July 30, 2019

Dear Superintendents/BOCES Directors/School or College Executives:

The office of Governor Polis has tasked the Colorado School Safety Resource Center (CSSRC) with the collection of updated data on school emergency operations (pre-K thru higher education) in an effort to identify gaps and decide what additional safety resources Colorado schools need.

The data necessary is for individual school buildings (or entire campuses for our higher education colleagues) so we are requesting that you forward this letter with the survey link to each of your school building administrators and/or Charter School or complete this survey if you are a building administrator.

Staff from the policy office at the Colorado Department of Public Safety have offered to help the CSSRC follow up on the surveys to insure the highest possible return. This is the only reason we are asking you to identify your district/school/institution. If we have not received a survey from your building/campus by the second week of August, please expect a follow-up phone call.

Once the information is collected, it will be presented in an aggregated report to the Governor’s office and possibly shared with the 2020 Colorado General Assembly.

We realize this is a busy time of the year as your staff work to prepare for the upcoming school year/semester. However, this is very important for determining future statewide school safety needs.

Also, please remember that the Colorado School Safety Resource Center is available to assist your staff in any safety related issue at no cost. You can contact our office directly for consultation, training or resources by simply calling 303.239.4435. www.Colorado.gov/CSSRC

Our annual Colorado Safe Schools Summit for K-12 will be held on Thursday and Friday, October 24th and 25th at the Adams 12 Five Star Conference Center. Our Summer Safety Symposium for institutions of higher education has already been scheduled for June 11th, 2020 on the Auraria campus.

Thank you for your assistance in this very important collection of information and please contact the Center if we can be of assistance in your safety efforts.

Wishing you all a safe and successful school year,

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