

Safety Update/List 2023

- o In August/September of 2021, TPS implemented a plan to improve our School Safety Drills. The training was specific to changing our approach from stationary and subdued to active and ALICE-like. We have succeeded in creating a foundation of identifiable action and have centered our recent activity on being adaptive to each situation.
- In the fall of 2022, we completed an updated TPS General Lockdown Procedure Checklist along with an abbreviated quick reference guide.
- o In a November 2021 board meeting, our Trenton Board of Education approved an updated Trenton Public Schools Emergency Operations Plan. This Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) is the result of collaboration between The Trenton Public Schools and first response agencies and based on guidelines from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Department of Education.
- o Our older security cameras have been repaired and connected to our Exacqvision network. Moreover, we have added new cameras to buildings throughout the district and added another handful of cameras to one of our elementary buildings.
- o We renewed our contract with the City of Trenton two years ago to keep our School Resource Officer on campus. He continues to receive training and education related to school safety. Though we are aware of the need for him to be in all buildings, our TPD has helped with regular visits to our buildings.
- We recently applied for a grant that would provide a second SRO, however, we were not chosen. Though we are disappointed, we are not deterred and will apply again when the application process begins again for the 2023.24 school year.
- o We have new security alarms in all of our buildings and public access during the school day has been restricted to only our main lobby entrances at each building. This has been reinforced with our implementation of an entry check-in system for all of our visitors.
- o Our Crisis and Mental Health Teams have completed updating our Crisis Guide to reflect current and best practice. Our next steps include:
 - The teams began meetings in January and consist of a collaborative team effort to review adverse situations and determine respective action plans accordingly.

- Created a quick-reference crisis guide for all staff.
- o We have created partnerships with community leaders and determined safety evacuation plans relevant to various situations.

- o Our elementary schools have implemented their WATCHDOG programs. Part of the collective responsibility is to check building doors each morning, be “present”, and increase our adult male presence.

- o Our Trenton Police Department has provided support in many ways. Most importantly, our communication connection is highly efficient. Most importantly, we have collaborated in implementing an “Adopt a School” program that involves regular visits to each of our schools.

- Each squad car has access to digital mapping/floor plans.
- Police have access to all of our buildings.
- Our weekly event schedule is shared with the TPD so that they may increase police presence and be prepared for emergency response.

- o TPS has a standing Safety Council with membership that includes Trenton Police, staff, and administration. We will continue our effort to review protocols and practices for our future.

- An Executive Safety Council was also formed in August of 2022. This includes our SRO, Safety Consultant, City Emergency Manager, and our TPD Lieutenant of Operations.
- Action Plans were submitted by TPS administration to make sure that each building is safe and secure.

- o In August of 2022, TPS hired a Safety/Security Consultant to work alongside our SRO and provide support at all of our buildings.

- o Starting in August 2022, TPS signed agreements with several retired administrators to provide building coverage when our administrators are away from the building.

- We have also utilized teaching staff to serve in the role of our absent admin.

- o We have partnered with United Image Inc. and have progressed to Phase 3 of entry/exit window security improvements. Part of this effort included First Response Signage for our fire and police departments.

- o C-STAG - Comprehensive School Threat Assessment Guidelines/training has been completed by our Executive Safety Council, administrative team, Crisis Team, and Mental Health team, and some of our teaching staff. This nationally recognized threat assessment process will provide a foundation of language, process, and follow up for each and every situation.

- o Night shades were purchased for every mini-window (see into the classroom) door in the district.

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- o Building level safety teams have been created to review action plans and review drill procedures.