

# Homeland Security Advisory System Recommendations

Risk of Attack	Recommended Actions
<b>Severe</b> (Red)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Complete recommended actions at lower levels</i></li> <li>• Listen to radio/TV for current information/instructions</li> <li>• Be alert to suspicious activity and report it to proper administration or CMT immediately.</li> <li>• Close school if recommended to do so by appropriate authorities</li> <li>• 100% identification check (i.e.-driver’s license retained at front office) and escort of anyone entering school other than students, staff and faculty</li> <li>• Ensure mental health counselors available for students, staff and faculty</li> </ul>
<b>HIGH</b> (Orange)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Complete recommended actions at lower levels</i></li> <li>• Be alert to suspicious activity and report it to administration or CMT.</li> <li>• Review Crisis Management Plans in District Manual Plan</li> <li>• Prepare to handle inquiries from anxious parents and media</li> <li>• Discuss children’s fears concerning possible terrorist attacks</li> </ul>
<b>ELEVATED</b> (Yellow)	<p><i>Complete recommended actions at lower levels</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be alert to suspicious activity and report it to the administration or CMT</li> <li>• Ensure all emergency supplies stocked and ready</li> <li>• Obtain copies of “<i>Terrorism: Preparing for the Unexpected</i>” brochure from your local Red Cross chapter and send it home with students in grades K-12, staff and faculty</li> </ul>
<b>GUARDED</b> (Blue)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be alert to suspicious activity and report it to administration or CMT</li> <li>• Conduct safety training/emergency drills following the District’s Crisis Management Plan for all grades</li> <li>• Ensure emergency communication plan is updated and needed equipment is purchased</li> </ul>
<b>LOW</b> (Green)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review District’s Crisis Management Plan to maintain the safety of students, staff, and faculty, as well as an emergency communication plan to notify parents in times of emergency. Disseminate relevant information to families of children, staff and faculty.</li> <li>• Ensure selected staff members take a Red Cross CPR/AED and first aid course</li> </ul>

Consider offering *Masters of Disaster “Facing Fear: Helping Young People Deal with Terrorism and Tragic Events”* curriculum. Download and add to Appendix IX of the District Crisis Management Manual. To do this go to <http://www.redcross.org/disaster/masters/facingfear/> and then hit the red “Facing Fear Icon”. It will take you to <http://www.redcross.org/disaster/masters/facingfear/downloads.htm> where you will and fill out the download form by appropriate grade level.