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LPSD CRISIS PLANNING TEAM MEETS AHEAD OF 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR

Lonoke, Ark. — Tuesday, June 28, the LPSD Crisis Planning Team met to discuss emergency response plans for the 2022-2023 school year. In light of recent events and following the governor's effort to increase school safety in our state, the team reviewed and enhanced the current Emergency Operations Plan.

While the EOP is remaining fundamentally the same, officials from the Lonoke Fire Department and the Lonoke Police Department helped LPSD district officials make adjustments to the procedures where necessary. Building administrators have been advised on how to prepare staff and students to follow safety protocol during a fire or tornado, in a lockdown, and during an active shooter situation.

Closer to the first day of school, LPSD will inform parents and the community of the emergency response procedures for the 2022-2023 school year. It is important to remember that not all information and procedures will be made known ahead of time. During a crisis situation, decisions will be made in the moment with the best interests of students and staff in mind.

Present in Tuesday's meeting were LPSD Superintendent Jeff Senn, LHS Principal Fran Howard, LMS Principal Jeannie Holt, LMS Assistant Principal Rosalynd Kelleybrew, LES Principal Jennifer Holland, LPS Principal Jana Terrell, Business Academy Administrator Chris Norton, Director of Maintenance and Operations Duane Peckat, Director of Compliance Karen Gibbs, Director of Curriculum Melissa Edwards, Director of Communication Rachel Starks, School Resource Officer Lt. Malcolm Cole, Lonoke Chief of Police Matt Edwards, Lonoke Fire Chief Justin Whittenburg, and Walker Bevill of the Lonoke Fire Department.

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