

Readiness and Emergency Management for Schools (REMS) in Cherry Creek Schools 2016-17

As a result of funds received from the Emergency Response and Crisis Management (ERCM) grant from the Office of Safe and Drug Free Schools, all leadership and school safety/crisis teams in the Cherry Creek Schools have been implementing this comprehensive school safety model. We have continued to develop updated and effective emergency response plans and procedures that align with state and federal Homeland Security Emergency Management and the National Incident Management System (NIMS).

Cherry Creek Schools has established responsive partnerships with our community agencies, trained key staff to provide for the emotional impact of a crisis on students and staff, and developed sustainable training materials and crisis response kits for our school safety teams. In 2011, the ERCM process was renamed *Readiness and Emergency Management for Schools (REMS)* to reflect our continuous proactive approach to school safety. We are committed to continuing this thoughtful and integrated effort with REMS training.

We would also like to take this opportunity to inform parents about new changes to the Cherry Creek School District's website that now give parents needed information about school safety and related issues. The website explains the district's efforts to provide for both the physical and psychological safety of our children, and gives parents links to excellent online resources. This section of the district website continues to be under construction and materials will be updated as needed. You can view the information by going to <http://www.cherrycreekschools.org/SafeSchools/Pages/default.aspx> and selecting the Safety & Security Quick Links

Topics and information include:

- What to Do in the Event of an Emergency
- Information about the CCSD Comprehensive Safe Schools Plan
- Raptor Visitor Management program
- Care Line Information (Revised 2011)
- Other Resources, Links and/or Handouts:
 - Bullying/Harassment
 - Crisis Resources
 - Internet Safety
 - Parenting
 - Personal Safety (neighborhood, strangers, etc.)
 - Violence Prevention

For more information about your school's crisis and safety planning, please contact your school's Principal. For further information about REMS planning in the schools, please contact Randy Councill, Director of Safety and Security, 720-554-4489, or Ronald Lee, Psy.D. Mental Health Director, 720-554-4252, co-chairs of the Safe School Design Team for the school district.

Thank you for your support of the district's 2012 bond election in helping us provide training for all staff and making our schools safe for every child!