



Summer Safety and Security

June 21, 2024

Dear Pine-Richland Community,

Over the years, PRSD has continued to strengthen its **multi-layered approach to school safety and security practices** that includes physical, technological and cultural considerations. Promoting a safe and secure learning environment is foundational to our focus on learning for every student every day. Our approach to safety and security is integrated with an emphasis on establishing a positive school culture. Each step we take improves our school culture and also enhances our physical safety and security. By building relationships, supporting mental health and ensuring awareness of various reporting mechanisms, we are proactively taking steps that decrease the likelihood of a crisis in our schools.

The Northern Regional Police Department is one key partner in our safety and security plan. The department has supported daily activities at all district schools in a variety of ways. In addition, the district has also maintained internal safety personnel for many years. In the 2024–2025 school year, we will **expand personnel through our relationship with NRPD and our internal approach to staffing school security officers**. These relationships and personnel serve to enhance our emergency operations planning. In addition, we supplement our district-employed social worker, school counselors, and psychologists through an agreement with Glade Run Lutheran Services for optional school-based mental health services.

We have also worked over the years to expand reporting systems—human and technological—to ensure immediate awareness and response. It takes a collaborative and coordinated approach to mitigate risk, prepare for, and respond to an emergency situation in a public school setting. **We encourage anyone with information or concerns to contact the Tip Line at 724-449-TIPS and use the Safe2Say Something application or website.**

More safety and security updates will be provided over the next couple of months. We hope you are all enjoying the start of the summer break and all of the opportunities to continue learning (and relaxing) outside of the classroom.

Sincerely,

Pine-Richland School District

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