

LYON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

*Staff Travel Report
to
School Board of Trustees*

Your recent request to travel has been approved. Within two weeks of the date of the conference, the following report is due in the office of the Deputy Superintendent via Margaret Heim.

Please **TYPE** the following information.

Staff Member:	<u>John Gavin</u>	School:	<u>Silverland Middle</u>
Assignment:	<u>Counselor</u>	Conference Attended:	<u>Handle With Care</u>
Location of Conference:	<u>Phoenix, AZ</u>	Dates Attended:	<u>4/29 and 4/30/2026</u>

General Overview:

The Handle with Care training focused on effective methods for safely de-escalating students who may become agitated or exhibit unsafe behaviors while maintaining the dignity and well-being of all individuals involved. This refresher strengthened my understanding of crisis intervention, therapeutic communication, nonverbal and verbal de-escalation strategies, and safe physical intervention techniques when absolutely necessary. The training reinforced the importance of proactive relationship-building and maintaining a calm, structured approach to reduce tension and promote school safety.

How will this positively impact student learning?

This training will positively impact student learning by ensuring that staff members are equipped with the skills necessary to respond effectively to behavioral crises while minimizing disruption to the educational environment. By expanding staff capacity to safely support both neurotypical students and students with diverse needs, our school community can maintain a more secure and productive atmosphere where all students are better able to focus on learning.

How will I implement what I learned and how will I share this information with my colleagues?

I plan to continue sharing these strategies with colleagues across the district by providing guidance on de-escalation techniques, therapeutic communication, and safe intervention practices. Through collaboration, modeling, and ongoing support, I will help staff members strengthen their confidence in managing challenging situations effectively while prioritizing the safety of students and staff.

Other Comments:

This was a highly valuable training experience that provided an excellent opportunity to refresh and strengthen critical crisis response skills. I appreciate the opportunity to participate and look forward to continuing to support district staff through the application.



Site Principal/Supervisor Approval



Director/Deputy Superintendent Approval

5/7/2024

Date

5/13/24

Date