

# LMSV Workplace Violence Prevention Plan

California SB 553 Compliance



# Let's Talk About Safety (Not Just Rules)

- This is about your safety and peace of mind.
- We're required by SB 553 to have a Workplace Violence Prevention Plan.
- But this is about more than compliance—it's about care.



#### **What Is SB 553?**

- Amends California Labor Code (Section 6401.9).
- Requires all employers—including schools—to create and maintain a WVPP.
- Applies to everyone: teachers, aides, office staff, custodians, admin, substitutes.



## What Counts as Workplace Violence?

- Type 1: Stranger violence (e.g., intruder)
- Type 2: Client/customer (e.g., student or parent)
- Type 3: Worker-on-worker
- Type 4: Personal/domestic spillover
- Includes threats, verbal abuse, intimidation, harassment, physical assault, stalking



## **SB 553 Requirements**

- Written plan updated annually.
- Clear employee involvement and training.
- Process for reporting incidents.
- Emergency response & post-incident actions.
- Log of all incidents (names redacted).
- Plan must be accessible during work hours.



#### What's In *Our* WVPP?

- How to recognize early warning signs.
- What to do in escalating situations.
- Where and how to report.
- Who supports you after incidents.
- Plan developed with staff input.



## **School-Based Examples**

- Angry parent yelling in the office = Type 2
- Student threatens harm to staff = Type 2
- Staff member makes violent jokes = Type 3
- Ex shows up to confront someone = Type 4
- All require documentation and follow-up



# **How to Report (Without Fear)**

- Our form can be found on the district website in the HR section.
- Can be anonymous.
- No retaliation permitted (protected by law).
- We investigate, respond, and document every case.



## **What Happens Next**

- Admin/HR assess the situation.
- Incident is entered into our confidential log.
- You receive follow-up and support.
- Corrective actions and prevention steps are taken.



## **Required Training**

- Initial training + annual refreshers.
- What to watch for, how to respond, how to report.
- Includes de-escalation techniques and emergency response.
- This training is part of that requirement.



#### What You Can Do

- Take all threats seriously.
- Trust your instincts and report concerns.
- Know and use our WVPP.
- Speak up, ask questions, offer feedback.



#### Where to Find the Plan

- The plan can be found on the district website in the HR section.
- Always accessible during your work hours.



# **Final Message**

- SB 553 is about being ready, not afraid.
- Violence is never "just part of the job."
- Together, we create a culture of safety, care, and respect.



#### **Questions + Contact Info**

- Your WVPP questions are always welcome.
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