

KEENEYVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT 20

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Dear Keeneyville District 20 Families

The safety of our students, staff, and visitors is a top priority for District 20. This week we recognize **Safe Schools Week** (October 16-22) and students across the district will engage in safety-related lessons and activities. Throughout out the week, we will also share information about the District's multi-tiered approach for school safety and emergency preparedness and resources for our families.

Monday School Building Safety
Tuesday Student Supports

Wednesday D20 United Against Bullying

Thursday Bus Safety & Drop-Off/Pick-Up Safety
Friday Safety Is A Shared Responsibility

A safe school is a place where learning can occur in a welcoming environment, free of intimidation, violence, and fear. District 20 is dedicated to providing a safe environment for our children so they can focus on learning and growing. Safe school planning is an ongoing and collaborative partnership that includes local emergency responders, community members, social service networks, parents, students, staff, and administrators. District 20's comprehensive safety and security planning is detailed in a D20 Emergency Operations Plan, which addresses all four phases of emergency and disaster management: prevention, preparation, response, and recovery. Our safety planning and supports include both the physical safety and social emotional well-being of our students and staff.

We have created a <u>D20 Safety and Security</u> webpage to share information about important safety initiatives and enhancements in our district. This section is intended to serve as a one-stop-shop for families to find answers to broad safety and security questions. It should be noted that the complete scope of District's emergency and crisis response planning and preparedness cannot be described publicly in order to maintain the security of our safety protocols and procedures. Of course, if you have questions or concerns that are not addressed on our website, please reach out to your school or district office for assistance.

School safety is a shared responsibility, and we are grateful for the support from our staff, students, families, and community to help keep our buildings safe and secure.

Please stay safe and well.

Sincerely,

Dr. Omar Castillo Superintendent of Schools Keeneyville ESD 20