

# Memo

To: Jeff Pesek, Joe Keating  
From: Dr. Mike Kuzniewski, Assistant Superintendent  
CC: Board of Education  
Date: 10/14/2009  
Re: NIMS Resolution memo

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As part of our Readiness and Emergency Response Management Systems (REMS) grant, one of our goals is to develop and implement an emergency action plan that complies with the national incident management system (NIMS) that was developed by the federal government. In addition to this plan, the purpose of the grant was to assist school district and first responders in complying with the federal mandate to implement the incident command structure (ICS) for dealing with emergency incidents. One of the requirements of the REMS grant is for school districts to adopt a resolution indicating that they will embed these two systems into their emergency planning and decision-making. Therefore, it is my recommendation that the Board of Education approve the NIMS resolution as presented on the agenda.

**RESOLUTION**  
**AUTHORIZING THE NATIONAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (NIMS) AS THE**  
**BASIS FOR ALL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT IN**  
**J STERLING MORTON HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 201**  
**Cook County, Illinois**

**WHEREAS**, the President in Homeland Security Directive (HSPD)-5, directed the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security to develop and administer a National Incident Management System (NIMS), which would provide a consistent nationwide approach for Federal, State, local, and tribal governments to work together more effectively and efficiently to prevent, prepare for, respond to and recover from domestic incidents, regardless of cause, size or complexity;

**WHEREAS**, the collective input and guidance from all Federal, State, local, and tribal homeland security partners has been, and will continue to be, vital to the development, effective implementation and utilization of a comprehensive NIMS;

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary and desirable that all Federal, State, local and tribal emergency agencies and personnel coordinate their efforts to effectively and efficiently provide the highest levels of incident management;

**WHEREAS**, to facilitate the most efficient and effective incident management it is critical that Federal, State, local, and tribal organizations utilize standardized terminology, standardized organizational structures, interoperable communications, consolidated action plans, unified command structures, uniform personnel qualification standards, uniform standards for planning, training, and exercising, comprehensive resource management, and designated incident facilities during emergencies or disasters;

**WHEREAS**, the NIMS standardized procedures for managing personnel, communications, facilities and resources will improve the State's ability to utilize federal funding to enhance local and state agency readiness, maintain first responder safety, and streamline incident management processes;

**WHEREAS**, the Incident Command System components of NIMS are already an integral part of various incident management activities throughout the State, including current emergency management training programs; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks (9-11 Commission) recommended adoption of a standardized Incident Command System;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, We the Board of Education of J. Sterling Morton High School District 201, Cook County, Illinois, by the virtue of the authority vested in the Board, do hereby establish the National Incident Management System (NIMS) as the district standard for incident management:

The effective date of the Order is \_\_\_\_\_.

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Jeffrey Pesek, President

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Date

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Jessica Jaramillo-Flores, Secretary

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Date