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## HCDE's Center for Safe and Secure Schools hosts first-ever, comprehensive emergency management workshop

**WHAT:** On Wednesday, July 21, Harris County Department of Education's Center for Safe and Secure Schools will host the final day of its first-ever Safety Leadership Cohort Workshop Series, a 3-day, in-person workshop sequence for school administrators involved in campus emergency and crisis management.

The seminar will integrate Incident Command System (ICS), Medical Emergency Response Team (MERT), Crisis Management, Standard Response Protocol (SRP), and Standard Reunification Method (SRM) procedures, which are typically held as stand-alone, one-day workshops. Offered as a sequence, the Safety Leadership Cohort Workshop aims to provide campus and district leaders with a comprehensive, "big picture" approach to developing safety plans.

The workshop comes at a time when the demand for crisis response preparation continues to grow, but emergency management teams are not.

Nationally recognized school psychologist and first responder Shannon Devlin, Ph.D., HCDE Center for Safe and Secure Schools School Safety and Security Specialist Janice Owolabi, Humble Independent School District Chief of Police Solomon Cook, and special education attorney Melissa Goins will lead campus administrators from HCDE, Harris County school districts, and community partners in discussions about relationship-building, threat assessments, and social and emotional safety.

**Media must RSVP to [LCozzari@hcde-texas.org](mailto:LCozzari@hcde-texas.org) by 8 a.m. on Wednesday, July 21.**

**WHO:** HCDE's Center for Safe and Secure Schools Director **Julia Andrews** and School Safety and Security Specialist **Janice Owolabi**; school psychologist **Shannon Devlin**, Ph.D.; Humble ISD Police Chief **Solomon Cook**; special education attorney Melissa Goins; and campus administrators

**WHEN:** July 21  
9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

11-11:15 a.m.

Media availability with HCDE's Center for Safe and Secure Schools Director Julia Andrews

**WHERE:** Harris County Department of Education  
Ethel Wolfe Building, room 1010  
6005 Westview Dr., Houston, TX 77055

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