



Mountain View
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School District

School Safety Update

Nov. 3, 2022



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)
- Last updated the Board in August

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

- October was School Safety Month
- Training and Drills
 - Active shooter
 - Practice what to do in the event of a dangerous intruder or similar event on campus
 - 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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- Have a Safety Advisory Task Force with representatives from parents and staff.
 - All call and accepted applications for the group
 - First meeting is Nov. 8
- Employed security consultant, Joffe, to work with Safety Advisory Task Force on a safety audit
 - Seek areas of improvement
- Continue regular reports to the Board, families and staff

Timeline and milestones

- Fall: Task Force begins meeting, Board updates
- January: School assessments
 - Environmental scan of schools that forms the basis of recommendations
 - Joffe to visit schools and meet with parent groups, teachers and students, principals, mental health, facilities, nurses, etc.
- March: Board presentation on areas of improvement
- April/May: Joffe writes Emergency Operating Procedures
- June: Deadline for recommendations
 - Program development and areas of strength and growth - what items are short term improvements and which are long term
- Aug: Regional and school staff training

Questions?

- Next, Joffe presentation of process
- Questions or priorities from the Board?