SAFE AND HEALTHY SCHOOLS
Oct. 10, 2022
There are a number of safety and health related events that a school can encounter any day, from storms to pandemics. Even though some are higher probability than others, we prepare for all and that entails a number of bodies of works every year. This work is foundational to our ability to implement our strategic plan and achieve the board goals.
Keeping students and schools safe means working to prepare for, prevent, and response to many kinds of events - everything from inclement weather to biohazards to crisis response.
Facilities, Environmental Safety, and Prevention

We keep our schools and facilities safe and healthy using advanced cleaning techniques and technology such as:

- Electrostatic sprayers
- Water bottle fill stations
- Air scrubbers
- MERV13 filtration
- Demand response system (EMS)

We continue to make safety improvements at our schools thanks to the support of:

- Vision Tulsa - $14.5 million was allocated to improve the sidewalks, crosswalks, lightening, signage, traffic signals, bus shelters, and ADA compliance around our schools.

- Bond funds - $166.7 million dollars is allocated in 2021 bond as we continue to make safety improvements towards: safety & security enhancements and equipment, enhanced secure entries, fencing, interior renovations, roofing, and ADA building improvements.
System-wide Protocols and Practices

We have multi-year efforts across different teams, our school community, and our partners to be prepared and be proactive when we can. We also have a District Emergency Operations Plan that includes:

- Preparing equipment and responses to power outages, inclement weather events, etc.
- Working with multiple agencies to respond to emergencies (City of Tulsa, Tulsa Fire Department, Tulsa Police Department, EMSA).
- A mutual aid agreement with City of Tulsa to assist if we need additional resources.
Team Preparation and Training

Having safe and healthy schools begins with our Tulsa Public Schools team members.

- Completing site safety drills
- Continuously reviewing safety best practices
- Ongoing Professional Learning
  - Training for our staff members (classroom management and relationship building)
  - Specialized training based on role: health assistants, nurses, athletics staff, paraprofessionals, Campus Police, etc.
Safe and Healthy Schools

Every Building
- Secure entries and managed visitor access
- HVAC/air filtration system improvements
- Safe and secure outdoor play areas
- Camera / surveillance, intercom, and alarm system
- Storm/tornado rooms*

Every School
- Safe and Healthy School Plan
- Safe and Healthy School Committee
- See.Hear.Share safety hotline
- Campus Police and 24/7 dispatch team
- Security filters and cybersecurity monitoring

Every Student
- Crisis supports
- Mental health supports
- Health and wellness
- Student and Family Support Service
- Social and emotional supports
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