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Move-Secure-Defend – Quick Reference

The **Move-Secure-Defend** model describes protective actions taken by teachers and staff (school stakeholders) to keep students safe while executing a Lockdown protocol. **The Move-Secure-Defend model is an options-based approach.** Teachers and staff are entrusted to act in the safest manner for themselves and their students. They are authorized to adapt based on situational awareness (active awareness). **Situational Awareness** is the use of your senses – stop, look, listen, smell, and feel, in order to gather information and then act as warranted (informed decisions).

Move- Move away from danger to a place of safety using intentional movements.

- Have a specific safe location as the goal of your movement.
- Move with intention and purpose from transition point to transition point (e.g., classroom to doorway, doorway to hall intersection, etc.).
- Stop at each transition point and reassess – proceed if reasonable, adapt if necessary. **Safety, not speed, is the goal.**

Secure- Secure spaces quickly and completely with an emphasis on preventing entry.

Note: securing your space generally is the safest option.

- School staff will secure classrooms by locking the door and may include barricading the entrance.
- Once secured, occupants of the room may be moved to designated safe areas in the room away from views from interior hallways and windows.
- Occupants of a classroom should look for cover (preferred) or concealment. **Cover** is being behind something that can stop bullets. In addition to concealing you, it provides protection from being shot. **Concealment** is being behind something that prevents a bad guy from seeing you but won't stop bullets. You can't be seen, but you are still vulnerable.
- Close interior window coverings, if practicable and safe.
- If in a common space move to available securable space and secure it.
- If securable space is not readily available, move with students out of the building to the predesignated off-site location.
- If outside the building, at the initiation of a lockdown, move to the predetermined offsite location.
- Do not open secured doors until it is opened by responders or the designated all clear signal has been given.

Defend- Defend aggressively as your life may depend on it. Defense should be the last available option, but once started incapacitation of the shooter is the goal. Use pre-planned or improvised weapons to assist in the defense of yourself or others, e.g., a bat, golf club, fire extinguisher, etc.
