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**Important Crisis Response Information Letter for Parents – PLEASE READ!!!**

We want you to be aware that Desert Edge High School has made many preparations to deal effectively and realistically with emergency situations that could occur in or around the school while your child is arriving, in class, or leaving school. While we hope that a natural disaster or other serious incident never occurs, our goal is to be prepared for any potential emergency. It will always be our priority to protect all students, staff, and visitors, from harm and we pledge ourselves to that cause.

For our crisis response plan to be effective, we depend on the cooperation and assistance of many people, such as the police and fire departments. We also depend on you, as parents, to support our crisis response efforts. Your cooperation is vital to helping us protect the safety and welfare of all our students and school employees.

Therefore, we ask parents to observe the following procedures related to school crisis:

1. Talk to your children and emphasize how important it is for them to follow instructions from their teachers, school officials, and emergency responders during any school emergency.
2. During an emergency, please do not telephone the school. We understand and respect your concern for your child, yet it is essential that the telephone system be available for emergency communications. Additionally, if our school is in lockdown then no staff will be available to answer the phone, as they will be working hard to protect your students and themselves from the active threat.
3. Instructions on where you should go for more information and where and when you may be able to pick up your student will be communicated through:
  - a) Remind Cellular Text Message
  - b) Email and Phone Dialers
  - c) School Website
  - d) Local TV Stations
4. Do not come to the school unless instructed to do so. We realize how difficult it will be for you to keep your distance from the school, but this will be crucial to keep surrounding streets and parking lots clear from emergency vehicles. Parents' vehicles at or near the school could impede medical aid responders from arriving and departing from the school with your students or other victims. Emergency responders might also be forced to divert attention from the critical crisis response to address or protect parents. A parent's presence at the scene of the crisis could endanger not only themselves, but students and staff members as well. In the event of a severe crisis, you must report to a designated off-campus location where you will be met by a school representative to provide you with up-to-date crisis information, and where you may also be reunited with your student if the school is evacuated. You will be notified of this location via the message options listed above.

We are proud that Desert Edge High School is a safe school, and we are doing everything possible to keep it that way. We appreciate your cooperation and support. If you have any questions about this letter or any other aspect of our school safety procedures, please contact Julie Jones, Principal, at 623-932-7500 ext. 3001.

Sincerely,

Julie Jones  
Desert Edge Principal