

Schools teach 'Run, Hide, Fight' response

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FREMONT - Fremont City Schools Superintendent Jon Detwiler said the district is working hand-in-hand with the Fremont Police Department to teach "Run, Hide, Fight" when handling an active shooter.

"If you can get out, we want you to get out," Detwiler said. "If you can't, then hide."

If a shooter makes it into a room full of students and staff, Detwiler said he encourages them to fight for their lives.

Fremont Police Chief Dean Bliss said Run, Hide and Fight is taught as a way for students and faculty to fight for their survival.

"These people are coming into schools looking to take lives, not wallets," Bliss said.

Detwiler said there is "strength in numbers" and when people throw items in the classroom at a shooter it can disorient them long enough where the attacker can be disarmed.

If students and staff are able to run from the school building, Detwiler said each school has a designated safe area to run to that will also act as a reunification location with the student's parents.

— *Craig Shoup*