

**Mount Vernon School District
124 East Lawrence Street
Mount Vernon, WA 98273**

AREA SERVED:

The Mount Vernon School District is located 60 miles north of Seattle in the fertile Skagit Valley. We are a growing and diverse school district that serves 5,700 students attending 9 schools, grades kindergarten - 12. The District is committed to success for all students and provides a wide range of high quality instructional programs and extended learning opportunities for its students.

ASSET PROFILE:

The Mount Vernon School District owns and operates 9 schools, 1 administration building, and 4 other facilities. District assets total approximately \$115,457,000 including building assets of approximately \$105,713,000 and equipment assets of approximately \$9,744,000. The district has considered these assets in our planning and mitigation strategy development.

ESTIMATED RELATIVE THREAT:

The Mount Vernon School District is most vulnerable to the following natural hazards, ranked in order:

1. Severe Storm
2. Flooding
3. Earthquake

RECENT (5-YEAR) NATURAL HAZARD EVENT HISTORY:

During the 2003 – 2008 plan cycle, the Mount Vernon School District was impacted by natural hazard events as follows:

- A total of 6 days of missed school due to severe storms and snow events.
- A total of 3 days of missed school due to flooding.
- Damage to district facilities resulting from these events: \$80,000 (snow removal costs and facility repairs).

EXISTING AND ON-GOING MITIGATION STRATEGIES:

Hazard & Effect	Mitigation & Preparedness (Protection devices, safeguards, & procedures to reduce the effect of the hazard)	Response (Immediate actions to function at a minimal acceptable level)	Recovery (Resources required to restore function or longer term recovery)
<p>Earthquake</p>	<p><i>Facility upgrades to meet earthquake code standards.</i> Lead: Facilities and Maintenance; Funding: district budget; Timeline: Ongoing</p> <p><i>New construction meets code standards.</i> Lead: Facilities; Funding: Capital Projects; Timeline: Ongoing</p> <p><i>Supplies/materials/furniture mitigation effort as part of our fire department inspections.</i> Lead: Maintenance & Custodians; Funding: District Budget; Timeline: Ongoing</p> <p><i>District Emergency Planning Team (D.E.P.T.) protocol and practice for earthquake. Regular drills both school-based and district wide.</i> Lead: D.E.P.T.; Funding: District Budget; Timeline: Ongoing</p> <p><i>Redundant communication system with district leadership team, maintenance team and transportation team.</i> Lead: Maintenance; Funding: District Budget; Timeline: Short Term</p> <p><i>On-going training on ICS and various functions of ICS such as accountability, search, rescue, triage, reunification, communication, etc. in conjunction with local fire and police departments.</i> Lead: D.E.P.T.; Funding: District Budget; Timeline: Ongoing</p> <p><i>Accumulation of emergency supplies and materials and storage of this external of each school.</i> Lead: D.E.P.T.; Funding: District Budget, Gifts, and Grants; Timeline: Short Term</p>	<p>Institute earthquake protocol, which includes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. duck/cover 2. evacuation route check 3. building/utility check 4. accountability 5. evacuation (if necessary) 6. establishment of ICS and needed ICS functions 7. communication with district support and emergency providers 	<p>Assessment of status and planning for return to normal operations.</p> <p>Communication with community.</p> <p>Comprehensive assessment for insurance purposes.</p> <p>Documentation of other impacts (additional hours worked, resources utilized).</p> <p>Establishment of Critical Incident Stress De-briefing services (both district and external resources available).</p>

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Fire	<p>Comply with fire codes and regular inspections by fire department. Lead: Maintenance & Custodians; Funding: District Budget; Timeline: Ongoing</p> <p>Redundant communication system with district leadership team, maintenance team and transportation team. Lead: Maintenance; Funding: District Budget; Timeline: Short Term</p> <p>District Emergency Planning Team protocol and practice for fire. Regular drills at each school site. Lead: D.E.P.T., Principals; Funding: District Budget; Timeline: Ongoing</p> <p>On-going training on ICS and various functions of ICS such as accountability, search, rescue, triage, reunification, communication, etc. in conjunction with local fire and police departments. Lead: D.E.P.T.; Funding: District Budget; Timeline: Ongoing</p> <p>Accumulation of emergency supplies and materials and storage of this external of each school. Lead: D.E.P.T.; Funding: District Budget/Gifts/Grants; Timeline: Short Term</p>	<p>Institute fire protocol which includes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. alarm 2. evacuation 3. accountability 4. notification of emergency responders and district support 5. establishment of ICS and needed ICS functions 	<p>Assessment of status and planning for return to normal operations.</p> <p>Communication with community.</p> <p>Comprehensive assessment for insurance purposes.</p> <p>Documentation of other impacts (additional hours worked, resources utilized).</p> <p>Establishment of Critical Incident Stress De-briefing services (both district and external resources available).</p>
Severe Wind	<p>District Emergency Planning Team protocol and practice for shelter in place. Regular drills both school-based and district wide. Lead: D.E.P.T.; Funding: District Budget; Timeline: Ongoing</p> <p>On-going training on ICS and various functions of ICS such as accountability, search, rescue, triage, reunification, communication, etc. in conjunction with local fire and police departments. Lead: D.E.P.T.; Funding: District Budget; Timeline: Ongoing</p> <p>Redundant communication system with district leadership team, maintenance team and transportation team. Lead: Maintenance; Funding: District Budget; Timeline: Short Term</p> <p>Accumulation of emergency supplies and materials and storage of this external of each school. Lead: D.E.P.T.; Funding: District Budget, Gifts, and Grants; Timeline: Short Term</p>	<p>Institute shelter in place protocol, which can be modified depending upon the specific circumstances.</p> <p>Establishment of ICS and needed ICS functions, communication with district support and emergency providers.</p>	<p>Assessment of status and planning for return to normal operations.</p> <p>Communication with community.</p> <p>Comprehensive assessment for insurance purposes.</p> <p>Documentation of other impacts (additional hours worked, resources utilized).</p> <p>Establishment of Critical Incident Stress De-briefing services (both district and external resources available).</p>

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Snow Storm	<p><i>District Emergency Planning Team protocol and practice for implementation of ICS.</i> Lead: D.E.P.T.; Funding: District Budget; Timeline: Ongoing</p> <p><i>Redundant communication system with district leadership team, maintenance team and transportation team.</i> Lead: Maintenance; Funding: District Budget; Timeline: Short Term</p> <p><i>On-going training on ICS and various functions of ICS such as accountability, search, rescue, triage, reunification, communication, etc. in conjunction with local fire and police departments.</i> Lead: D.E.P.T.; Funding: District Budget; Timeline: Ongoing</p> <p><i>Accumulation of emergency supplies and materials and storage of this external of each school.</i> Lead: D.E.P.T.; Funding: District Budget, Gifts and, Grants; Timeline: Short Term</p>	<p>Snow removal from walks and parking lots.</p> <p>Tour facility to assess damage. Update employees on conditions.</p> <p>Determination regarding school closure/schedule changes.</p> <p>Institute shelter in place protocol, which can be modified depending upon the specific circumstances.</p> <p>Establishment of ICS and needed ICS functions, communication with district support and emergency providers.</p>	<p>Assessment of status and planning for return to normal operations.</p> <p>Communication with community.</p> <p>Comprehensive assessment for insurance purposes.</p> <p>Documentation of other impacts (additional hours worked, resources utilized).</p> <p>Establishment of Critical Incident Stress De-briefing services (both district and external resources available).</p>
Volcanic Activity (Mt. Baker)	<p><i>District Emergency Planning Team protocol and practice for shelter in place. Regular drills both school-based and district wide.</i> Lead: D.E.P.T.; Funding: District Budget; Timeline: Ongoing</p> <p><i>Redundant communication system with district leadership team, maintenance team and transportation team.</i> Lead: Maintenance; Funding: District Budget; Timeline: Short Term</p> <p><i>On-going training on ICS and various functions of ICS such as accountability, search, rescue, triage, reunification, communication, etc. in conjunction with local fire and police departments.</i> Lead: D.E.P.T.; Funding: District Budget; Timeline: Ongoing</p> <p><i>Accumulation of emergency supplies and materials and storage of this external of each school.</i> Lead: D.E.P.T.; Funding: District Budget, Gifts, and Grants; Timeline: Short Term</p>	<p>Institute shelter in place protocol, which can be modified depending upon the specific circumstances.</p> <p>Establishment of ICS and needed ICS functions, communication with district support and emergency providers.</p>	<p>Assessment of status and planning for return to normal operations.</p> <p>Communication with community.</p> <p>Comprehensive assessment for insurance purposes.</p> <p>Documentation of other impacts (additional hours worked, resources utilized).</p> <p>Establishment of Critical Incident Stress De-briefing services (both district and external resources available).</p>

MITIGATION ACCOMPLISHMENTS (2003 – 2008):

The mitigation measures listed above were identified for the Mount Vernon School District in 2003. All measures are current and on-going and will continue throughout the 2008 – 2013 plan cycle.

PROPOSED MITIGATION MEASURES (2008 – 2013):

The Mount Vernon School District has determined that the mitigation measures listed above remain valid and are re-affirmed for the 2008 – 2013 plan cycle. In addition, the mitigation measures listed below are proposed for the 2008 – 2013 plan cycle.

1. Provide for and implement a comprehensive non-structural earthquake mitigation program to secure and stabilize furnishings, equipment, and windows in all buildings and facilities owned by the Mount Vernon School District.

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FUNDING SOURCE: Grant funding
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2. Provide for and implement a comprehensive utility safety program to place all above-ground utilities within 300 feet of all school district owned buildings and facilities underground to facilitate emergency egress of students and staff and emergency ingress of emergency response personnel following a damaging earthquake.

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3. Provide for the purchase and installation of emergency generators (1 each) at Mount Vernon High School and at Mount Baker Middle School.

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FUNDING FOR THESE MITIGATION MEASURES IS DEPENDENT UPON THE MOUNT VERNON SCHOOL DISTRICT RECEIVING FUTURE FEDERAL AND/OR STATE HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT FUNDING.