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***This email is being sent to all board presidents, superintendents, superintendent secretaries and board attorneys.***

As you may be aware from recent news reports, this Saturday, April 20 will mark the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Columbine School Shooting. For the past few years, there have been concerns nationwide that the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary could bring copycat events. Fortunately, the anniversary falls on a weekend and a number of school systems are closed on Friday, but we must always remain vigilant. Here are a few suggestions:

- **Remind your staff.** This means everyone from administrators to teachers to counselors to bus drivers to custodians. This is an “eyes open, ears open” situation, but some may not remember the significance of April 20 or that this is the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary. While you don’t want to

create a panic, they need to be particularly alert in the coming days for anything that seems out of the ordinary.

- **Talk to law enforcement.** Hopefully, local law enforcement is aware of the anniversary, but in case they're not, remind them. Reach out to the local sheriff and/or police chief and consider asking for a bit of extra attention or patrols over the coming days.
- **Take a look at your safety plan.** We hope you routinely review your safety plan and even drill on it, but if you haven't looked at it in awhile, this week is a good time to do so in case you need it.

We wish you all an uneventful week, but if you have concerns, contact your local law enforcement right away.

**Attachments (if any):**