



Wisconsin Association of School Business Officials

SAFETY, SECURITY & WELLNESS AWARD

APPLICATION FORM / NOMINATION CHECKLIST

The purpose of the Safety, Security & Wellness Award is to recognize and promotes Wisconsin school districts for their efforts in creating safe and healthy learning environments for students and staff.

Nominated District: Tomorrow River School District

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Please use the charts below to assist you in organizing your nomination materials.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA	YES	NO
Submitted by employee of the nominated district?	X	

SELECTION CRITERIA – Ideas must fall into one of the following risk management categories*	YES	NO
General Safety	X	
Building Security		
Wellness Programs		
Ergonomics		

* See the WASBO Professional Recognition Program brochure, or www.wasbo.com/awards, for more details on the criteria being used to evaluate nominations.

The nomination should focus on successful program development and implementation (i.e. signage, equipment, tools, etc.) and not policy creation.

The award application should include

- ✓ Executive summary explaining the problem/challenge the district faced with a description of the solution and how it was implemented;
- ✓ Explanation of how this idea benefitted students and staff;
- ✓ Additional exhibits to support the nomination
 - Cost of implementation
 - Photo of solution
 - Results
- ✓ Statement explaining how the award will be utilized to meet district needs.

Tomorrow River School District
357 N Main St
Amherst, WI, 54406

Safety and Security and Wellness Nomination
(Glow in the Dark Exit Signs and Light Sticks)

I would like to nominate the Tomorrow River School District for the Safety, Security & Wellness Award from WASBO and M3 Insurance.

Here at the Tomorrow River School District we have always been attempting to be proactive in our Safety Program. When conducting a safety inspection recently we came across a situation that we felt was important to any and all persons that may be accessing our building.

We noticed that the entire fire exit signs where located up high near the ceiling and while taking this into consideration determined that if the hallways were consumed by smoke these devices may not be readily visible. When a fire would occur the hallways would fill up with smoke. Most people are taught that if in a fire to get low to the floor to find our way out of the building. These actions are to help the person to not be overcome by inhalation of smoke and chemical fumes that rise with the smoke and heat. It also allows people in these situations to see a clearer path out of the building by remaining low to the ground.

With this said I had recently stayed at a hotel and noticed that they had lighted signs at both tops of their exit doors as well as located near the floor. So since we as a School District do not have a lot of monies for things of this nature we had to become creative. We researched exit signs both lighted and unlit alternatives. We determined that it would cost too much to install lighted ones so we went with the purchasing of self-sticking Glow in the Dark Exit signs that could be placed low on all of our exit doors. See photo below.



Once we installed these exit signs our local insurance carrier came by and noticed this change and only had praise for what we were doing. The agent said that they are going to pass this along to their other customers as they felt that this was a very proactive measure.

Another part of this project was to find a way in which we could provide a light source for our teachers in case of an emergency (power outage, shelter in place, etc.) that did not require batteries to be changed out and were easier to maintain overall. We decided to go with a Chemical Light that we could put into their classroom emergency "GO BAGS". These lights could be used to assist in seeing in the dark, signaling for help, etc., we put two lights in each classroom bag over the summer and informed the teachers of their purposes. See photo below.



The light sticks can last up to 12 hours and are a onetime use product. These products have a 7 year shelf life and we would have paid more out in replacing batteries with the cost of the batteries as well as our labor to conduct that process. Another savings to the District is that we would eliminate the need to replace flashlights due to battery corrosion or batteries that had expired.

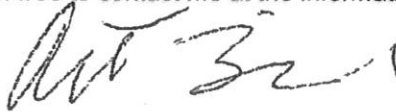
We have also distributed these same Chemical lights to all of our contracted bus drivers and have installed them in all District owned vehicles. These can be used by the drivers to warn oncoming traffic of a vehicle breakdown and also to provide some light if needed.

The total cost of our project was \$547.45.

These safety improvements will make it a safer place for our students, staff and guests during emergencies. Staff members have commented that they like the ability to have a reliable light source in their "GO BAGS" and that we have created a preventive maintenance schedule to exchange chemical lights out upon their expiration date.

If awarded any funds we would look at the purchasing of Emergency First Aid Bags for our Charter School and Maintenance Department.

If there are any questions and or concerns please feel free to contact me at the information provided below.



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