

## **Executive Summary: ROE District Annual Review of Safety Plans, Protocols, Procedures, and School Safety Drills Report**

In accordance with the School Safety Drill Act (Public Act 094-0600), Meridian CUSD #223 conducted its mandatory annual review of school emergency and crisis response plans on April 16, 2026. This review ensures that our district maintains standards for safety drills and fosters vital collaboration between school officials and local first responders.

### **Summary of Participation**

The review meeting included a comprehensive group of stakeholders to ensure diverse expertise in the planning process:

- District Leadership: Superintendent, Director of Safety and Operations, and Director of Health Services.
- First Responders: Representatives from Stillman Valley, Monroe Center Township, and Lynn-Scott Rock Fire Departments, alongside the District School Resource Officer.
- School Board & Staff: BOE Member John Smith, the Director of Transportation, and the Monroe Center Grade School Principal.

### **Key Improvements & Recommended Changes**

The committee identified several strategic enhancements to our current safety protocols and infrastructure:

#### 1. Protocol & Training Enhancements

- Standardized Response: Successfully implemented the Standard Response Protocol (SRP) from the “I Love U Guys” Foundation district-wide.
- Specialized Training: Three staff members completed ALICE instructor training; district-wide reunification training is set for April 24, 2026.
- Mutual Aid: Formed a partnership with Oregon and Byron school districts to share resources during post-emergency reunifications.

#### 2. Facilities & Technology Upgrades

- Communication Systems: Upgraded PA systems are active at Highland, Monroe Center, and the Junior High, with SVHS upgrades pending.

- **Physical Security:** Scheduled summer installation for new storefronts at the high school and door upgrades at Monroe Center and the Junior High to ensure proper latching and security.
- **Digital Tools:** The district is exploring safety management apps to replace CrisisGo for real-time staff communication.

### 3. Operational Adjustments

- **Drill Strategy:** Evaluated the use of fire alarms versus automated voice features during drills and committed to more strategic use of fire departments for feedback.
- **Visibility:** Plans are underway to label exterior doors internally to help occupants accurately direct emergency personnel.

### **Certification of Compliance**

As required by Section 25 of the Act, the district confirms the following:

- **Effectiveness:** A thorough review of all emergency protocols and drill programs was completed.
- **Implementation:** The district is prepared to implement these updated plans and programs.
- **Reporting:** Threat assessment procedures have been filed with local law enforcement and the Regional Office of Education.

### **Recommendation**

The Administration recommends the Board of Education consider the approval of the ROE District Annual Review of Safety Plans, Protocols, Procedures, and School Safety Drills Report. Following board approval, a signed copy will be submitted to the Regional Superintendent of Schools to maintain our standing of full compliance with State safety mandates.