems for ongoing training and support
 - CASE/CASB/CSDSIP/CSSRC
 - Training and support for staff, parents, community
 - SRO supports and ongoing training
 - County/District networking and education opportunities
 - Resource mapping, building relationships and partnerships, etc.

Resources

- CO Association of School Resource Officers: <https://casroinfo.org/>
- Colorado School Safety Resource Center: <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cssrc>

Health/Wellness/Climate

Overall Themes

- Preventative Action and Programming
 - Physical activity, nutrition
 - Social emotional learning
 - Bullying prevention
 - Suicide prevention
 - Connecting with families and caregivers
- Mental Health Resources and Support
 - Sustainable, ongoing support and strategies needed
 - More communication between agencies and schools, as well as information sharing
 - Joint trainings and support for agencies and schools
 - Engaging existing organizations and agencies
- Need for Increased Funding Opportunities

Resources

- Trauma Aware Schools: <http://traumaawareschools.org/>
- The National Child Traumatic Stress Network (training and continuing education contact hours available, free of charge): <https://learn.nctsn.org/>
- Colorado Center for Rural Health and Education (DU): <https://morgridge.du.edu/rural-center/>

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