

Executive Summary

Prepared for Board of Trustees Meeting
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Senate Bill 11 Update On Compliance for Safety, Security and Emergency Planning

Purpose of Report – to update board of trustees on status of Senate Bill 11 requirements for security audits and multi-hazard emergency planning and preparedness

Objectives

- provide background on requirements of Senate Bill 11
- inform board of status of compliance, accomplishments, needed improvements
- highlight collaboration with city, county, and other municipalities in the four phases of emergency management - mitigation and prevention, preparedness, response and recovery

Operational Impact

Security audits are being done almost exclusively with existing staff from operations, food service, curriculum, counseling and technology, coordinated by the director of health services. It is time-intensive, involving a lot of man hours, and we have explored the possibility of outside agencies (very expensive) and campus-based teams auditing other campuses. Each route has advantages and disadvantages involving expense, both in actual funds and time, objectivity, knowledge base, and accountability/follow-up.

The EOP revisions are also time-intensive, and must involve input/decisions from administration; actual costs outside of time could range from just some printing costs per building all the way to supplying "go kits" (a strong recommendation from the Texas School Safety Center) for each teacher and staff member, and an administrative crisis kit for each building administrator. Those costs could easily run into the \$25,000 range, and the kits would require upkeep and restocking.

Results The results will be a heightened awareness of emergency response, a more well-prepared administration and staff at the campus and district levels, buildings that are more secure and safer for our students, employees, and the community, all contributing to a school environment that supports student success at a most basic foundational level.

Other Options It is a mandate, so we have to comply. It's our decision to determine if and how far beyond the minimal requirements we want to proceed.