



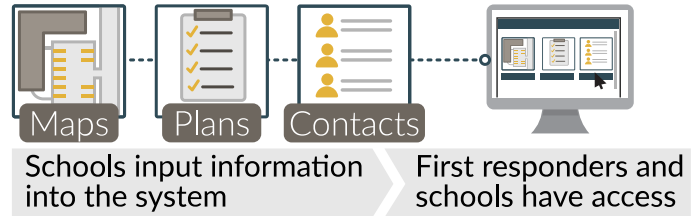
# Proposed Study Questions: First Responder Mapping System for K-12 Schools

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## Study will review use of the state’s first responder building mapping system for public K-12 schools

In 2003, the Legislature directed the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs (WASPC) to create a first responder mapping system for state and local government buildings (RCW 36.28A.060).



The system is intended to:

- Provide information to emergency agencies responding to disasters, criminal activity, or other incidents at a school.
- Facilitate communication between responding agencies and building personnel.

## Legislature provided funding to develop a system and map all public K-12 schools

The Legislature provided funding to WASPC to establish a system accessible to schools and emergency responders. WASPC works with a vendor to maintain an electronic database that includes information such as maps, emergency plans, contacts, evacuation areas, utilities, and known hazards.

School districts are responsible for providing and updating information for the WASPC system, and may also use other mapping systems at the local level. Through the 2013-2015 biennium, the Legislature provided funding to develop the information needed to populate WASPC’s system. The Legislature provides ongoing funding to maintain the system.

## Study will address questions about use and cost

1. Which school districts have provided information for WASPC’s mapping system, and is the information current?
2. Which school districts use a different local system, and are these systems coordinated with WASPC’s?
3. What information or systems do school districts and emergency agencies use for actual incidents and safety drills?
4. What are the costs and training needed to use, maintain, and update the system(s) and information? Who incurs the costs?
5. What do school districts and emergency agencies believe are the advantages and disadvantages of the systems?

## Study Timeframe

Preliminary Report: January 2020

Proposed Final Report: April 2020

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