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# School Safety Update

March 16, 2023



# 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 November

# Programs: What we're currently doing to keep students and 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 and 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 are equipped with a HEPA filter.
- Fencing
  - Connected around perimeter (exception ML)
  - Locks to be installed this winter
- Door lock upgrades and keyless entry

# Procedures: What we're currently doing to keep student and 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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# Update on the Work

# What's been done so far...

- Employed security consultant, Joffe, to work with the Safety Advisory Task Force on a safety audit
- Safety audit of all sites completed
  - Environmental scan of schools that forms the basis of recommendations
  - Joffe met with parent groups, teachers and students, principals, mental health, facilities, nurses, etc.
- Meetings with Safety Advisory Task Force; representatives from parents and staff.
  - Most recent: March 14
- Completed ThoughtExchange in January
  - Parents, staff and middle school students



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# What We've Learned



# Audit and ThoughtExchange Results

- ThoughtExchange
  - 1163 students: Attention needed in bathroom cleanliness, mental health, bullying/bad behavior prevention
  - 430 parents: School commute safety, bullying prevention, addressing behavior and mental health
  - 185 staff: Support staff's safety, consequences for student behavior, student mental health
- Joffe to present audit findings



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- Current: Compile priorities from the Safety Task Force, District Advisory Committee and Board of Trustees
- April: Principals report out to their communities about specific site considerations
- April/May: Joffe writes Emergency Operating Procedures
- May: Safety Task Force makes recommendations to Supt, Supt makes recommendations to Board
- June: Board prioritizes safety recommendations
  - Program development and areas of strength and growth - what items are short term improvements and which are long term
- August: Regional and school staff training

# Questions?

- As we work with the Safety Task Force on priorities, are there any areas that you want us to focus on?
- Next, Joffe presents safety audit results