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Brookings-Harbor Voices PSA – Great Oregon Shakeout Earthquake Drill

Hi, this is Sean Gallagher – Brookings Harbor School District 17C Superintendent here to talk to you about the districts participation in the Great Oregon Shakeout Earthquake Drill.

On October 20, 2016 at 10:20 AM, BHSD will be participating with thousands of other Oregonians in an earthquake drill to build awareness towards the likelihood of our community enduring a seismic event. The procedures call for students and staff to “Drop, Cover, and Hold On” during this event which is the state’s largest earthquake drill ever!!!

All K-12 schools, districts, and community organizations are encouraged to participate in the drill which can be very basic to very advanced. Major earthquakes can happen anywhere you live, work, or travel. The Shakeout is our chance to practice how to protect ourselves and for everyone to become prepared. The goal is to prevent a major earthquake from becoming a catastrophe for you and your loved ones.

Why is a “Drop, Cover, and Hold On” drill important? To respond quickly you must practice often. Everyone will only have seconds to protect yourself in an earthquake before strong shaking knocks you down, or something falls on you. Millions of people worldwide have participated in Great Shakeout Earthquake Drills since 2008. The Great Oregon Shakeout is held on the third Thursday of October each year.

The school district in preparation for any seismic event has received a \$1.5M grant to seismically retrofit the older portion of Kalmiopsis Elementary School during the summer of 2016. There are pending applications for identical funding for Azalea Middle School and Brookings Harbor High School. The district takes the likelihood of a seismic event very seriously. The retrofits are designed to keep buildings standing long enough for people to safely evacuate after the earthquake stops.

For more information, visit the website at www.shakeout.org . The website has lots of information tools customized for particular organizations. The Brookings Harbor School District is happy to participate in this regional event remembering that only together we can ensure that Every Student Can succeed here at Brookings-Harbor School District.