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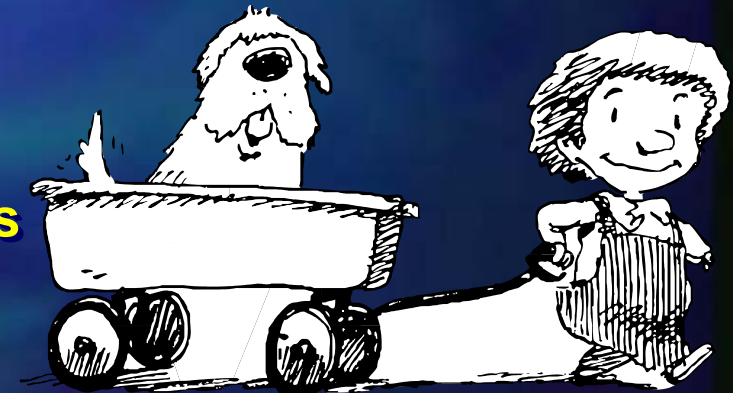
**“KEEPING OUR KIDS  
SAFE”**

**As Simple As**

**A-B-C**

**&**

**D-E-F**





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**WHY ARE  
WE HERE  
TODAY ?**

# What are the A, B, C's of School Safety?



■ **A**sk Questions ???

■ **B**uild Relationships

■ **C**ommunicate with your community

# What are the D, E, F's of School Safety?



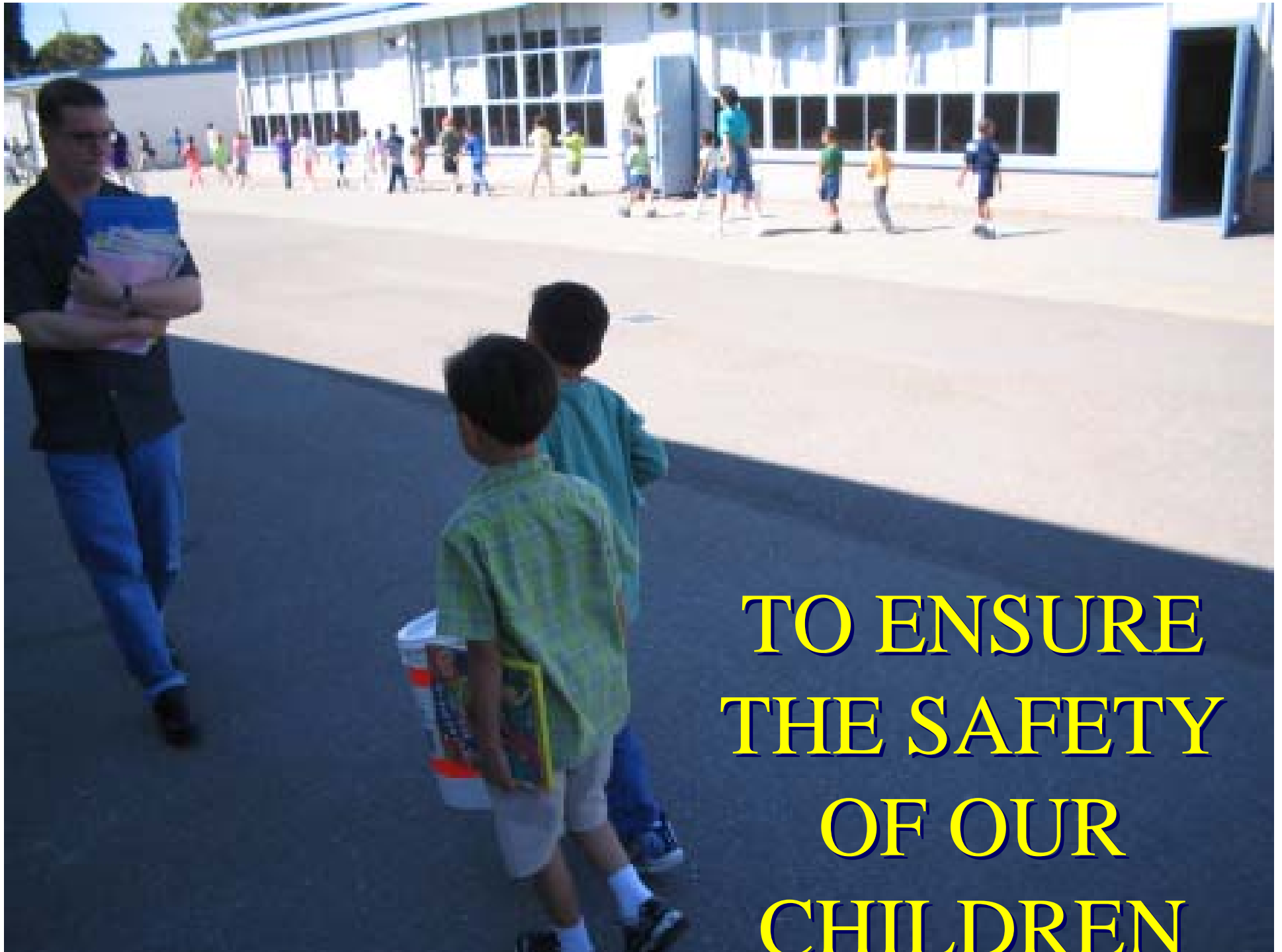
■ Designate

■ Emergency

■ Funding

– Time and Resources

– Evident in the budget and on Board agenda's



**TO ENSURE  
THE SAFETY  
OF OUR  
CHILDREN**

**We will be discussing:**



## ■ Myths and Preconceived Ideas

### ■ Administrative Preparation

- No emergency training needed for any level of administrative credentialing

### ■ Perception of the Public

### ■ Policy and Priorities

### ■ Time and Funding

# MYTHS

## PRECEPTIONS AND PRECONCIEVED IDEAS

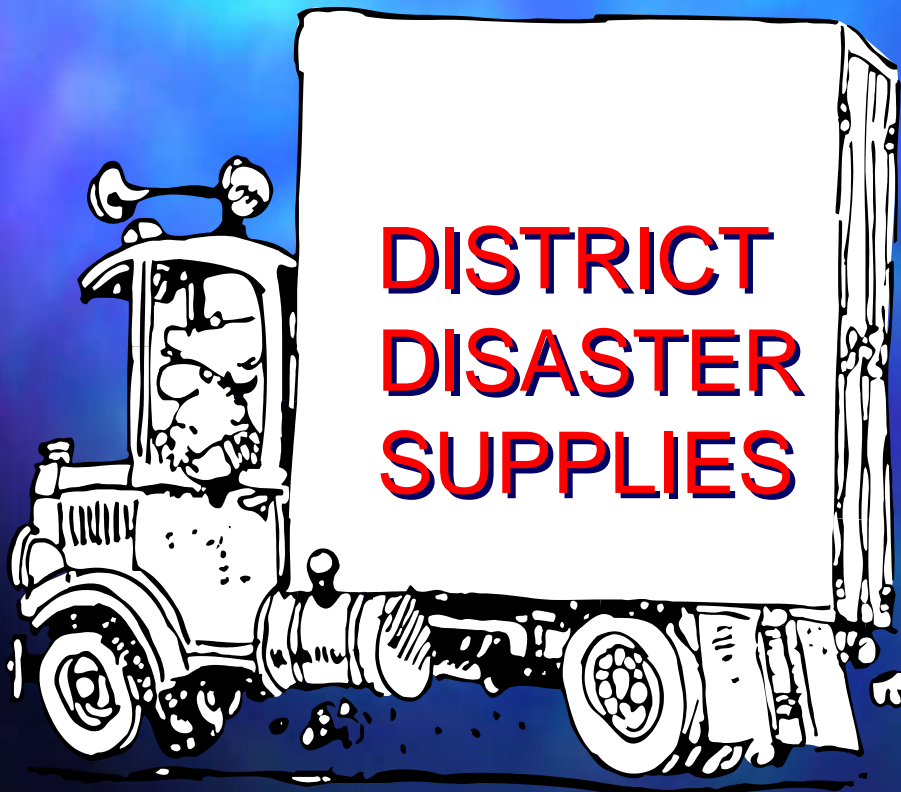
- All schools are totally prepared for Disaster



# MYTHS

## PRECEPTIONS AND PRECONCIEVED IDEAS

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- All schools have Disaster Supplies

# MYTHS

## PRECEPTIONS AND PRECONCIEVED IDEAS



- All School Buildings are Disaster Resistant



# MYTHS

## PRECEPTIONS AND PRECONCIEVED IDEAS



- All School Districts need to have an identified Emergency Manager

# PERCEPTIONS OF PARENTS AND THE PUBLIC

- **School District Staff have a Fiduciary responsibility, a Moral Obligation and are subject to Legal Liability to ensure that the children in their care are safe**

# ELEMENTS FOR SUCCESS

## NETWORKING !!!

School District Emergency  
Managers need to Network With:

- Local Emergency Managers
- School District Emergency Managers
- Local Law Enforcement
- Local Fire Department

# HOW DO WE MAKE IT BETTER ???



- Ongoing Training
- Regular exercises to ensure familiarity with assigned roles and responsibilities



# CONSIDERATIONS FOR SUCCESS COMMUNICATIONS



- **Develop an ongoing relationship with School Emergency Managers**
- **Ability to communicate with:**
  - **School Districts**
  - **Local Emergency Operations Center**
  - **County Emergency Operations Center**



**COMMUNICATION IS THE KEY**

# PRESPECTIVES FROM THE COUNTY LEVEL



- The level of commitment does not cost a lot of money
- Having an identified School District Emergency Manager supports accountability



# PRESPECTIVES FROM THE COUNTY LEVEL



- Having a County Schools Coordinator brings the issue of Emergency Management and Disaster Preparedness into sharper focus for the District Superintendents



# ***FUNDING***

- **State Mandated Cost Reimbursement**
- **Federal Grants**
- **State Grants**
- **Creative use of County Funding**
- **Emergency Management Program Grant Funding (EMPG)**
- **Partnerships can include:**
  - **Private Non-Profits**
  - **For Profit Business**



# SOME COMMENTS ON SCHOOL SAFETY

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Site Security and Accommodation  
for Special Needs People  
is Essential



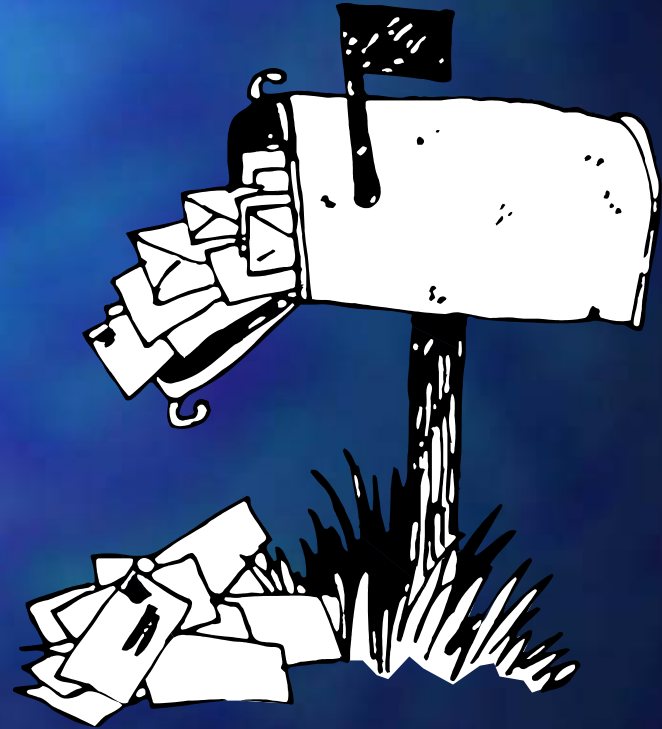
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Plan Regular Unannounced Exit  
Drills to ensure that everyone  
knows what to do

# QUESTIONS

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**D**esignate

**E**mergency

**F**unds