



Creating Community and Safe Schools

Board of Education March 20, 2018



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- What's taking place across our schools now and planned next steps to support the connection to **ALL** children?
- Review of Safety and Security
 - Current Measures
 - Drills
 - Staff Training
 - Upcoming
- Possible Safety/Security Enhancements
 - Recommendation
- Further Safety/Security Enhancements

Creating Community – Through Engagement

Building Social and Emotional Wellness – Current and Future Work

■ All Schools

- No Place for Hate
- Restorative Justice – (2018 and forward)

■ SIS/PES

- Responsive Classroom-Morning Meetings
- Small groups – Counselor

■ SMS - 2020

- New Schedule (19-20):
 - Student choice of new electives
- Smaller “Family Units” (2020 and forward)
 - Team of 5-6 teachers work with 90 students

Creating Community – Through Engagement

Building Social and Emotional Wellness – Current and Future Work

■ SHS 2.0

- New Schedule (19-20):
 - Offering Lunch and Learn - Small groups by student choice
 - Access periods – Counseling Curriculum
- Smaller “Family Units” (2022 and forward)
 - Freshman academies
 - Reduce teacher case load 125-90 to group of 5-6 teachers
- Increasing Personal Connections
 - Coordinator of Student Life
 - Life Coach Program



Safety/Security

- **The safety and well-being of our students is always our first priority in the Somers Schools. The tragic shooting in Parkland, Florida prompted many inquiries about the safety procedures in place in our Schools.**
- **Knowing that the potential exists for such tragedies, we train, we drill and we coordinate with law enforcement to deter or react to potential threats.**



Safety/Security – Current Measures

- Armed School Resource Officers, with patrol cars, on each campus.
- Ongoing patrols of each campus by the Somers Police Department.
- NY State Troopers do periodic walkthroughs of our school buildings. SROs check exterior/perimeter doors throughout the day.
- Single point of entry into school buildings along with a check-in system.
- Security vestibules at SIS and SHS.
- Interior and exterior security cameras.
- Utilization of the Anonymous Alert System so individuals can anonymously report information to administration.
- Nightly sweeps of buildings by custodial staff prior to engaging motion activated alarm system at each building. Alarm system monitored 24/7 by outside monitoring company. Day custodians look for and will report anything unusual.



Safety/Security - Drills

- Each school building practices lockdown, lockout and evacuation drills.
- Law enforcement – Westchester County Police, NY State Police, Somers Police and Somers Fire Dept. are all active participants on our lockdown drills. These announced and unannounced drills are held at various times within the school day. At the conclusion of each drill, a debriefing is held to review both the positive aspects and areas in which improvement in our procedures is warranted.
- In conjunction with the PNW BOCES Safety Service, on an annual basis, our administrative team is involved in table top exercises with various scenarios being strategized.
- Our Chief Emergency Officer along with our School Resource Officers and the PNW BOCES Safety officer conduct safety and security audits of our school buildings throughout the school year.



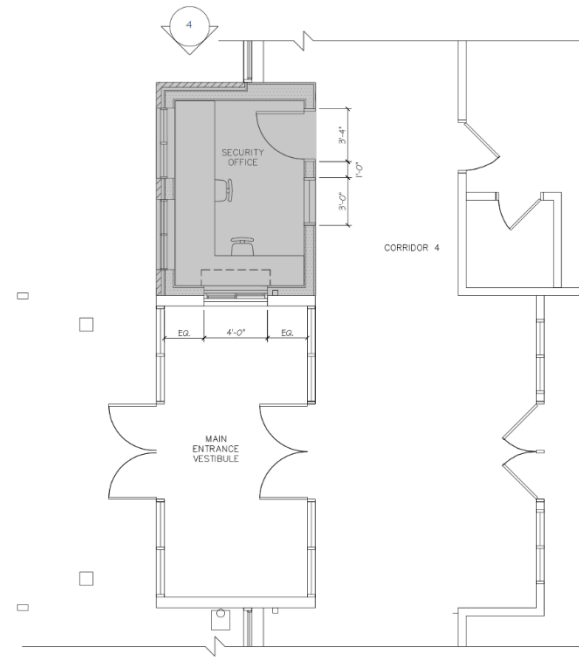
Safety/Security – Staff Training

- **Every staff member participates in ongoing safety and security training along with participating in all lockdown, lockout and evacuation drills.**
- **We send some staff members to safety/security workshops offered by the PNW BOCES Safety Service or by law enforcement agencies.**
- **Our staff members are trained to identify at-risk students and, if needed, to report such students to the administration.**
- **Our bus drivers and bus monitors receive training on how to respond to threats in and around buses and to look for suspicious activity during their routes.**

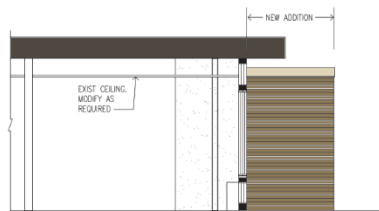
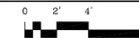


Safety/Security – Upcoming

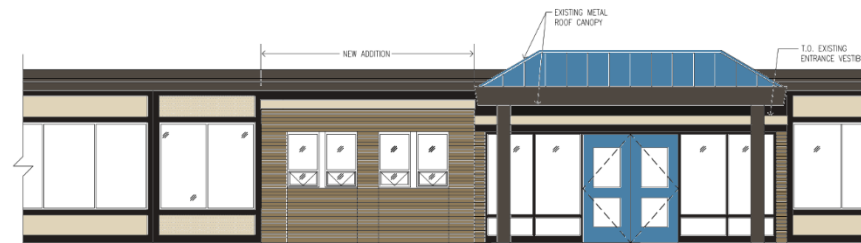
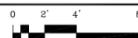
- **As part of the \$13.6M voter approved capital project, security vestibules will be constructed at PES and SMS. We expect to start and complete construction of these during the summer of 2019. As part of this project, additional security cameras will be installed.**
- **Additionally, a VOIP telephone system is included in the \$13.6M capital project. This would give the ability for each classroom to reach 911 and 911 to locate the exact classroom location of the call into 911 and allow for messaging to each classroom.**



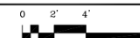
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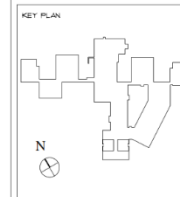


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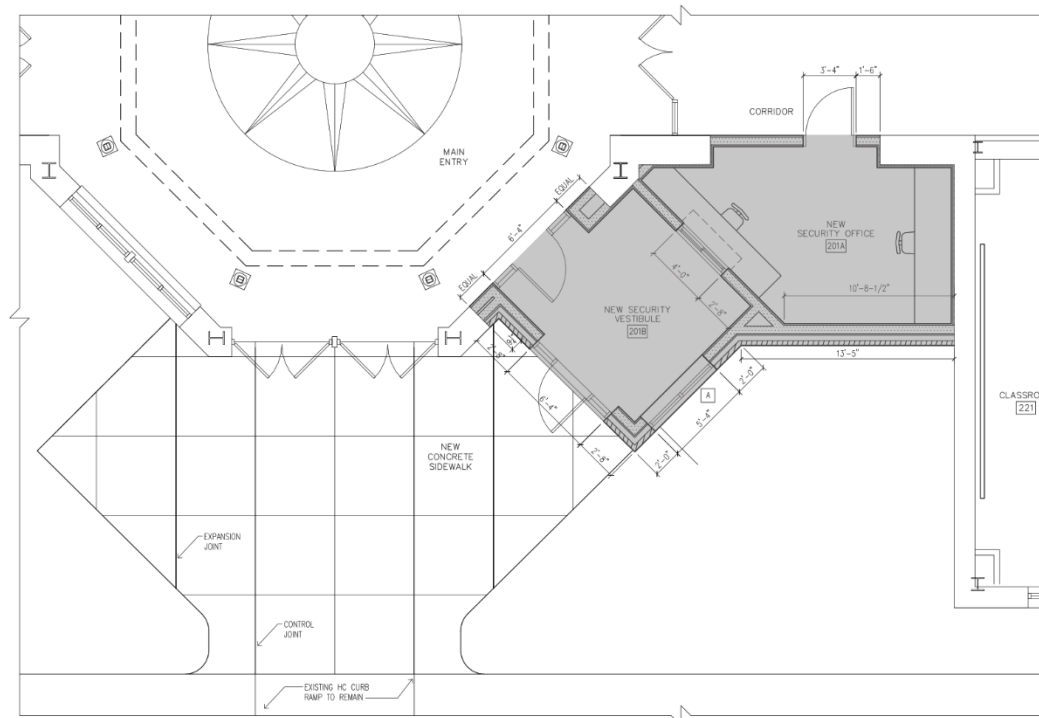
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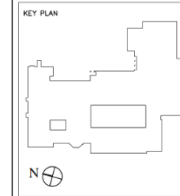
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Architectural Drawing



Possible Safety/Security Enhancements

As a result of the recent Florida school shootings there are possible safety/security enhancement scenarios for consideration:

- Stay as is with our current number of School Resource Officers (2) and front desk check-in security.
- Add unarmed, contracted, security personnel to front desk check-in.
- Add armed, contracted, security personnel to front desk check-in if legally allowed to do so.
- **Recommended** - Increase the number of School Resource officers from 2 to 4, thus providing an SRO for each school building. This recommendation would add an additional \$266,886 to the proposed budget and would be funded from Fund Balance.



Other Possible Safety/Security Enhancements

- **Completion of a Security Audit by an outside security expert.**
- **The Security Audit may identify next steps to be implemented by the District.**
- **As the cost of these potential enhancements is unknown at this point in time, it may be that a Safety and Security Bond may be forth coming.**