

# Prevention & Preparedness

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# Agenda

- Welcome and Conversation Framing
- Open Questions to All Superintendents
- Superintendent Lessons Learned
- Q&A and Facilitated Discussion
- Closing Takeaways



# Prepare for Emergencies

## *Know How to Respond & Recover*

- School emergency management requires a proactive approach centered on Emergency Operations Plans (EOPs).
- Preparedness activities increase a school's ability to respond effectively when a disaster occurs.
- Take action before a disaster strikes to better cope with the impacts of a disaster.



# Questions & Discussion

- Who is the first responder when an emergency occurs at school?
- What is the average response time for your first responders?
- Share a recent incident, identifying obstacles that were encountered in resolving the situation and any practice or procedure you found to be helpful.



# Questions & Discussion *(continued)*

- What methods of communication do you use to communicate during an emergency?
- How do you practice each method?



# Superintendent Lessons Learned

- What are some key steps your district has taken to increase safety and security measures? Who are your key partners in that work?
- How do you and your team ensure that you're staying on top of everything and preparing for any possibility?
- What training do you give educators and school support staff?
- How important are established relationships when a leader faces a crisis?



# Superintendent Lessons Learned

- As a superintendent, what do you need to be prepared to do for your principals when they face their most challenging moments as school leaders?
- How has your district's approach to school safety changed and evolved over the years?
- What would you recommend other superintendents think about to prepare them for their own potential emergency crisis? What do they need to focus on in the moment when a crisis occurs?



# Closing Takeaways

- Transform safety planning into daily readiness by moving plans into practices that all staff can understand, trust, and utilize.
- Relationships built/strengthened *before* an emergency become an operational advantage *during* an emergency.
- [TDOE School Safety Resources and Information](#)





# Questions/Assistance?

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