

Intradistrict Communication

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TO: Principals
Assistant Principals

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SUBJECT: Safety Training Opportunity

Webinar: The Role of Principals in School Safety Efforts

The U.S. Department of Education, Office of Elementary and Secondary Education, Office of Safe and Supportive Schools and its Readiness and Emergency Management for Schools (REMS) Technical Assistance (TA) Center will host a webinar on **Thursday, February 8, 2024, from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.** This webinar will focus on the role that principals play in preventing, protecting the school community from, mitigating, responding to, and recovering from threats and hazards.

The objectives of this 60-minute webinar are to

- Highlight the importance of establishing a collaborative planning team for school emergency operations plan (EOP) development, as outlined in [Step 1](#) of the [Guide for Developing High-Quality School Emergency Operations Plans](#).
- Reinforce how principals can contribute to EOP development and ensure school safety, security, emergency management, and preparedness.
- Share relevant resources to be used by principals and core planning teams.

[Register on Zoom to participate in the Webinar.](#)

Guest Panelists

Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida

- Ty Thompson, former Principal

Ocali Charter High School in Ocala, Florida

- Elizabeth Brown, Principal

Hudson High School in Hudson, Ohio

- Michael Sedlak, Unit Principal

Sandy Hook Elementary School

- Kathy Gombos, Principal

Panel Moderator

Janelle Hughes, Project Director, REMS TA Center