CSSRC Resource Review

Review Date: 3/22/13

Name/Title: Multi-Use School and Community Shelters

Author: Corey Schultz, FEMA

Media Type: (Book, CD, Flyer, Poster, Website, etc) online video

Publisher/Supplier: FEMA

Publication Date: 9/10/12

Re-order Source: N/A http://www.fema.gov/medialibrary/media_records/9726

Language: English

Usefulness Rating:

1. Excellent
2. Good XX
3. Fair
4. Poor
5. Rated by: (CSSRC staff member) Alice
6. Comments: This video presents a superficial level of information that is a great introduction to the topic of and not technical. However it’s not obvious on the video page where to go for more information either about creating safe rooms or storm shelters in schools.

Category: (Prevention, Preparedness, Response, Recovery, Promotional Item) Preparedness

Topic: (Bullying, Substance Abuse, Threat Assessment, etc) Safe Facilities, Severe Weather

Audience: (Administrators, Counselors/Psychologists/Social Workers, Emergency Responders, Health Professionals/Nurses, Law Enforcement/SROs/Security, Parents, Teachers, Other School Personnel) Administrators

Intended Age Group: (pre-K, elementary, middle, high, higher education) all

Cost: 0

Additional Comments: This 7 minute video shows a FEMA expert discussing the purpose and cost-effectiveness of designing school buildings and classrooms that can withstand severe weather. On the same page are links to several other quick FEMA videos about safe rooms and storm shelters. These videos are obviously too brief to encompass everything to be considered regarding severe weather safety, but they are a great introduction to get people thinking about the topic. More in-depth guidance can be sought FEMA’s “Design Guide for Improving School Safety in Earthquakes, Floods, and High Winds,” which is available here: https://www.fema.gov/library/viewRecord.do?id=1986.