

## **PRIMARY PURPOSE OF DISTRICT LEVEL SAFETY TEAMS**

Health and safety committees are required under Part 155.4(d) - the RESCUE regulation (Rebuilding Schools to Uphold Education). The main purpose of the health and safety committee (comprised of district officials, parents, teachers and staff) is to assist in the investigation and disposition of health and safety related complaints - such as facility, indoor air quality, pest management, construction issues, etc.

The regulation further states that the committee must be expanded during a school construction project to actually monitor safety during the project. The expanded committee must then include the project architect, construction manager, and contractors.

Project SAVE (Schools Against Violence in Education) requires the creation of both district-wide and school-based safety teams. The scope and responsibilities of the teams required under Project SAVE are much different, although they may be comprised of some of the same individuals as the health and safety committee under RESCUE. Specifically, Project SAVE requires the designation of four teams:

- (1) district-wide school safety team
- (2) building-level school safety teams
- (3) building-level emergency response teams
- (4) building-level post-incident response teams.