

Dear Superintendents and CBOs:

Due to the wide-spread closure of California schools in response to the coronavirus pandemic there are real concerns regarding potential vandalism of campuses.  School campuses can be vulnerable to malicious vandalism to school grounds and buildings and equipment such as glass breakage, arson fires, graffiti, and generalized property destruction.  Obviously, these events occur when schools are unoccupied.  To help prevent property losses and damage RESIG recommends the following actions:

* Ensuring all doors are properly locked.  Check windows and other points of entry to make sure they are secured.
* Ensure that warning signs are posted notifying potential intruders that they are under surveillance.
* Store high-value equipment and computers in locked rooms in the *inner section* of the building making them more difficult to access.  Moving expensive equipment to a central storage area reduces the number of rooms that need to be secured.  Remove signs indicating the location of expensive equipment (e.g. AV storage room or Computer Lab).
* Reduce the availability of combustible materials.  Most arson fires are started with materials found on-site.  Indoor and outdoor trash cans should be emptied.  Flammable chemicals in chemistry classrooms should be properly secured.
* Ensure adequate indoor and outdoor lighting.  While there is no consensus as to whether well-lighted campuses deter vandalism, well-lit campuses make suspicious activity more noticeable.
* Keep window coverings (blinds, curtains, etc.) closed.
* Maintain an inventory of valuable equipment.  Keep both paper and digital inventory lists.

R.E.S.C.Q. Hotline (877- 570-7770)

RESIG provides a 24-hour school crime hotline and reward system for calls leading to information on individuals responsible for threats or acts of violence against our schools.  The program, which is funded by RESIG, is a countywide effort to reduce property and liability losses in our schools.

Reward posters can be delivered directly to your school sites.

Please contact RESIG’s P&L Department as soon as possible if your school incurs property damage:

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*Please stay safe and healthy during this challenging time.*