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Response to Homeland Security Codes Effective April, 2011

The following threat response actions correlate to the National Terrorism Threat Advisory System (NTAS). Listed are the protective measures that have been or may be put in place by Cherokee County School District in cooperation with local, state and federal authorities. Plan designs are flexible to accommodate the differing circumstances and events.

Elevated Risk

A Warning that details significant trends and developments in terrorism such that it is reasonable to recommend implementation of protective measures

- Assess increased risk with public safety officials.
- Review crisis response plans with key central office staff, principals, school crisis teams and staff.
- Reassess facility security measures.
- Review field trip decisions.
- Update employee emergency call lists and review callback process with employees.
- Test alternative communication capabilities.
- Inventory emergency supplies and equipment.
- Increase communication with parents and community via Web site (if needed).

Imminent Alert

Warns of a credible, specific, and impending terrorist threat

- Assess threat level to determine status of school operations related to openings and closings.
- If schools are open,
 - * Cancel field trips.
 - * Closely monitor or cancel normal school day activities that would require the students to be outside of the building.
 - * After school sporting events/other activities may be cancelled.
 - * Require photo identification on all visitor access.
 - * Enhance exterior security measures.
- Continue staff, parent and community communication
- Address critical incidents (as needed) under the direction of the public safety officials and in accordance with school crisis plans.
- Activate Crisis Command Center if needed.
- Coordinate parent-child reunification process if needed.