

April 12, 2021

Dear Marysville School District Families,

## Safety First as More Students Return for In-Person Learning

The safety of our students is a top priority in our schools and district. A rigorous safety plan will be implemented as schools welcome middle and high school students back to school on April 14.

Additional steps will be taken to ensure that each student feels safe and free from any form of discrimination, including race and gender, or any other form of threats, discrimination, harassment, intimidation, and bullying (HIB). Administrators and school staff will have strict protocols in place, and the district is also asking parents, guardians, and community members to help by learning how they, students, and others, can report discrimination, threats, and HIB. While reports can be made to teachers, counselors, administrators, or other trusted school personnel, the school district uses *SafeSchools Alert* for receiving and monitoring reports. Each incident reported is assigned a tracking number for timely follow-up and monitoring the status of the report. Reports are accepted via text: (360) 799-5414, email: 1248@alert1.us, phone call: (360) 799-5414, or on the web at <a href="https://msvl-wa.safeschoolsalert.com/">https://msvl-wa.safeschoolsalert.com/</a> 24-hours a day, 7 days a week. If the incident is an emergency, call 911.

The Safety Plan for the return of middle and high school students includes increased supervision and staff on campuses, check-in's with students and staff along with counseling services, and training for staff on addressing unsafe or discriminatory behavior and acts in the classroom.

In addition, our school and district leaders are committed to:

- Ongoing communication around questions and concerns raised by students, parents/guardians, and staff
- Communicating plans and protocols with teachers and support staff
- Notifying and partnering with law enforcement when a threat or hate incident occurs
- Providing more access to counseling services and resources
- Having more diverse voices at the decision-making table
- Training teachers on reporting incidents and classroom safety

School staffs (teachers, counselors) will:

- Listen to students' reports and respond to reports in a timely, culturally responsive, and effective manner
- Participate in classroom conversations about safety including racism, hate, threats, and all forms of discrimination
- Have ongoing communication when questions and concerns are raised by students, parents/guardians, and staff
- Share reporting steps ensuring that all students and families know where to report racism, hate, threats, and all forms of discrimination
- Follow-up and check-in with students and families as needed

How can parents and guardians help?

- Have a conversation with your child about their trusted adults at school to determine a "go to" person to talk to if they have a problem
- Encourage your child(ren) to report incidents of HIB, racial discrimination, hate, or any other forms of discrimination immediately to school counselors, teachers, or administrators (SafeSchools Alert)
- Contact teacher(s), principal, or other trusted adult at school if you or your child has a concern

To read the full content or download a copy of the Safety Plan, click HERE.

For questions related to student safety, contact Greg Dennis, Director of Student Safety and Security, at <a href="mailto:qreg\_dennis@msd25.org">qreg\_dennis@msd25.org</a>, or call (360) 965-0000, or your school's administrator.

Sincerely,

Lori Knudson

Acting Superintendent

Enc; Reporting HIB, Hate, Threats, Discrimination



Marysville School District

## Report It

Vector Alert is our district's tip reporting service. If you have information about a threat to our safety, do your part and report it! And remember, you can remain anonymous.









## FOR EMERGENCIES, PLEASE CALL 911

## EASY WAYS TO REPORT REPORT ON:



Visit the website http://1248.alert1.us



Email your Tip to 1248@alert1.us



Call to report your tip 360,799,5414



Text your Tip to 360,799.5414

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**Our District Code is: 1248** 

All tips submitted are taken seriously and will be acted upon. Please be responsible with your submissions.

