

## NKC SCHOOLS' DIRECTOR OF SAFETY AND SECURITY SHARES BEST PRACTICES



July 8, 2024- Mitzi Boydston, Safety and Security Director for NKC Schools, is a panelist at a state conference on school safety. As a certified School Safety Specialist, Boydston was asked to share her expertise and present information at the School Safety Academy in Branson, Mo in June. Boydston is pictured on the right.

Boydston has extensive experience in law enforcement and shared best practices involving school safety and threats. About 50-60 educators, School Resource Deputies and Officers from across the state attended the event.

Boydston explained how safety extends past the school day saying, “Ensuring a safe school environment for everyone doesn’t end when the bell rings. We have to remain vigilant during after hour events to keep students, staff and visitors safe.”

The conference is part of Missouri School Boards’ Association Center for Education Safety which was held in conjunction with MSBA’s Summer Summit.

Other topics covered at academy training opportunities include:

- Effective Communication/Information Sharing
- Mental Health/Behavioral Risk
- School Climate and Culture
- Emergency Operations Plan
- Physical Security/Technology
- Safety Assessments/Audits
- Training/Drills
- Legal Issues
- Cyber Security