

EVACUATION POLICY:

As a larger community interested in supporting the well-being of our school community, how many of you really feel confident that if there were a major crisis in our school buildings that every one would be accounted for, and that we are really clear on our role or the role of our faculty in helping one another be safe and/or get to safety. Yes, we always focus on the kids, but how often do we brainstorm varying kinds of crises and try to predict or troubleshoot what might come our way? Have we done enough?

Recently there have been examples in the media that have brought attention to the fact that even if we think we're prepared for a problem, we are often not as prepared as we truly need to be!

Another looming question: DO WE HAVE A PLAN B?

What has our district done to predict and minimize problems when an evacuation of our schools is necessary? If the plan is in place and on paper, do we feel confident we can execute it efficiently and safely.

NY TIME OP ED, Paul Krugman wrote: "Thousands of Americans are dead or dying not because they refused to evacuate, but because they couldn't do it without help"

KATRINA, COLUMBINE, 9/11...these are some incidents that point up that we need to be even more vigilant than we have ever been. Yes, we've put some things in place as required by law...but, have we become too blasé about what those things are or need to be?

I give you my colleagues who will continue to make the case for the creation of a stronger district policy on evacuation that deals with these concerns.