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Families Invited to Safe and Sound Schools Event

Nationally known author, speaker Chad Hymas at Bend Senior High Aug. 28

Bend-La Pine Schools invites local parents, students, staff and community members to learn how they can come together to create safe, positive cultures in schools during an upcoming event featuring nationally known author and speaker Chad Hymas. Safe and Sound Schools: Parent Engagement for Safer School Climates is open to the public (with free tickets) and will take place at **7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 28 at Bend Senior High School.**

"We hope families, students and staff members will take the opportunity to come to this event and leave feeling inspired and excited about how we can make our school communities even stronger," said Superintendent Shay Mikalson.

In 2001, at the age of 27, Hymas' life changed in an instant when a 2,000-pound bale of hay shattered his neck, leaving him a quadriplegic. He is a best-selling author, president of his own communications company, and recognized world-class wheelchair athlete. In 2003, Chad set a world record by wheeling his chair from Salt Lake City to Las Vegas (513 miles). He served as president of the National Speakers Association Utah chapter and is a member of the elite Speakers Roundtable (one of twenty of the world's top speakers). He is one of the youngest ever to receive the Council of Peers Award for Excellence (CPAE) and to be inducted into the prestigious National Speaker Hall of Fame.

Free tickets are available now for the event: <http://bit.ly/BLLegacy>

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