

**In the wake of a major critical incident the following options, or combination of options, could be considered among others not detailed below:**

**Option A:**

1. The affected school remains open for regular instruction.
2. Teachers may or may not be given special instructions.
3. A school social worker (SSW) or other certified mental health professional (CMHP) may or may not follow the schedule of the injured/deceased student. If so, he/she will make an announcement, lead a classroom discussion and/or escort students wishing to continue the discussion outside of the classroom.

**Option B:**

1. The affected school remains open for regular instruction.
2. Teachers may or may not be given special instructions.
3. Additional SSWs or CMHPs may be on hand to address the above average volume of distraught students.
4. A SSW or CMHP follows the schedule(s) of the injured/deceased student(s), makes an announcement, leads a classroom discussion and/or escorts students wishing to continue the discussion outside of the classroom.

**Option C:**

1. The affected school remains open for regular instruction.
2. Teachers will be given instructions on what to say to students during the first period including directives on how to address students who seem unable to establish and maintain an educational focus.
3. Additional SSWs and/or CMHPs are on hand to address the above average volume of distraught students.
4. A SSW or CMHP follows the schedule(s) of the injured/deceased student(s), makes an announcement, leads a classroom discussion and/or escorts students wishing to continue the discussion outside of the classroom.
5. An automated phone message may (or may not be) delivered to the households of all students. Similar information is posted on the school/district website.

**Option D:**

1. The affected school remains open for regular instruction with the expectation that all students will attend their first period class.
2. Teachers will be given instructions on what to say to students during first period including directives on how to address students who seem unable to establish and maintain an educational focus.
3. Additional SSWs and/or CMHPs are on hand to address the above average volume of distraught students on an individual or group basis.
4. Students judged to be affected by the event will be contacted and (with parent permission) invited to attend a particular group with a SSSW or CMHP.\*
5. Another SSW or CMHP follows the schedule(s) of the injured/deceased student(s), makes an announcement, leads a classroom discussion and/or escorts students wishing to continue the discussion outside of the classroom.

6. An automated phone message will be delivered that encourages students who are upset about the event to seek out their guidance counselor or school social worker. Similar information is posted on the school/district website.

**Option E:**

1. The affected school remains open (or opens) for regular instruction.
2. An automated phone message will be delivered the night before describing where students wishing to attend a counseling session should report as well as other details pertaining to this plan. Similar information is posted on the school/district website.
3. Teachers will be given instructions on what to say to students during first period including directives on how to address students who seem unable to establish and maintain an educational focus.
4. Distraught students who are not in their first period class are identified/listed and then directed to a designated congregation area. Once there they are encouraged to attend a counseling session and/or are escorted/directed from this area to a specific location for an individual or group counseling session.\*
5. Additional SSWs and/or CMHPs will be on hand to address the above average volume of distraught students.
6. Students will be released to their normally scheduled class when their particular group session ends.

**Option F:**

1. The affected school remains closed for regular academic instruction.
2. Non-affected schools in the district remain open for (or resume) regular instruction.
3. All students from the affected school are invited back into the school building (or to an alternate site), in a timely manner, and for the sole purpose of counseling.
4. Attendance at the affected school on this non-instructional day (or evening) is optional.
5. Students who attend are directed to designated locations for a counseling session with a SSW or CMHP. The location for counseling sessions may be based on special factors or circumstances as determined by the Crisis Team. For example, students may be assigned to a location by grade, by physical proximity to the event at the time of the event, by their association to the injured/deceased student(s), etc.\*
6. Counseling sessions may all begin at the same time or they may be offered on a staggered basis.
7. Concurrent counseling/informational sessions may or may not be offered to parents.\*
8. Multiple automated phone messages will be delivered including one prior to the opening of school describing the specific details pertaining to this plan. Similar information is posted on the school/district website; with updates as necessary. A link to helpful information for students and parents to read will be created.
9. An informational community session with school personnel, other community agencies, and community leaders will/may be held in the community for parents.

\*Follow up counseling with students who did/did not participate in any initial counseling sessions will be conducted by SSWs and CMHPs at a later date and location as determined by the Crisis Team. Assistance to concerned parents may be provided as needed.