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This past year, has been a time of transition for the Kansas Center for Safe and Prepared Schools (KCSPS). However, during that transition and downsizing, the KCSPS continued to provide a wide range of assistance to schools and districts who wanted help with efforts to be safer and more prepared. Those efforts have emphasized trainings, strengthening local collaborative partnerships, and encouraging school leadership to actively involve all school staff and community stakeholders in their efforts. Trainings were provided for districts, buildings and individual staff. Some of the work of the KCSPS in just the past year included:

- In service school safety trainings for school leaders and staff (10)
- Worked with KHP on statewide active shooter trainings (4)
- Provided Technical Assistance visits to schools (7)
- Hosted statewide Intruderology trainings (6)
- Provided presentations to KSU school of education pre service students (2)
- Presented School Vulnerability Assessment trainings (4)
- Presented Emergency Operation Plan training and template (1)
- Designed and Presented training for school office personnel (1)
- Assisted with planning and hosting the statewide school safety conference (400+)
- Continued work with school nurses association and presented 4 hour post conference session
- Continued liaison work on trainings with the Kansas DARE/SRO officers association on all hazards planning
- Provided breakout session at the state bus drivers conference (1)

While there are no requirements for schools to be better trained and more prepared, the attached survey demonstrates some areas of growth in school safety and preparedness since we first began the survey in 2009. (see attached)

In our everyday discussions with school officials, it is clear that the work of the KCSPS has created a culture change and initiated actions by schools that may have never occurred without the training and support given to them. It is obvious the threats to schools is ever-changing, thus, the work of the Center will never be done. Because of their emerging dedication to school safety, schools are better prepared when they organize crisis management teams, develop an all hazards plan, undergo a vulnerability assessment, standardize safety and emergency drills, continue an on-going training program for all staff, and establishing and/or enhancing partnerships with the local response community.



Selected Question

	(Results in Percentages)				3)	
	20	2009 2011		2011		2013
	Ye	sLNo	YesL	.No	Ye	sLNo
#1-My local school has an all-hazards crisis plan and is adequately prepared for crisis events	46	54	75 2	25	77	23
#3 - I believe there is a need for additional training for my school's crisis management team	87	13	95	5	9	3
#4- My local school has lock down drills at least annually	40	60	61	39	88	12
#7- My local school has a building crisis kit	28	72	64	36	58	42
#8- My local school has a grab and go crisis kit for every classroom	14	86	40	60	35	65
#9- My local school has an annual table top drill	12	88	20	80	29	71
#10-In my local community, school officials, first responders & EM meet on a regular basis	28	72	34	66	49	51
#12 – I believe a state wide office assisting local schools in emergency management is beneficial	192	8	93	7	98	2
#14- My school's crisis management plan has been shared with local emergency responders	37	63	66	34	62	38
#6- {New) My local school has annual evacuation and reunification drill					33	67