

SAFETY SPOTLIGHT

PREPARING FOR CAMPUS CLOSURE

With the academic year wrapping up, many campuses experience an increase in the number of injuries associated with more activities and the closing of campuses for summer recess. As the yearend excitement starts to build, let's make sure that we keep safety as a noticeable priority for staff and students over the next several weeks.



Here are some helpful yearend safety reminders for those packing up classrooms or conducting summer repairs and/or deep cleaning activities:

- ❖ Classroom packing/decluttering should not pose a safety hazard for others. Start a plan to pack up early and coordinate with the appropriate staff to help support. Also, please avoid overpacking trash bins.
- ❖ Wear comfortable clothing that allows for bending of the knees and safe lifting. Staff should dress for physical activity by avoiding open-toed shoes like sandals - consider flats that protect the feet.

- ❖ When removing classroom materials from the high or hard to reach places, ensure that stepladders are used. Staff should never stand on desks or chairs to access shelves or the removal of artwork.
- ❖ Teachers must ensure that animals brought in for the school year are taken care of during the summer months. Staff should never be asked to return to the campus during the summer to take care of the animals - they should be removed from the campus.
- ❖ Staff should not return to the campus unless district staff has approved the return date. Often maintenance or construction activities occur within a classroom or building that may pose a hazard to someone who is not aware of - cleaning of floors, painting, carpet repair or other scheduled repairs.
- ❖ Overall, collaboration between custodians, teachers, and administrative staff is essential to ensure a safe and secure campus environment during the summer months.

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