

## **GISD Safety & Security Public Meeting #1 July 16, 2018**

### **Discussion Question 1**

**Based on the information and discussion on campus security protocols and security training, please identify at least three areas for improvement.**

- \*We do not have a panic button in the office (Lock-out – Nobody comes in)
- \*Will there be a training/info at convocation?
- \*Drills – Lock down (each semester), Lock out, Hold, Protect & Shelter
- \*More accountability for online/social media posts by students. I see so many posts regarding guns, violence, and illegal drug use.
- \*Communicate clearly and correctly
- \*Were you previously trained? (Or will all of this be implemented for this school year)
- \*How many drills were previously done prior to 2018/2019?
- \*How is your current relationship with GPD?
- \*How many officers are currently “Fully Trained” before 2018/2019?
- \*Are these trainings logged? (Open to public to see when they took place)
- \*Real time monitoring of cameras with a dedicated security officer at each school (also need more cameras with updated technology)
- \*Seek funding for metal detectors and x-ray equipment at all schools. All students and employees should be required to enter this way just like through the airport TSA and federal building entrances.
- \*What is being done to protect students as they enter the building? (Besides staff watching them enter)
- \*Clear/mesh backpacks district wide?
- \*What is being done for campuses with separate buildings? i.e. Parker & Morgan
- \*Channel entry of students, staff, and visitors.
- \*Security for shared outside spaces – i.e. playground at Rosenberg

\*Locks – several doors throughout school cannot be locked with a key or at all. Are your locks to be updated?

\*Drills – great to have basic 1<sup>st</sup> aid in classroom but will any type of training be provided at the older ages? Middle & High School?

\*Communication – especially with upper grades

\*Accountability – What are the guidelines if schools do not have required drills? Is the info published or accounted and available for review by parents?

\*Training of students, one drill/semester is not enough.

\*What should parents do if they hear of a lockdown in process?

\*Focus the attention on the problem. Who are we trying to keep out? (supported by statistics) Are we focusing our resources there?

\*Research based solutions. Is there data that supports clear backpacks? Vestibule entries? Locked classrooms?

\*Please consider metal detectors. I would rather have a time inconvenience than guns in the building.

\*Uniforms, no trench coats allowed, clear backpacks considered.

\*How can GISD better monitor social media?

\*There should only be one main entryway to get inside, or all entryways need to be physically monitored by a security guard or police officer.

\*Security – Kids think drills are ineffective. Do you seek input from kids to determine what might help them feel more confident in plans/security?

\*What do you do with tips? (e.g. Go Guardian)

\*Multiple entrances/exits at Ball High

\*Cafeteria exit plan/emergency plan at all campuses (large number of students in a small space) panic buttons in large system

\*Sound systems in gym/cafeteria to communicate to large numbers of people

\*Will keycards become available for all doors/teachers at the High School?

\*Cameras in more places/hallways/stairs/cafeteria/etc. with better images at Ball High.

- \*How will classrooms with substitutes be locked/unlocked throughout the day?
- \*GISD police and support center need multiple cell phone numbers of key staff – secretary, AP, counselor, custodian, nurse, etc...
- \*How will you as a district ensure drills are being completed at every campus?
- \*Move to clear backpacks
- \*Train students to **NOT** open doors.
- \*Communication of procedures so that procedures are consistent and understood
- \*Metal detectors
- \*Documentation of safety drills
- \*Assessment of the effectiveness of the drills
- \*Safe room
- \*Safety hinge from the inside
- \*I am a student and I do not believe that clear backpacks are practical. They are typically cheap and my backpack weighs 10-20 lbs. during the year. I also bring a laptop and at Ball High I feel that if I had a clear backpack it would be stolen.
- \*What time delays will be put in place due to the new security?
- \*Additional officers
- \*District wide training on active shooter responses
- \*Target hardening all schools
- \*Consider school uniforms/dress code improvements, actual classroom security (Locks, glass, etc.), metal detectors, arming designated teachers (training/volunteer)
- \*Ensure that local police have school floor plans and train to those plans.
- \*Safe rooms inside classrooms
- \*Ensure for strict and clear chain of command in emergencies
- \*Add “text” option for WeTip program

- \*Metal detectors, are they part of the safety plan?
- \*Panic button – students need to know real time alert text messages
- \*When will active shooter training for teachers/students begin?
- \*When are keycards being placed at BHS?
- \*Who is paying for changes?
- \*Will teen clinics have panic buttons?
- \*Classroom training for students (Indiana High School)
- \*Classroom door barrier?
- \*Unified parent/staff/student notification app (Remind)
- \*Social media monitoring (Social Sentinel)
- \*Canine officer in lieu of metal detectors
- \*Every campus needs to have an assigned visible officer.
- \*Every staff member in GISD needs to go through training to know what to do in case of a disaster. Talking through a plan is not the same as practicing what to do.
- \*Consider having a canine to check for weapons rather than a metal detector
- \*Teacher and staff training, active involvement
- \*Drills – mandatory, district wide, in multiple periods of the day, random and planned
- \*Alarm on doors after certain time left/propped open (unsecure)
- \*Increase canine presence
- \*Idea – include photo on attendance sheet that is taken out with teachers (since elementary students do not have IDs) during evacuation.
- \*Need to make the WeTip more known throughout the district. I have been in the district since 2003 and never knew about it.

\*Recommend 1 form of communication throughout the district. You can utilize all avenues but there needs to be one that ALL parents/students/employees communicate. This 1 needs to be the official means of communication and all others secondary.

\*10 officers, 6 security guards – NOT ENOUGH!! 1 elementary, 2 each middle school, 4-5 at Ball High (minimum). Possible citizen group.

\*Recommend doors that are locked but can be opened from the inside by pushing.

\*Make sure the students are included in security training. (regularly) It seems they are currently not being trained.

\*Is there a way to better utilize/monitor the information that surfaces on social media?

\*Could there be a team of students who can report concerns anonymously?

\*Can the teachers receive some basic training on recognizing serious mental health issues?

\*From past instances of school shootings, it's been a student from within. The lock doors and security for outsiders I feel y'all are doing and thinking of all the possibilities (thank you). But my question is for monitoring students. What is considered "looking questionable"? Is there a way to monitor yet trust the students? Like yes clear backpacks and/or maybe student training?

\*Reinstate metal detectors

\*Teachers availability to swipe badge at door

\*Limit/escort visitors/volunteers to their destination and visitors must checkout/update staff background checks

\*Will the instructions and security training be available in other languages?

\*Not just 1 lockdown – students need to know what to do no matter where they are on campus.

\*What is the WeTip number? My son will be a junior and I have never heard of this.

\*As a former GISD substitute, I see the need for extensive training for the subs and access to doors when needed.

\*Teacher ID swipes at doors to get inside campuses – that way teachers can come early to plan but students cannot enter.

Practice **real** drills – lockdown drills are “practiced” during attendance counts only. Drills need to be practiced during different class periods so students know what to do for different teachers.

\*An adult stationed at each entrance all day (could rotate such as teachers or coaches during conference periods).

\*We as a district do need metal detectors at all schools.

\*We should incorporate a parent patrol in our schools (volunteers) helping clear the hall, lunch, always having a watchful eye on all campuses even at events.

\*Some teachers should carry a weapon.

\*How many drills have been done before on campus?

\*Lock down – How are doors locked? How do doors currently lock? How is your current relationship with GPD?

\*Lock out – How do you lock ALL doors?

\*Metal detectors and X-Rays should be required at all schools with screening similar to TSA. Inconvenience of more time to enter is worth dealing with.

\*Are all campuses gun free zones? If not they should be. If so how is/will this be enforced?

\*Please do not add metal detectors

\*Please do not mesh/clear backpacks. You can hide anything you want.

\*You should consider a safety briefing at the beginning of meetings or family events – it will inform the community at all times and show we take it seriously and have a plan at all times

\*Need locks on bathroom stalls

\*Emergency training – How can they be trained if it is brand new? How many were completed last year? Are those logged?