

## **ADVICE FOR PARENTS - SCHOOL EMERGENCIES**

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 62 (SOOKE)

- 1. PREPARE YOUR CHILD.** Children who are prepared experience less fear and hysteria. Let your child know who can make the pickup at school if you are unable to do so. Reassure your child that he/she will be cared for until you arrive.
- 2. KEEP YOUR CHILD'S EMERGENCY CONTACT FORM UP-TO-DATE.** The only people other than yourself who will be allowed to pick up your child are those whom you authorize on the Student Emergency Release form. No student will be allowed to leave with another person, even a relative, unless the school has prior written permission from the parent/guardian.
- 3. REMAIN CALM.** Your child is probably safer at school in the event of a disaster. School personnel are certified in CPR, First Aid and Emergency Preparedness. In the event of a disaster, school staff will ensure that your child is cared for.
- 4. DO NOT CALL THE SCHOOL AND TIE UP THE SCHOOL PHONE.** Use the designated hotline for a recorded message. Phone lines will be needed for emergency communications.
- 5. WALK FROM YOUR HOME, IF POSSIBLE.** Leave the streets free for emergency vehicles. You may get to school faster by foot or bicycle.
- 6. PARK ONLY IN AREAS DESIGNATED FOR PARENTS.** Leave adequate room for emergency vehicles to park and turn around.
- 7. DO NOT ATTEMPT TO PICK UP YOUR CHILD DIRECTLY FROM THE STUDENT ASSEMBLY AREA.** Parents and authorized adults must report to the Parent Check In/Student Release Area
- 8. BRING A PHOTO ID WITH YOU TO THE PARENT CHECK IN/STUDENT RELEASE AREA.** Students will only be released to their parents or to an adult designated on the Student's Emergency Release Form.
- 9. PICK UP ALL STUDENTS FOR WHOM YOU ARE AUTHORIZED.**
- 10. SIGN OUT AT THE PARENT CHECK IN/STUDENT RELEASE AREA.** The staff will locate and bring your child to you. No student will be released without a parent signature, noting time of release, destination and phone number.
- 11. LEAVE THE CAMPUS IMMEDIATELY AFTER BEING REUNITED WITH THE STUDENT.**
- 12. KEEP EMERGENCY SUPPLIES IN YOUR CAR,** including comfortable walking shoes, water and warm jackets.