4.5 Off-Site Evacuation

This action is taken after a decision is made that it is unsafe to remain on the campus, and evacuation to an off-site assembly area is required.

Description of Action

1. The Principal will make the following announcement on the PA system. If the PA system is not available, the Principal will use other means of communication, i.e., sending messengers to deliver instructions. The Principal should be calm, convey reassuring comments that the situation is under control and give clear directions.

"YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE. WE NEED TO INSTITUTE AN OFF-SITE EVACUATION. TEACHERS ARE TO TAKE THEIR STUDENTS TO THE OFF-SITE ASSEMBLY AREA AND REPORT TO THEIR DESIGNATED AREA. STUDENTS ARE TO REMAIN WITH THEIR TEACHER. TEACHERS NEED TO TAKE THEIR ROLL BOOK AND LOCK THE CLASSROOM WHEN ALL STUDENTS HAVE EXITED THE CLASSROOM."

- 2. The Principal will determine the safest method for evacuating the campus. This may include the use of school buses or simply walking to the designated off-site location. The off-site assembly areas vary depending on the situation.
- 3. Teachers will secure the student roster when leaving the building and take attendance once the class is assembled in a pre-designated safe location.
- 4. Once assembled off-site, teachers and students will stay in place until further instructions are given.
- 5. In the event clearance is received from appropriate agencies, the Principal may authorize students and staff to return to the classrooms.
- 6. Parents will be notified vis the All Call System where the students can be picked up.

5.12 Flooding

This procedure applies whenever storm water or other sources of water inundate or threaten to inundate school grounds or buildings. Flooding may occur as a result of prolonged periods of rainfall, where the school would have sufficient time to prepare. Alternatively, flooding may occur without warning, as a result of damage to water distribution systems, or a failure of a nearby man-made dam.

Procedure

- 1. The School Administrator will initiate appropriate Immediate Response Actions, which may include SHELTER-IN-PLACE, EVACUATE BUILDING, or OFF-SITE EVACUATION, as described in Section 4.0.
- 2. The School Administrator will notify "911" and will describe the nature and extent of the flooding.
- 3. The School Administrator will keep a battery-powered radio tuned to a local radio station for information.
- 4. If the School Administrator issues the EVACUATE BUILDING or OFF-SITE EVACUATION action, staff and students will evacuate affected buildings using prescribed routes or other safe routes to the Assembly Area.
- 5. In the event of an evacuation, Teachers will bring their student roster and take attendance at the Assembly Area to account for students. Teachers will notify the Assembly Area Team of missing students.
- 6. The School Administrator will notify the Local District Superintendent of the emergency situation. A member of this group will activate the All Call System with information on this situation.
- 7. As appropriate, the School Administrator will activate Parent Alert System as referenced in Section 6.0.
- 8. The School Administrator will initiate an OFF-SITE EVACUATION, as described in Section 4.0 if warranted by changes in conditions