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TO THE ADMINISTRATOR ADDRESSED:

SUBJECT: Multi-Hazard Emergency Operations Plan

With the passing of Senate Bill 11 (SB11) during the 79th Regular Legislative Session, Texas took great strides to ensure the safety of every student and employee throughout the state. SB11 requires that each school district adopt and implement a multi-hazard emergency operations plan. The plan must address mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery. District employees must receive training on how to respond to emergencies and organize mandatory drills with the coordination of local emergency management agencies. Additionally, a security audit of the district facilities must be conducted every three years and reported to each district's board of trustees. To the extent possible, a district shall follow security audit procedures developed by the Texas School Safety Center or a comparable public or private entity.

To assist districts, the Texas School Safety Center (TxSSC) will be providing the Emergency Operations Planning (EOP) training through the Regional Education Service Centers so districts may become compliant with the mandates of SB11. Because this act took effect on September 1, 2005, it is important to contact the respective education service centers for dates of training. By March 1, 2006, each district must adopt a multi-hazard emergency operations plan as required by Section 37.108, Education Code.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank TxSSC for their efforts to assist school districts implement the requirements of SB11. If you have any questions, contact TxSSC at 877.245.8082 or visit the website at www.txssc.txstate.edu.

Thank you for your continued support and efforts in ensuring the safety of our schools and our children.

Sincerely,

Shirley J. Neeley, Ed D.
Commissioner of Education

Good. Better. Best—never let it rest—until your good is better—and your better is BEST!