



# ENTERPRISE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## A word from the Superintendent on School Safety

All children have a right to attend public schools with a safe and secure learning environment. Every year, our schools update their Comprehensive School Safety Plan and review it with staff and students. Although emergency drills, video cameras, security fencing, visitor passes, and a School Resource Officer are important components, there is so much more to school safety. The foundation of safe schools lies in fostering caring, supportive relationships between students and staff. Prevention of issues includes establishing clear behavioral expectations, engaging in character and anti-bullying education, and recognizing positive student behavior. Similarly, disciplinary consequences are consistently and fairly applied for infractions. Students learn to be part of a community and accept responsibility for their role in making school a positive place. Parents can support safe schools by instructing their children to follow school rules and staff directions.

It takes *all* of us to maintain school safety - staff, students, and families. Perhaps the most important safety practice of all is, ***If you see something, say something.*** If you or your child become aware of alarming or potentially unsafe behavior or threats, it is imperative that you let the school know immediately. Children in crisis almost always tell someone or post about it online. Talk with your child about the importance of telling you or an adult at school if something doesn't seem quite right. Together we can keep our schools safe so they continue to be great places to learn and thrive!

Sincerely,

Heather Armelino  
Superintendent