

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
EMERGENCY RESPONSE & CRISIS MANAGEMENT GRANT

ABSTRACT

Schools have been a “safe haven” for children for centuries and El Dorado County schools strive to ensure this will continue to be the case. Families trust our teachers and administrators to keep their children safe while attending our schools. Emergencies and disasters do occur so we must be prepared to deal with any .

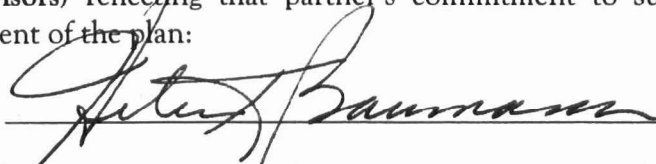
El Dorado County Office of Education and its fifteen districts were awarded an Emergency Response and Crisis Management Grant from the U.S. Department of Education in 2003, and we are applying for this grant again. We have spent the last several years working closely with state and local agencies to refine and strengthen our safety and emergency plans. El Dorado County schools have set up Incident Management Teams which have all received S.E.M.S. Training. This training was provided by El Dorado County Sheriff's OES Department. We will again ask for their assistance to incorporate N.I.M.S., the National Incident Management System, into our school safety plans.

First responders from such local agencies as fire, police, environmental management, mental and public health, and hospitals all work together with our schools to ensure that we plan and prepare for a natural disaster or unexpected emergency. One of the top priorities for this next year is to complete a county-wide pandemic flu plan.

Our ability to provide a safe, supportive learning and working environment for all students and staff continues to be a top priority for all of us in El Dorado County.

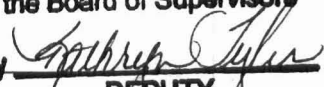
Below is a signature representing our head of local government (El Dorado County Board of Supervisors) reflecting that partner's commitment to sustainability and continuous improvement of the plan:

Signature: _____



Title: Helen K. Baumann Chairman

ATTEST: CINDY KECK, Clerk
of the Board of Supervisors

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Description of roles and responsibilities in the strengthening and improving of the plan:

The El Dorado County Board of Supervisors is fully committed to working with the El Dorado County Office of Education, all school districts and schools within the county, and other emergency planners and responders, to plan and implement a county-wide program that meets all requirements of the Emergency Response and Crisis Management grant program administered by the U.S Department of Education's Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools. The El Dorado County Board of Supervisors is committed to providing support services for sustainability and continuous improvement of the plan including:

1. Providing support for local agencies to work as partners with the El Dorado County Office of Education and our schools to continually improve emergency response plans;
2. Participating in county-wide emergency planning meetings when applicable;
3. Committing to provide continuous support to ensure long term sustainability after the grant funds have ended.