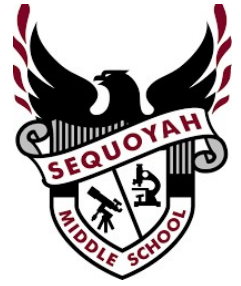




Sequoyah Middle School

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Sequoyah Families,

Here in Federal Way Public Schools, we have effective staff and systems in place every day to make our schools a safe place for teaching and learning. The safety of your child and all children in our schools, as well as the safety of school staff and support personnel, is at the forefront of everything we do.

Last year, Superintendent Dr. Tammy Campbell outlined our commitment to school safety and identified the action steps to we would take to demonstrate this commitment. One of these includes strengthening our partnership with our local law enforcement and fire department in order to enhance our schools' specific emergency and crisis response plans including conducting drills (fire, lockdown, evacuation and earthquake). Another action step we continue to implement is our active assailant (formerly known as active shooter training) training for students and staff. An assailant is any person(s) who enters school grounds with intent to actively harm (i.e. active shooter(s), intruder(s) with a dangerous weapon or device).

Over the next few weeks, all schools will be showing a video to students that outline scenarios that could involve an active assailant using the "Run-Hide-Fight" approach. The video will specifically train students on the use of three strategies. These strategies are to run, to hide, or to fight and are explained one by one in the video. On Thursday, December 6th during advisory our teachers will show this video to our students. Classroom teachers will use developmentally appropriate classroom discussion strategies to support student conversation. The 4 minute video was produced in partnership with the Federal Way Police department and is based on national best practice and can be accessed here if you would like to preview this video: <http://fwps.org/gr6to12safetyvideo>.

We value your partnership and understand that some parents/guardians may not want their child to watch the video, particularly if the child has been through past trauma. I have provided the link below to the video for your review. We also understand that some students might express concern and/or anxiety, and we will have our counselors available for students throughout the day. If you would like to opt your child out of participating, or if you would like to come and be with your child during this training, please use the form below and turn it into (insert location/person here). If you decide to opt your child out, we will have a place for your child to go.

Again, providing a positive and safe learning environment, where each scholar thrives is our highest priority. Emergency preparedness is a critical component. If you have any questions about the Run, Hide, Fight preparedness response training, please contact me directly.

Thank you,

Principal McCarthy

FWPS/FWPD: Run Hide Fight: Active Assailant Video

Date_____

Student Name_____ Parent/Guardian Signature_____

- I am opting my child out of the Run-Hide-Fight training.
- I would like to attend the training with my child.