

Week 1 - The Missing Half of School Safety

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Every school in America has a safety plan.

Those plans are essential. They prepare schools for serious events like intruders, weapons, fires, and medical emergencies. These plans are necessary and important.

But schools do not run on emergency events. Schools run on people, and people bring challenges with them every day.

Students come to school dealing with bullying, anxiety, depression, food insecurity, family problems, rumors, vandalism, and conflict. Students often know when their friends are struggling long before adults do. These are not safety plan events. They're wellness issues. But these wellness issues are often the early warning signs of the serious incidents schools work so hard to prevent.

Most schools manage these situations through informal processes — conversations, emails, meetings, and notes. But informal systems create inconsistent responses, missed follow-ups, and gaps in communication.

Schools have systems for attendance, grades, transportation, and food service. But most schools do not have a system for managing wellness.

That is the missing half of school safety.

Safety Plans respond to events. Wellness Plans respond to people.

[SchoolResponder](http://www.schoolresponder.com) is the Operating System for Wellness. Learn more at www.schoolresponder.com.

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Week 2 – Safety Plans vs Wellness Plans

To understand why schools need a wellness operating system, we must understand the difference between a safety plan and a wellness plan.

A safety plan is designed to respond to specific events. It answers questions like: What do we do if there is an intruder? What do we do if there is a weapon? What do we do if there is a fire? These are event-based plans designed for rare but high-risk situations.

A wellness plan is different. A wellness plan answers questions like: What do we do when a student is being bullied? What do we do when a student is anxious or depressed? What do we do when a student's family does not have food? What do we do when a student reports that a friend may hurt themselves?

These are daily situations in schools.

The key difference is simple:

- ✓ Safety plans are event-based. Wellness plans are people-based.
- ✓ Safety plans prepare for rare accidents. Wellness plans address daily needs.
- ✓ Safety plans are reactive. Wellness plans are proactive.
- ✓ Safety plans often live in binders. Wellness plans must operate as systems.

School Responder turns a school's wellness plan into a working system that ensures the right people respond to the right situations at the right time.

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Week3 – School Responder: The Operating System for Wellness

Schools run on systems. There is a system for attendance, a system for grades, a system for transportation, and a system for learning management.

But most schools do not have a system for managing wellness workflows. Instead, wellness issues are managed through emails, conversations, spreadsheets, and memory. This makes consistency and follow-up very difficult.

School Responder is the Operating System for Wellness.

It allows a school to define:

- What types of issues students can report
- Who responds to each issue
- How severe situations are escalated
- How staff communicate
- How follow-up is recorded
- How outcomes are tracked

This turns wellness from an informal process into a structured workflow.

Just like a school would never try to manage attendance without an attendance system, schools should not try to manage student wellness without a wellness system.

School Responder is not just a reporting tool. It is the workflow engine that runs the school's wellness plan.



Week 4 -- From Student Request to Staff Response

Before students can receive support, they need a simple, trusted way to ask for help.

A wellness plan only works when students can easily and safely ask for help.

Students may report concerns such as bullying, anxiety, depression, food insecurity, family challenges, vandalism, threats, concerns about a friend, or fear of going home.

When a student submits a report, they provide key information, including:

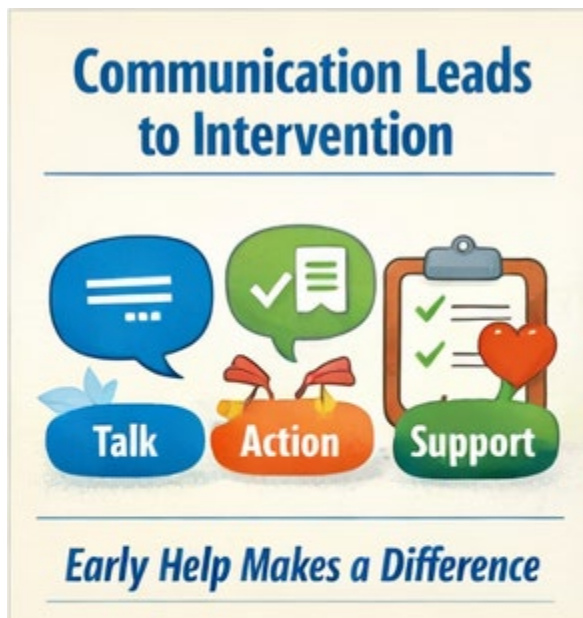
- ◆ Type of concern
- ◆ Severity level
- ◆ Location
- ◆ Additional details

This information helps determine who should respond and how quickly action is needed. Without a structured system, reports can be delayed, overlooked, or routed to the wrong person. When that happens, situations that could have been addressed early may escalate into larger problems.

School Responder ensures that every request for help is directed to the right adult immediately, creating a faster, more coordinated response.

This is what an Operating Wellness Plan looks like in action: connecting students with support when they need it most.

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Week 5 – Automatic Routing: The Wellness Plan in Action

The most important part of a wellness operating system is automatic routing.

Every school defines its own response rules based on the types of concerns students may report and the level of support required.

For example:

- Bullying (Low Severity) → Counselor
- Bullying (High Severity) → Counselor + Administrator + SRO
- Food Insecurity → Social Worker
- Anxiety → Counselor
- Vandalism → Administrator
- Threats → Administrator + SRO

This means the school's Wellness Plan isn't just documented—it is executed automatically.

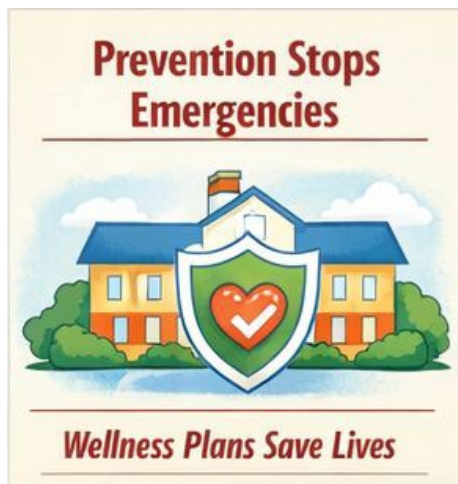
When a student submits a concern, the system immediately identifies who should respond, sends notifications, and escalates the issue if no action is taken within the defined timeframe.

The result is a more consistent, accountable, and timely response process.

A wellness plan should do more than describe what schools intend to do. It should ensure the right people are engaged at the right time, every time.

That is the power of an Operating Wellness Plan.

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Week 6 – Two-Way Communication Changes Outcomes

One of the biggest problems in traditional reporting systems is that they are one-way. A student submits a report and never hears back.

Two-way communication changes everything.

With two-way communication:

- Students can clarify what is happening
- Staff can ask questions
- Staff can provide reassurance
- Staff can coordinate with each other
- Parents can be included when appropriate
- Law enforcement can be included when necessary

Communication is how problems get solved. A system that allows secure, structured, two-way communication improves response and outcomes because situations can be understood and addressed more quickly.

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The infographic features a central smartphone displaying a chat interface with a student and staff. Above the phone, the 'SCHOOL RESPONDER' logo is shown with the tagline 'A WELLNESS RESPONDER MOBILE APP'. To the left, a student is shown submitting a report. To the right, a staff member is shown responding. The central text states: 'ONE OF THE BIGGEST PROBLEMS IN TRADITIONAL REPORTING SYSTEMS IS THAT THEY ARE ONE-WAY. A student submits a report and never hears back.' Below this, a blue banner reads 'TWO-WAY COMMUNICATION CHANGES EVERYTHING.' The infographic lists six benefits of the app, each with an icon: 1. Students can clarify what is happening (speech bubble icon). 2. Staff can ask questions (question mark icon). 3. Staff can provide reassurance (heart icon). 4. Staff can coordinate with each other (group of people icon). 5. Parents can be included when appropriate (family icon). 6. Law enforcement can be included when necessary (shield icon). At the bottom, a dark blue banner contains the 'R' logo and the text: 'COMMUNICATION IS HOW PROBLEMS GET SOLVED. Secure. Structured. Two-Way.'

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Week 8 – A System of Record Creates Better Outcomes

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- ✓ Who responded
- ✓ Response times
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This information becomes invaluable for supporting:

- ✓ MTSS
- ✓ Behavioral Threat Assessments
- ✓ Suicide Risk Assessments
- ✓ Title IX investigations
- ✓ Student discipline
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WELLNESS SYSTEM

Incident Record

- Who Reported
- What Happened
- Who Responded
- Response Time
- Actions Taken
- Outcome
- Repeat Incidents

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WEEK 9 – STUDENTS “ON THE RADAR”

A single incident tells a story.
Multiple incidents over time reveal a **pattern**.

A student who repeatedly reports anxiety, bullying, conflict, family concerns, or other challenges may be signaling a need for **additional support** long before a crisis develops.

When schools can identify those patterns, they can intervene earlier, coordinate support, and help ensure students don't fall through the cracks.

That's what it means to keep students on the **RADAR**.

Because prevention isn't about reacting to one event—it's about **recognizing patterns** before they become crises.

RECORD Capture every concern.

ANALYZE Identify trends over time.

INTERVENE Provide support earlier.

IMPROVE OUTCOMES Stronger wellness. Safer schools.

INTRODUCING RADAR™

School Responder's new capability that helps schools recognize patterns, prioritize concerns, and support earlier intervention.

- R** **RECOGNIZE** Identify early signs and patterns.
- A** **ASSESS** Evaluate level of concern and impact.
- D** **DETECT** Spot trends that may indicate risk.
- A** **ACT** Take informed, timely action.
- R** **RESPOND** Coordinate support and track outcomes.

Student Overview

Incidents Over Time

Concern Areas

- Anxiety
- Bullying
- Family Concerns
- Conflict

Incident Summary

12 Incidents | 3 Concern Areas | 4 Staff Responders | 6 Follow-ups

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Week 10 – Building a Culture of Help, Not Just Discipline

When students know they can ask for help—and trust that someone will respond—the culture of a school begins to change.

Students see school not simply as a place where rules are enforced, but as a community where people notice, listen, and help one another.

That benefits everyone.

Teachers and staff can recognize patterns and intervene earlier. Counselors and social workers can better prioritize students who need support. Administrators gain better information to guide decisions and resources.

Most importantly, students learn that asking for help is not a sign of weakness or something that gets them in trouble. It is a pathway to support.

A strong school culture needs both accountability and support.

Building a consistent system for that support may be one of the most important steps a school can take toward prevention.

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BUILDING A CULTURE OF HELP, NOT JUST DISCIPLINE

When students know they can **ask for help** and trust that adults will respond, the **culture** of the school changes.

- TEACHERS & STAFF**
Recognize patterns and **intervene earlier**.
- COUNSELORS & SOCIAL WORKERS**
Better **prioritize** students who need the most help.
- ADMINISTRATORS**
Gain **better data** for decision-making and resources.
- STUDENTS**
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