

School Safety Enhancements Update

On April 20, 2018 a letter was sent to our community. The letter served as a follow-up to our March 5, 2018 school safety community meeting and listed the items we planned to do.

The following is an update on the progress made toward each item:

- (A) Begin the process to add another school resource officer: While we do not have an official start date yet, Wadsworth City Council approved an ordinance change increasing the number of officers the city can hire by one (1). We were informed that current Wadsworth Police Officer Dan Shonk has been selected to be our second school resource officer. The revised *A School Safety Memorandum of Understanding and School Resource Officer Program Manual* between the City of Wadsworth Police Department and the Wadsworth City School District Board of Education is being recommended for approval as part of this agenda (Action Consent Item No. 15). We are meeting with Matt Hiscock, Safety Director, City of Wadsworth, Officer Adam Innocenti, current school resource officer, and Randy Reinke, Wadsworth Chief of Police, on August 13 to discuss the timeline and other details of implementation.
- (B) Move fire alarm pull stations located in the lobby area of some of our schools into the locked areas of our school buildings: Koorsen Fire & Security is completing this work for us. They are working with the Medina County Building Inspector on final detail and approval of the plans. The goal is for this work to be completed prior to the start of the school year.
- (C) Implement a standard list of questions that will be asked at all schools before a visitor is buzzed into a building: The list has been finalized and we will begin use of it on August 21.
- (D) Train certain staff in all buildings in “stop the bleed” procedures: We are working with the Wadsworth Fire Department to schedule the training. We will train select employees within each building. We will also be buying a kit of materials, known as a “trauma bucket,” for each building.
- (E) Explore the purchase of an app where students and adults can text school safety concerns: The contract for the app, (STOP!T), is being recommended for approval as part of this agenda (Action Consent Item #26).
- (F) Install cameras in locations at school buildings identified as “blind” spots: The cameras are in the process of being installed.
- (G) Change morning procedures at schools where students are just standing around outside before school starts: This change occurred in the spring. If students are not actively involved in some activity outside (e.g. playing on the playground), they are now inside.
- (H) Explore an emergency notification system that will allow all staff to contact someone immediately for assistance in case of an emergency: We are still working through options.

- (I) Ensure all staff are trained in A.L.I.C.E. and have access to safety plans, including substitutes: We created a list of employees who had not been trained in A.L.I.C.E. after the March 5 meeting. A brief training/overview video of A.L.I.C.E., put together by Adam Innocenti, was shared with each employee on the list. On August 20, all employees, including substitutes (who will be invited), will be part of a detailed A.L.I.C.E. training provided by Adam and other Wadsworth police officers. The training will be both large group (in the PAC) and building-specific (at each building). Principals were reminded to make sure teachers have knowledge of our safety plans and that safety instructions are left with lesson plans for substitutes.
- (J) Ensure all PA systems work throughout our buildings: Testing was completed and problem areas addressed.
- (K) Offer an A.L.I.C.E. overview for interested community members: Adam Innocenti held an overview on May 29, 2018.
- (L) Review physical safety enhancements to lobby and/or delivery areas in each building: We are working through this, with a focus on the secretary windows at Franklin and Lincoln Elementary Schools and delivery doors at each building