

School Board Executive Summary



Topic: Annual Review - District Safety and Security Protocols

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Recommended Action:

- ☒ Information Only
- ☐ Presentation/Discussion
- ☐ Discussion/Action by Board of Education
- ☐ Presentation/Action Next Meeting

Recommendation(s): None at this time. Informational report to the Board. This report provides an overview of the Westside School District's enhanced safety and security measures, including continuing the implementation of standardized protocols and new technology. The update highlights an innovative approach to safety and security and a collaborative effort to promote a culture of safety throughout the district.

Background: Westside's new Director of Safety and Security (DSS) has been in place for sixteen months. During this time, the DSS continues to work with building leaders to improve safety and continues to collaborate with the District Safety & Health Steering Committee to implement immediate improvements. Key developments and updates for the 2025–2026 and 2026–2027 school years include:

Safety & Health Steering Committee Oversight: Oversees health, safety, and emergency strategy quarterly. Recent achievements include i66 building upgrades, Rule 10 subcommittee AED purchases, Project Adam training and PulsePoint registration, LB 757 subcommittee ALICAP inspection protocols/electronic reporting, and Special Services Vector behavioral health training, and BITS Act professional development for all staff.

Culture of Safety & Protocols: Continues strict door-propping protocols and district-wide A.L.I.C.E. principles. For 2026–27, the district is introducing badge access audits and unannounced lockdown drills to ensure real-world readiness.

Mass Reunification Readiness: Formed a Reunification Team trained on Raptor Emergency Management Reunification software on July 1, 2026. Custom branded site signage, safety protocols, and site plans have been vetted and approved by the Steering Committee, with team notification workflows and transportation logistics currently being finalized.

Integrated Safety Technology: Over 800 cameras are scanned by the ZeroEyes visual gun detection system. Detections trigger Raptor lockdowns, which seamlessly integrate with Genetec in under five seconds to lock doors, drop fire doors, initiate announcements, and issue panic alarms (district-wide testing set for 9/8/2026).

Omaha Police ROC Integration: Westside Community Schools is the first and only school district integrated with the Omaha Police Real-Time Operation Center (ROC) via Axon Fusus. This provides live camera access during emergencies, eliminates 911 dispatch delays, and allows ROC operators to guide responding officers directly to threats.

Westside High School (WHS) Enhancements: Implemented position sensors on every door with alarms on high-violation points, biometric fingerprint entry for student access during before/after-school activities, student ID QR code entry in secure vestibules, and camera repositioning to eliminate high-risk blind spots.

Attachment(s): Slide Presentation