



Robert O. Hastings  
Superintendent  
480 Marshburn Drive  
Bronson, FL 32621  
352-486-5231

Bobby McCallum  
Sheriff  
P.O. Drawer 1719  
Bronson, FL 32621  
352-486-5111



## PARENTS' GUIDE TO LEVY COUNTY SCHOOLS CRITICAL INCIDENT RESPONSE PLANS

This short guide is intended to help parents and guardians understand the Critical Incident Response Plans that are in place in all Levy County public schools and to understand the part that parents/guardians play in those plans.

First, rest assured that Levy County public schools do have Critical Incident Response Plans in place. For security reasons, the details of these plans are not made public but you can be confident that not only are plans in place, they are also practiced, drilled, and evaluated to keep personnel as up to date and prepared as possible. The safety of our students is our highest priority.

Here are a few things that you as parents/guardians can do to help us keep your student(s) safe in the event of a critical incident at school.

### In the Event of a Critical Incident at Your Child's School:

1. **DO NOT GO TO THE SCHOOL UNLESS INSTRUCTED TO DO SO.** Each school has predetermined parent staging areas for parents to wait until it is safe to reunite you with your child. These areas will be staffed with District personnel and Law Enforcement personnel to keep you updated and apprised of the situation as it unfolds. We understand that every parent's instinct is to rush to their child's side when danger is near but you must understand that by going to the school you are hampering our ability to implement our safety plans and therefore slowing down our response to the incident at hand. Further, by being an unidentified person on the campus you are placing yourself in serious danger during the Law Enforcement response to the incident.
2. Please cooperate with District and Law Enforcement personnel. Your child's safety is our utmost concern; please allow us to focus all of our attention and energy towards keeping them safe and not on controlling uncooperative parents. Further, in this day and age of cell phones, Instant Messages, and Social Media it is very easy for misinformation or rumors to circulate very rapidly. Please be mindful that rumors, misinformation and the circulating of names of potentially involved persons can also impede the safe resolution of the incident. The District and Law Enforcement will be using social media to update the public as they can as events unfold.
3. Keep your child's Emergency Card current with up to date contact information for parents/guardians. In the event of a critical incident we want to reunite you with your child as quickly as we safely can. Having current contact information will help us accomplish this.

By following these few requests you can greatly assist in helping us keep your child safe during a critical incident.