



Overview of the Standard Response Protocol

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Desired Outcomes

- To provide current overview of our emergency response protocols.
- To provide insight into the “why” we are exploring a major improvement in emergency response protocols.
- To provide an overview of the “Standard Response Protocol” for emergency response.
- Provide opportunity to engage in discussion

Overview of WCPSS Current Emergency Response Protocol

Currently to address emergencies at WCPSS:

Code Yellow

Community Emergency
Threat is near the
school / facility but not
directed at the school or
facility.

Code Red

Site based Emergency
Threat is on property or
inside the school or
facility.

Code Green

The emergency is clear.
The threat has either
left the area, is resolved
or otherwise deemed to
be safe. All normal
operations can resume.

Overview of WCPSS Current Emergency Response Protocol

Currently to address emergencies at WCPSS:

Fire Alarm

Currently used to evacuate the school or facility, regardless of the reason for the evacuation.

Severe Weather Alert

This places the school or facility in a condition where occupants need to shelter in place.

Code Green

The emergency is clear. The threat has either left the area, is resolved or otherwise deemed to be safe. All normal operations can resume.



Why Change?

Components of the Standard Response Protocol (SRP):

- The Standard Response Protocol allows for more flexibility in managing emergencies than current model
- Aligns with recommendations made from the 2019 SSAC Assessment
- Aligns with our Strategic Plan by way of:
 - Core Belief #4,
 - Priority #3
 - Aim #18



The Standard Response Protocol

- Meets NIMS compliance of “plain language”
- Provides an “All hazards approach” to emergency response
- Solves the need for protective action between Code Red and Yellow
- Is being used by other NC districts and gaining national acceptance as an industry best practice

The Standard Response Protocol

**The building blocks of crisis response.
An institutional all-hazards approach.**



Hold



Secure



Lockdown



Evacuate



Shelter



The Standard Response Protocol

- SECURE - This is a similar action to the WCPSS Code Yellow
- **HOLD** - This is a new action to WCPSS, keeps students in classrooms, out of hallways. Best described as action between Code Red and Yellow.
- LOCKDOWN - This is a similar action to the WCPSS Code Red.
- EVACUATION - This action is used to move occupants into or out of certain parts of the building.
- SHELTER - This action is used to move occupants into a shelter in place condition within the building.

Dialogue and Questions