

ALAMEDA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD AGENDA ITEM

Item Title: Approval of Amendment to the Adopted District Wide Safety and Security Standards

Item Type: Consent

Background: On November 11, 2015, the Board approved the District Wide Safety and Security Standards as a guide to facility design across the District. The standards were developed by a committee composed of District Staff, School Administrators, and Alameda Police Department personnel.

Since its adoption, and together with master architect Quattrocchi Kwok Architects, staff further researched the classroom locks as approved in the standards. The committee was reconvened on December 16, 2016, to discuss the research staff had compiled and to decide on a potential change from the inside push button lock to an inside keyed lock.

The negative concerns with the current Board approved push button locks are:

1. Push button hardware provides *unrestricted ability* to lock or unlock a door, allowing anyone - including students - to take control of an opening. Potential for student on student or student on teacher violence or lockouts as a prank.
2. If someone exits from a locked space during a crisis then someone else will have to relock the door.

The positives recognized by the committee with the new keyed double side locks are:

1. Staff has the ability to exert full control of a door opening when locked with a key.
2. Classrooms that have exit doors with panic hardware are only available with keyed inside cylinders. Push button locks are not made for panic hardware.
3. The Alameda Police Department said a two sided key lock will prevent students from taking control of an opening.
4. The Allegion door hardware expert consultants that make our Schlage locks recommend the keyed interior lock is safer than the push button interior lock.
5. Our architect QKA has only specified the keyed both sides (Classroom Security Lock) in all of its schools.
Reference: 9 schools using the Classroom Security Lock Function.

Due to the discussion and findings, the committee voted unanimously to change the classroom lock standards. Tonight, staff is requesting the Board to approve the amended District Wide Safety and Security Standards,.

Goals: Routine Matter

Fund:

Fund Codes:

Fiscal Analysis

Amount (Savings) (Cost): N/A

Department Budget: N/A

Recommendation: Approve as submitted.

AUSD Guiding Principle: #3 - Administrators must have the knowledge, leadership skills and ability to ensure student success. | #5 - Accountability, transparency, and trust are necessary at all levels of the organization.

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ATTACHMENTS:

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