

ORANGE COUNTY
BOARD OF EDUCATION

AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

Meeting Date: January 14, 2013

AGENDA ITEM No. 13-01-12

ACTION ITEM: (Y/N) N

SUBJECT: Capital Recommendations – Safety Related Discussion

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ATTACHMENTS: 1. Safety-related building security enhancements list.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this agenda item is to discuss school-level security enhancements.

BACKGROUND: Orange County Schools continues to demonstrate a commitment to student safety and security. Tangible examples of this commitment include the following initiatives:

- Regular presence and close monitoring of schools by the Sherriff's Office.
- School resource officers in every middle and high school.
- Comprehensive school safety, security and crisis response plans.
- Video surveillance cameras in all schools.
- Close working relationships with the Sherriff's Office and Hillsborough Police Department.
- Conducting full-scale and tabletop drills with law enforcement and first responders.
- Specialized training in threat assessment.

As a result of the recent tragedy in Connecticut, OCS staff and principals have reviewed crisis plans and completed site safety needs assessments. A list of physical plant safety-related enhancements has been developed. The attached list categorizes these needs and provides estimated costs. At such time the board and staff identifies priority projects to be executed, a detailed budget with quotes will be provided.

Long term recommendations include the following:

1. Conduct an architectural study of all schools which focuses on secure vestibule retrofits at school main entrances.
2. Examine the feasibility of contracting with law enforcement to provide security personnel in elementary schools.
3. Study older school sites and develop a comprehensive strategy to secure building access points.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: An attached list of short term improvements and cost is attached.

RECOMMENDATION: The Superintendent recommends the Board of Education discuss building security enhancements and school safety.

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Security Concerns: Short-Term Enhancements Recommended	Estimated Cost
Category	
Enhanced Locks with Access Control, Security Cameras, and Speakers	\$ 60,000.00
Proximity Locks with Push Button Control	\$ 48,000.00
Window Blinds--new where none currently exist	\$ 28,000.00
Drive Gates and Fencing	\$ 18,000.00
Radio Service Concerns	\$ 9,300.00
TOTAL ESTIMATED COST OF SHORT TERM SECURITY ENHANCEMENTS	\$ 163,300.00

Security Concerns: - Longer Term Enhancements Recommended	Estimated Cost
Category	
Emergency Exit Enhancements (E.G. Creation of additional emergency exits)	\$ 478,000.00
Locks (E.G. Classrooms)	\$ 52,000.00
Blinds (Replace/repair blinds to ensure classroom security)	\$ 78,000.00
Security Camera Additions	\$ 42,000.00
TOTAL ESTIMATED COST OF LONGER TERM SECURITY ENHANCEMENTS ¹	\$ 650,000.00

¹ Note: A more comprehensive analysis of security risks and solutions is recommended and is proposed to the Board of Education. Longer-term recommendations cited above may be modified and/or expanded based on the findings of that analysis, thereby affecting scope and cost.