



Safety & Security Update

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Safety & Security in the SEL Schools

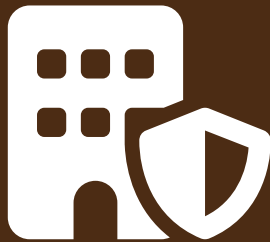
SEL School Community,

On behalf of the SEL Schools, I want to welcome you back for the 2023-24 school year! As we prepare for the return of students to the classroom, the district has been active in planning and implementing steps to improve the overall safety and security of our buildings. This includes the purchase of new technology to effectively screen all building visitors, ongoing review of existing security protocols, and strengthening partnerships with our local law enforcement, School Resource Officers, and security guards. A more detailed list of current and upcoming safety and security measures is listed below. The dedication and care of our teachers and staff is greatly valued, and the SEL Schools seeks to support your efforts by providing learning spaces that are safe, secure, and promote the well-being of everyone. Stay tuned for future updates. Have a great first week and a successful 2023-24 school year!

- Dominick Kaple,
Assistant Superintendent - Academics, Technology, Security, and Innovation

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- Hiring of Tyler Wylie as new Safety and Security Supervisor. Tyler is a military veteran, former police officer and federal agent, and holds several safety and security certifications.
- All K-12 buildings have the Raptor Visitor Management System to screen all visitors.
- Over 450 indoor and outdoor security camera coverage of all school buildings with extensive surveillance capabilities.
- Installation of classroom number decals on exterior windows and door number decals for quick and accurate identification during an emergency situation.
- Regular review of district safety plan by police & fire departments.
- Regular lockdown and fire drills conducted at school buildings.
- Emergency/Crisis kits are available for all schools.
- ALL exterior doors are locked and buzzer systems with video cameras are in place at all school main entrances.
- Implementation of Navigate 360 security software.
- Safe School Hotline provides anonymous tip line to report unsafe, at-risk situations and can be reached at 1-800-4-1-VOICE (1-800-418-6423) ext. 359.



Strengthening Strategic Partnerships

- Summer 2023 - Safety training sessions with nearby fire and police departments led by SRO Joe DiLillo.
- Ongoing collaboration with police and fire department chiefs from the Cities of South Euclid and Lyndhurst.
- The Office of Safety and Security will be holding monthly SEL Safety Meetings that will include SELTA members, Admin, Security Guards, SRO's, and other stakeholders.



Upcoming Safety & Security Initiatives

- Application of blast resistant film to windows on exterior doors to prevent unauthorized access to buildings.
- Physical security upgrades in classrooms and the buildings will occur over the next two years in the form of interior and exterior locks for all doors throughout the district's campus. Made possible with grant funding from the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission's School Safety Grant.
- Safety plan and preparedness trainings held with staff.
- Pursuing additional grant funding sources for door alarms, extra radios, cameras, and other safety related items.
- Annual Safety and Security Bulletins to ALL district stakeholders.

