



## Monona Grove School District

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Dear Monona Grove School District Families,

Earlier this month, I sent [a letter covering several safety updates](#) in the District. Among those updates was a note that we are in the process of comprehensive updates to our District and School Safety Plans, including the terminology and definitions of emergency procedures.

The District Safety Committee--along with our District Student Resource Officers and Administrative Team--have created, reviewed, and finalized the [new terminology](#). Please read it carefully and begin to familiarize yourself with the terms, definitions, and associated actions. In our classrooms, schools, and as a District, we will continue to talk about the terms and actions listed here as they relate to our overall safety plans.

It is my hope that you will use this document as a resource to be informed in the event of an incident and also as a conversation starter with your children to reflect on school safety. Reminders of safe practices help us to make good decisions about personal safety. You can help by reinforcing the following concepts at home:

- Self-confidence comes from trying things that are difficult and get easier as we practice them.
- There are many solutions and options when faced with a problem.
- When we are prepared for difficult situations, we make informed decisions and have more control.
- Our children are smart and capable, when they have the knowledge about how to prepare and respond.
- Help your child identify and assess possible crisis situations.
- Have your child explain the different safety drills they practice at school and when they use them.
- Discuss the importance of following the teacher's directions at all times.

We continue to update and improve all areas of our safety plans and are committed to keeping you informed and involved. The safety section of our website is still growing, but you can access this document and other resources by clicking [here](#).

As always, if you have questions, comments, or suggestions, please don't hesitate to email or call me.

Sincerely,

Dan Olson  
Superintendent