

Emergency Language Updates

School safety continues to be our priority in Post Falls School District. Recently, Kootenai County law enforcement agencies and local school districts discussed the need to ensure school emergency language is consistent for all first responders. As a result of this collaboration, the following three terms will be used throughout the county:

- **Evacuate** – indicates there is a reason for staff and students to leave the building such as in the event of a fire drill.
- **Safety Hold** – signals something happening outside of the building, perhaps a neighborhood incident, and requires awareness for school personnel. Exterior doors are locked while normal activity continues. All staff & students remain indoors.
- **Lockdown** – notifies all staff and students of an emergency within the building and requires heightened security action of all staff and students. All interior and exterior doors are locked.

Post Falls School District is proud to partner with the Post Falls Police Department to provide a safe learning environment for our students. If you have any questions about our school safety procedures, please contact your school principal.