

GENERAL INFORMATION REGARDING EMERGENCY SITUATIONS

Our number one priority, during an emergency situation, is to keep your child safe. Your child's school holds drills and discusses emergency / safety information frequently. Staff and students know what to do in an emergency situation.

In the event of an emergency at your child's school, it is important for you to know what to do. Please read the following:

The School/District will communicate with you as soon as it is deemed safe / necessary to do so.

The first priority is to focus on the emergency situation at hand to ensure that all students and staff are safe. The District Office will post emergency information on the District website as soon as possible and will update the information with clear and accurate information as it is received. When the situation is deemed "under control", everyone is safe and accounted for, and there is a clear and accurate message from law enforcement, an "all-call" will be sent out via the Emergency All-Call System (SchoolMessenger) and also through your child's school newsletter. SchoolMessenger currently places a phone call to the primary guardian and sends an email to the primary guardian's email. The school newsletter listserve will have a different listing of emails to share the information on a broader spectrum. The District has also implemented a new process for parents/guardians to manage their own contact information in PowerSchool for phone and email notifications.

Please use caution with social media; Facebook, etc.

Many times referring to social media can create more panic as the information may be incomplete or inaccurate. It is best to reference the District website information at www.slvusd.org.

Please reference the following documents: *(on the District website)*

"BEFORE AN EMERGENCY – Information for Parents"

"DURING AN EMERGENCY – Information for Parents"

In an emergency situation, it is the parent's instinct to come to the aid of their children. During a school emergency, it is **IMPERATIVE** that you follow the "What Parents Can Do To Help" section of the "During an Emergency – Information for Parents" document.

Depending on the type of emergency, parents may be requested to pick their child(ren) up from school or an evacuation area.

When this is necessary, the school / District will communicate this to the parents. It is important to remember to bring your ID. Even though school staff may know you very well, there may be additional personnel assisting with the release of students that will need to see your identification. Your child will not be released to you without a photo ID.