Utilizing the Counselor Crisis Response Team

The TUSD Counselor Crisis Response Team provides a supportive service that can help schools assess, plan and intervene in crises affecting staff and students. A pre-planned, organized approach has been shown to be effective in reducing the emotional and social impact of a crisis. TUSD Counselors have had specialized training to assist in crisis resolution activities.

Counselor Crisis Response Team Services

- Meet with building administrators and key staff to formulate an action plan.
- Facilitate staff meeting to provide information related to the crisis.
- Support school staff during the crisis response.
- Help teachers process information with students.
- Work with students individually or in groups during the crisis response.
- Be available for contact with parents.
- Provide helpful, factual information for the school community.

Immediate Actions for School Administrators regarding Student/Staff Death or Catastrophic Event

- Obtain verification of the incident or death(s).
- Notify your administrative supervisor.
- Contact the School Guidance & Counseling department and determine the crisis response logistics.
- Notify all school staff members.
- Alert all staff that the site administrator is the sole media contact. Coordinate all media requests with the TUSD Communications Department.

Procedure to Activate the Counselor Crisis Team

All principals notify your administrative supervisor and contact the TUSD School Guidance & Counseling Department.

If no answer or after hours, contact Tammy Hille or Karen Ward via cell phone.

Tammy Hille
Cell: 520-481-4995

Karen Ward
Cell: 520-490-1994

The appropriate level of response will be determined by Tammy Hille, Karen Ward and the principal.