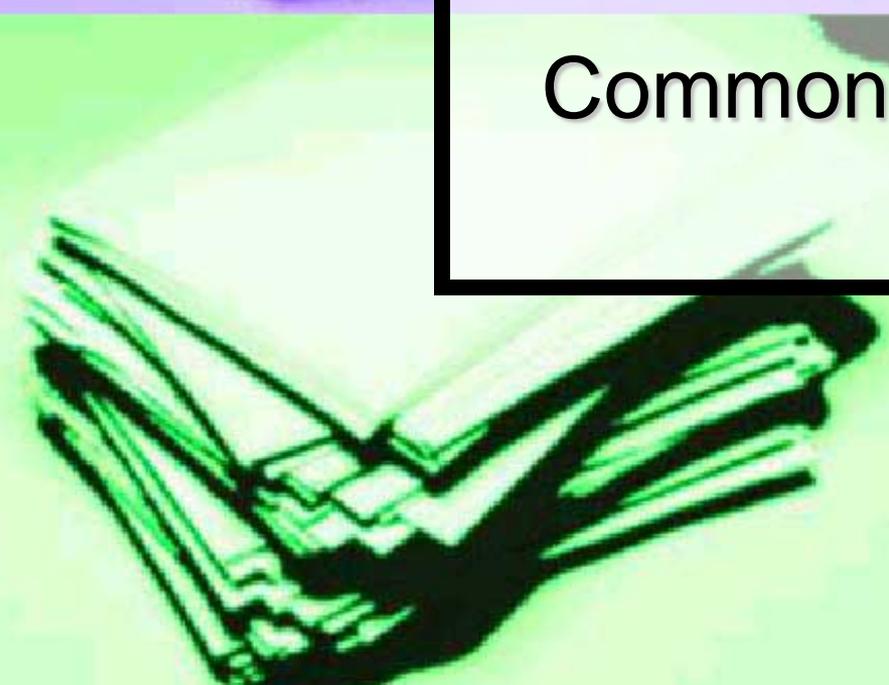


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Education Working Group Report

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Commonwealth Preparedness
Panel



Goal

- To recommend to the Secure Commonwealth Panel a legislative proposal or other course of action that will incorporate all hazards emergency preparedness education for K-5 graders in Virginia.

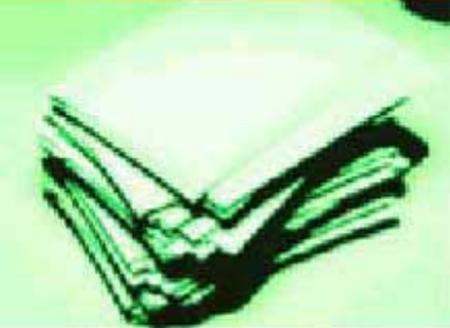


Meetings



2008 Meetings

- September 10
- November 4
- December 2



2009 Meetings

- February 18 (included principals and teachers)
 - May 29
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Wealth of Resources for Schools



www.vaemergency.com

www.vafire.com



www.ready.gov

www.dcjs.state.va.us

www.ocp.virginia.gov

www.fema.gov/femaforkids

www.discoveryeducation.com/readyclassroom



www.ReadyVirginia.gov

www.ReadyClassroom.gov

<http://www.ahrq.gov/prep/schoolprep/schoolprep.pdf>

<http://www.firehouse.com/>

<http://www.dhs.gov/schoolpreparedness>

www.smartbrief.com



http://www.homesafetycouncil.org/expert_network/en_toolbox_w001.aspx

SOLS

- The group recommends to the Panel that new SOLs not be developed, but that existing SOLs are sufficient and more user friendly for teachers.
- The group recommends that preparedness information is consolidated and provided for teachers to work with existing SOLs.



Health Smart Virginia

<http://healthsmartva.pwnet.org/>

- We recommend that this be the primary clearinghouse for resources focusing on preparedness and safety for schools.
- Maintenance of the website is still being examined.
- Agencies can easily link to this site.
- We are checking to see if we can track the number of hits.





Department of Education Health Smart Website Resource

<http://healthsmartva.pwnet.org/>

- Recommend the Health Smart site as the best location, as it is dedicated to providing resources to teachers/educators on standards and practices.
 - Teachers are very familiar with the Health Smart site.
 - **NOTE:** DOE does not have staff to maintain or check the site. It is maintained by Prince William County Public Schools.
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Curriculum Developer

- The working group recommends that a curriculum developer be enlisted to maintain and update resource information for teachers, students, and public.
- The curriculum developer serving as a liaison with state agencies will design specific preparedness resources that connect to SOLs.



Other Agencies

- The working group recommends that all agencies be called upon to provide resources, information, and incentives for school preparedness
- They should provide a link to safety related information to the Health Smart site.



Challenges

- Cost of a curriculum developer
- Lack of time and resources at state agencies to maintain updates on resources
- Integrated preparedness resources with SOLs; providing easy to use resources for educators



Proposed Next Steps

- State agencies provide a link to the Health Smart Virginia site on their agency sites.
- Committee will put together a collection of links for educators to gather useful information about preparedness and updated safety standards.
- Recommend hiring of a Curriculum Developer (understanding budget constraints)



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