



# La Porte Independent School District

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Dear La Porte ISD Stakeholders:

Although some time has passed since the horrific tragedy unfolded on May 24 in Uvalde, the crisis remains fresh in our minds as we continue to mourn those who lost their lives and grieve for those who were directly impacted by such a senseless act.

Safety and security have always been the highest priority in La Porte ISD, and we have systematically reviewed and updated our processes for many years.

We have continuously worked to provide a safe and secure environment by employing school resource officers, a DARE officer and several security guards. Through the years our security detail has grown to provide coverage for every campus.

Other enhancements include double door entries and security vestibules on every campus, auto-locking classroom doors, and entry point door alarms at La Porte High School. If you have visited any of our facilities during the past several years, you also know that we use the Raptor background check system for every campus visitor, and you have seen patrol officers and our DARE officer at various elementary campuses, where they have a regular presence and regularly perform safety checks.

You might not be aware, but our SROs receive security training specific to schools. Our employees and substitute teachers are also trained in safety and security involving an intruder. Just as importantly, our students also receive such instruction, and everyone participates in security drills every year.

This summer, we are closely reviewing our safety and security processes, and we will continue to provide updates about our efforts. Meanwhile, please help us in encouraging everyone in our community, including our students – if you see or hear something, say something. Whether you call us directly or use our Anonymous Alerts app (available under the Safety & Security tab at [lpsd.org](http://lpsd.org)). It's easy, and it could very well save someone's life.

Thank you for working with us to provide a safe and nurturing learning environment.

In your service,

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