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LAUSD—Model for EPA's National HealthySEAT Program

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) recognized the Los Angeles Unified School District for its pioneering activities in establishing a comprehensive school health and safety inspection program which has become the model for the EPA's Nationwide Healthy SEAT program. The EPA chose to launch their Healthy SEAT program with a visit to Valerio Street Elementary School in the San Fernando Valley. After touring the School, EPA Regional Administrator Wayne Nastri presented Board Member Julie Kornstein a Healthy School Environments Assessment Tool award honoring the District's commitment and leadership in providing healthy school environments. The OEHS Safety Inspection Program includes annual routine inspections at all school sites. These inspections are conducted to identify potential health and safety risks and assess

compliance with regulatory requirements. Based on the inspection results, schools are given a score-card rating which summarizes their compliance and provides statistical information on how they compare with other schools in their local district, as well as the District as a whole.

For more information, or to see any school's inspection results, please visit the OEHS website at: [http://www.lausd-oehs.org/fieldoperations_list schools.asp](http://www.lausd-oehs.org/fieldoperations_list%20schools.asp)

LAUSD Recycles "Universal Waste"

Effective February 8, 2006, universal wastes are not allowed to be disposed of with regular trash. Universal waste shall be collected in separate, properly sealed, DOT-approved containers, each affixed with a "universal waste" label and stored in an area designated by the plant managers. These labels can be obtained from OEHS at (213) 241-3199. To request disposal of universal waste from school sites, complete a hazardous waste pick-up request form found on the OEHS website at: www.lausd-oehs.org/documents.asp and fax to OEHS at (213) 241-6816. OEHS will pick-up the following "universal wastes" from school sites:

- ♦ Fluorescent lamps
- ♦ Light bulbs with mercury
- ♦ Alkaline batteries such as AA, AAA, CC, D
- ♦ Emergency lights (small sealed lead acid batteries)
- ♦ Electronic devices with cathode ray tubes such as computer monitors (non flat panel) and TV's
- ♦ Blood pressure meters
- ♦ Non-empty aerosol cans
- ♦ Mercury-containing pressure or vacuum gauges
- ♦ Mercury-containing medical devices
- ♦ Mercury thermostats
- ♦ Mercury switches
- ♦ Mercury thermometers
- ♦ Mercury gas flow regulators
- ♦ Novelties with added mercury



Special Announcements:

♦ Safe School Plan Volume 1—Emergency Procedures. Due March 1st! Visit the OEHS website at :

www.lausd-oehs.org/schoolsafetyplans_v1.asp

♦ Cal/OSHA 300 Logs must be posted from February 1st—April 30th! Please post them in a conspicuous location. If you did not receive your log, please contact OEHS at (213)241-3199 for a copy.

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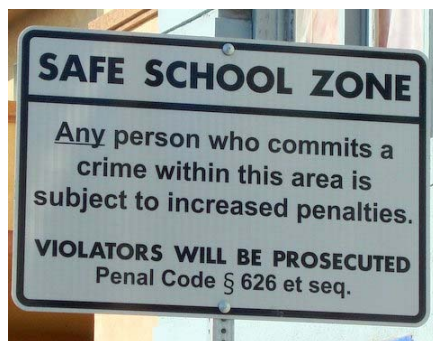
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Safe School Zones at LAUSD Schools

LAUSD and the City of Los Angeles have joined forces to initiate a safety program at and around school campuses as part of a city-wide effort to reduce violence near schools. City Attorney Rocky Delgadillo along with the support of Mayor Villaraigosa and Superintendent Roy Romer as well as City Councilmembers and LAUSD Board Members launched an effort to reduce violence in and around Los Angeles schools. The program designates a safe area within a 1,000-foot perimeter around schools and within 100 feet of a designated bus stop during school hours and within 60 minutes of any school sponsored activity on campus. Any person who commits a crime within the zones is subject to increased penalties. To ensure that everyone in the community is aware of the designation of a safe school zone, signs will be posted at each school and in adjacent areas of the community.



Above: Superintendent Roy Romer, Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, City Attorney Rocky Delgadillo, Former Board President and City Councilman Jose Huizar, LAUSD Board Member Mike Lansing and Los Angeles City Council Member Jan Perry at a press conference at Jefferson High school to launch



Above: A photo of a "Safe School Zone" sign posted in the Community adjacent to Belmont HS.

For more information on "Safe School Zone" and Violence Prevention Programs, please contact Cardriner Bowden, Assistant Director, Violence Prevention at (213) 241-3199.

Spring 2006 "SHAKE" Earthquake Exercise—April 3rd–7th

The Spring 2006 "SHAKE" earthquake exercise is to be conducted with the direction of the School Site Administrator on any day during the week of April 3-7, 2006. To avoid conflict with testing, three and four track schools may conduct the drill during the week of April 10, 2006. This exercise will provide an opportunity for all staff and students to simulate a disaster response in

order to test and evaluate the site's emergency procedures plan. The radio test will take place on Tuesday, April 4, 2006, at 10:30 a.m.

For specific information and guidance on how to conduct your exercise, please refer to "REF. 1550.1 Earthquake Exercise and Radio Test" which can be found on *InsideLAUSD* or the OEHS website at <http://www.lausd-oehs.org>

For assistance or further information please contact the Office of Environmental Health and Safety at (213) 241-3199 or Bob Spears, Director of Emergency Services at (213) 241-3889.

Contact the Radio Unit for specific instructions at (323) 224-2203 and the ITD Help Desk at (323) 224-2277.

Upcoming Training:

16-Hr Asbestos Awareness

(1st Day Lecture at OEHS / 2nd Day Mandatory Hands-on Training at Central Shops—ATU)

To sign up, call (213) 745-1148

SEMS (Standardized Emergency Management System)

May 9, 2006

February 16, 2006

June 20, 2006

School Police Headquarters
1330 West Pico Blvd.

Heartsaver Classes

- WED. 02/01/06—LOCAL DISTRICT 7
CONF. RM., ST FLOOR
- THURS. 02/09/06—SOTO STREET AN.
PROF., DEV. RM.
- SAT. 02/11/06—LOCKE HS, GYM
- SAT. 02/25/06—HAMILTON HS
- SAT. 03/04/06—ROSCOE ES
- WED. 03/06/06—DISTRICT 6 OFFICE,
PDC A/B ROOM
- SAT. 03/11/06—VAN NUYS HS
- THURS. 03/16/06—LOCAL DISTRICT 4,
CONF. RM., 2ND FLOOR

For information or to sign up for SEMS or Heartsaver classes, call (213) 241-3949

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