



Mountain View
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School Safety: Procedures, Physical Improvements and Programs

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- Students have to be - and feel - safe in order to learn
- We are responsible for the safety of 4,500 students and more than 600 staff members every day.
- Reality is we can't control national policies or community issues but have to be ready to act
- We have many stakeholders to consider
- Equity plays a role

Reviewing Safety

- “Safety” in MVWSD means:
 - Programs (bike safety, disaster training, digital citizenship)
 - Physical improvements (lighting, ventilation, fencing)
 - Procedures (air quality, active shooter, COVID, earthquake drills)

Programs: What we're currently doing to keep students, staff safe

- Bike safety
 - In-person student programs at all schools this year
- Updated crossing guards
 - Worked with City to add
- Disaster training
 - Practice Incident Command System
- Digital citizenship through CommonSense Media
- Internet safety controls on student Chromebooks through Securly

Physical: What we're currently doing to keep students, staff safe

Measure T Bond financed safety and efficiency projects

- Lighting along walkways and in parking lots
- High-quality ventilation
 - HVAC systems have been updated to include MERV-13 filters, which is the highest-grade filter available for our units
 - Each classroom/office is equipped with a HEPA filter.
- Fencing
 - Connected around perimeter (exception ML)
 - Locks to be installed this winter
- Door locks upgrades and keyless entry

Procedures: What we're currently doing to keep students, staff safe

- Air quality
 - In the case of wildfires, developed index chart and procedures for each level
- Active shooter
 - Practice what to do in the event of a dangerous intruder or similar event on campus
- COVID
 - Protocols for masking, cleaning, notifications and supporting sick students and staff
- Earthquake drills
 - Strategies for evacuation, accounting for students, parent-student reunification, search and rescue techniques, first aid, and school operations without power, food or water.



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- Create a Safety Advisory Task Force with representatives from parents, staff and community
- Holistic review of safety areas
 - Seeking support for a security consultant to work with Safety Advisory Task Force on a safety audit
 - Seek areas of improvement
 - Review Incident Command System to ensure it is efficient and effective (Uvalde)
- Regular reports to the Board, families and staff
- Improvements reduce the likelihood of danger, but is not foolproof.