

## **DISTRICT #31 SAFETY SUB-COMMITTEE**

Student and staff safety is our number one priority in District #31. Each school year, in the fall, the District Safety Committee meets with the local police and fire department officials to review both schools' safety drills and the District's Emergency and Crisis Plan. This year's meeting resulted in the formation of a Safety Sub-Committee.

The purpose of the Sub-Committee is as follows:

1. Identify relocation and reunification sites for both schools in preparation for any necessary evacuations
2. Review the potential new law regarding lockdown drills, determine any needed changes to our lockdown procedures, and identify needed staff and student training
3. Consider additional staff training
4. Identify potential facility updates to increase safety (entry ways, buzzers to police, etc.) and prepare recommendations for the BOE

Sub-Committee members include representatives of multiple District stakeholders including parents, classroom teachers, student service staff, educational support staff, buildings and grounds, the business department, building and District administration, and school and District office staff. Members of the Sub-committee include the following:

**Student Support Services:**

Katherine LePine - Winkelman  
Sandi Newman - Field

**Classroom Teachers:**

Allison Gebert - Winkelman K-2  
Kelly Levy - Winkelman 3-5  
Julia Mazzetti - Field 6-8

**Educational Support Services:**

Brian Greene - Instructional Assistant

**Buildings & Grounds:**

Ed Blankenheim - B & G Director

**Business Department:**

Cathy Lauria - CSBO

**Building Administration:**

Dana Tamez - Winkelman Principal  
Dr. Erin Murphy - Field Principal

**School and District Office Staff:**

Chris Braun - Winkelman  
Kathy Sullivant - Field  
Lori Hartl-Merrill - District

**Parents:**

Vicky Perna - Winkelman  
Dimitria Arvanitis - Winkelman  
Lisa Ryno - Field

**Chairperson:**

Dr. Alexandra Nicholson, Superintendent

The first meeting of the District Safety Sub-Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, November 15th. Several additional meetings will take place throughout this school year, and recommendations will be made to the Board of Education regarding any facility safety updates this spring. Parent and staff input will be sought along the way, and Sub-Committee updates will be provided for informational purposes.

Any questions regarding the District Safety Sub-Committee should be directed to Dr. Alexandra Nicholson, Superintendent of Schools at [anicholson@district31.net](mailto:anicholson@district31.net) or at 847-313-4418.