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BURLINGTON - A Community Coming Together

On February 14, 2018, a shooting at Parkland High School in Florida created a blanket of concern over our nation. The Mayor and many of City's aldermen have received concerns asking if our schools are safe.

A week after the shooting in Florida, the City's Emergency Response Team contacted Burlington Area School District (BASD) Superintendent Peter Smet and BASD board members and officials to meet. The meeting was not to suggest changes to the procedures already in place since 2007; instead, to be a partner with the school district for the safety of the students and learn what to expect from the emergency response team. A benefit to the school district is learning who the key members of the City's Emergency Response Team are and how they can help in an emergency situation.

On March 13, 2018, this team had a very engaging meeting with all of the principals of the district, to focus on crisis planning. Since this meeting, the principals from Catholic Central High School, St. Mary's Catholic School and St. Charles School have requested involvement in this initiative working with the Emergency Response Team and the Burlington Area School District.

This team's slogan is "Pre-think Your Actions". The community will continue to work together for the safety of our students and our response to it.

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