March SafeSchools Safety Reminder

Educational Employees,

MSGIA has listed some classes below that we would encourage staff to take. For those that have not been to the SafeSchools website, the categories are listed where the classes can be found as well as the titles.

It is tournament time and with that a whole lot of crowd control! MSGIA receives calls occasionally regarding fan behavior at school events. **Crowd Management (23 min)** is a new SafeSchools on this subject that is worth viewing. If fans are out of control the host district, with the assistance of the visiting school administrator, should make every effort to contain the problem. If additional measures need to be taken, get law enforcement involved. For additional advice, contact an MTSBA attorney if the incident warrants legal advice.

**SECURITY**

* **Crowd Management (23 min) (NEW COURSE):** Large crowds are part of life in most schools: assemblies, sporting events, community nights, and other events bring people together with the best of intentions. However, crowds bring inherent safety challenges, and a crowd manager is tasked with making critical decisions to keep them safe. This course will examine common crowd behaviors that crowd managers should consider, the critical need for crowd management in school settings, and strategies crowd managers should implement both before and during an event to ensure that participants stay safe.

The internet opened a whole new world of learning for students. With ever changing technology, staff sometimes need additional resources to deal with student behaviors online. Cyberbullying can be a problem for students wanting a safe environment to learn. The **Cyberbullying (23 min)** class listed below would be a resource for staff looking for options on how to deal this topic. Another great class to consider is **Online Safety: What Every Educator Needs to Know (19 min).** This class touches on a couple topics pertinent to technology uses, dangers and communication techniques.

**INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

* **Cyberbullying (24 min):** Cyberbullying is a complicated issue for schools. The rise of cyberbullying has raised concerns regarding the frequency of bullying, school violence and even suicide among students. No school or classroom is immune to its effects. This course provides school staff members with a basic overview of cyberbullying, as well as strategies for identification, reporting and maintaining a safe and positive learning environment. Topics include: types of cyberbullying, scope and effects of cyberbullying and guidelines for response and prevention.
* **Online Safety: What Every Educator Needs to Know (19 min)**: The goal of this course is to offer educators "inside knowledge" about how your students really use communication technologies and how to help them avoid online dangers. Topics covered include online trends and tools, social behavior online, online dangers, and smart tips for school staff members.

In conclusion, Annette and I can assist you with setting up any of these classes for your staff. Please contact us for assistance or with questions at:

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