

FORT LA BOSSE SCHOOL DIVISION

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Emergency Preparedness takes in all of the activities that are required to prepare various groups of people to respond to emergencies and disasters, should they happen. These activities give us the response to save lives and minimize damage to property in the event of an emergency. These emergencies or disasters may be man made or natural.

Every Board Member, senior administrator, and school staff member has a legal responsibility to provide a safe school environment and to promote the safety of all individuals connected with the school. One of these responsibilities is the preparation of detailed emergency preparedness plans for response to an emergency or disaster that may occur in a school or a community.

Although the terms “emergency” and “disaster” are often used interchangeably, it is important to note the difference between the two.

"Emergency usually refers to a present or imminent event requires prompt action beyond normal procedures to prevent or limit loss of life and damage to property or the environment.

"Disaster" usually refers to a sudden calamitous event bringing great damage loss or destruction.

Therefore, not all emergencies are disasters. The degree and effectiveness of an emergency preparedness program will often spell the difference between emergency and disaster or emergencies becoming disasters.

The development of an emergency preparedness plan will not prevent or reduce the possibility of an emergency occurring. However, it will hopefully aid in providing a prompt, coordinated response thereby reducing human suffering and restricting property loss.

All School Division staff and students must be well informed of their schools Emergency Preparedness Program. They may become part of the designated team in a school that works to ensure the safety of the students, staff and visitors. Emergency Preparedness Programs have been distributed to all schools and should be updated annually. Copies of the Division’s Emergency Preparedness Programs are available at the Division Office.

