

Summary of Involvement for Beatrice Public Schools  
 Beatrice, Nebraska  
 Safe & Responsive Schools Project  
 2000-2001

Four schools in the Beatrice Public School district continued their participation in the Safe & Responsive Schools project during the 2000-2001 school year. These participating schools include four elementary schools and the high school. Although the Beatrice Middle School is not currently involved in the project, there is a standing invitation to re-join the project at any time.

Throughout the summer and the current school year, the SRS teams began the process of implementing the plans that had been developed the previous school year. These plans were designed to address the core areas of the project including creating a positive climate, early identification and intervention, and effective responses.

Beatrice Public Schools District-Wide. A district-wide initiative that has involved all SRS teams at some level is the process of re-constructing the current Student Assistance Teams (SAT). In an effort to begin training staff on effective early intervention teams, Dr. Christine Ormsbee from the University of Oklahoma was asked to conduct a two-day workshop for teachers. Dr. Ormsbee defined what constitutes an effective early intervention team and mapped out the procedures that guide effective teams, providing specific and concrete examples throughout the presentation. Beatrice Public Schools is still in the process of meeting to revise the current SAT process and to develop appropriate documentation forms for teachers that are comprehensive yet not too cumbersome.

Similar to last year, the Beatrice Public Schools again distributed the Safe & Responsive Schools survey to parents during spring conferences. The total number of completed surveys obtained from parents is as follows:

	<u>Spring 2000</u>	<u>Spring 2001</u>
Beatrice High School	191	215
Cedar Elementary	55	71
Lincoln Elementary	42	57
Paddock Lane Elementary	60	56
Stoddard Elementary	49	53
Beatrice Middle School	182	Not yet completed

Beatrice Public Schools staff and students (grades 3<sup>rd</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup>) will also complete the SRS survey during March 2001. Results obtained from this year's sample will be compared with the 1999-2000 school year's results to help identify what projects have been helpful and to identify areas to improve on for the next school year.

All SRS teams will again complete the Needs Assessment Questionnaire this spring to evaluate whether there are other areas the team could address next year. The SRS teams will also continue to evaluate the current plans that are in place and to monitor their progress.