Safe School Task Force Annual Update

Board of Education Meeting
May 7, 2024

Strategic Plan

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Welcoming Learning Environments

PILLAR 2
Joy and Wellness

OUR PRIORITY

Design and sustain welcoming, **safe**, environmentally friendly, affirming, and inclusive learning environments.

WHY THIS MATTERS

Healthy and **safe** environments increase student capacity for learning and success.

Safeguarding Our Schools: Board Resolution Overview

Safeguarding Our Schools: Demanding Common Sense Gun Laws and Best Practices to Protect our Students and Staff (Res-030-17/18) Board Resolution

The Task Force met to:

- Define the values, goals, and/or metrics to evaluate policies and plans
- Evaluate existing policies
- Develop best practices for emergency scenarios, additional trainings for school site personnel on:
  - Preparedness
  - Prevention
  - Threat assessment
- Evaluate the District's readiness to respond to any incident of gun presence and violence on campuses

Safe School Task Force

Task Force includes students, parents, District employees, community members and organizations, labor partners, and law enforcement

Meetings during the 2023-2024 school year were held on:

- October 12, 2023
- November 28, 2023
- January 22, 2024
- March 11, 2024
- April 22, 2024

Safe School Task Force

Sub Committee Meetings

Student Health and Human Services

- January 11
- February 25
- March 27

Los Angeles School Police Department

- December 13
- February 27
- April 2

Facilities

- February 29
- April 4

Office of Emergency Management

- December 22
- March 28
- April 4

Operations

- January 8
- March 6
- April 3

Safety Product Evaluations

- January 9
- March 5
- April 5

Initial Safety Supports Reviewed

- Secure entrance projects at elementary schools
  - *95% completed, remaining expected to be completed by Q1-2025*
- Implementation of the Integrated Safe School Plan
- Implementation of the *Every School Safe Training Modules*
- A Safe Gun Storage Letter added to the Parent Student Handbook
- Full implementation of Los Angeles Schools Anonymous Reporting (LASAR)

Los Angeles School Police Department

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Office of Emergency Management

Facilities

Recommendations

As called for in the resolution, the Task Force puts forth the following recommendations for Board consideration:

1) Provide Secure Entry Systems (buzzer, camera, and gate) in all secondary schools, with installation prioritized based on criminal incidents

2) Explore new pathways to better promote existing Office of Emergency Management school and family resources, and similarly promote new resources when developed

3) Define a protocol for distributing meals during an extended lockdown

4) Secondary school safety committees to determine if they would like an officer on campus, with a defined process for assignment of officers, determined by LASPD and Operations

Recommendations (Continued)

5) Print the Safe Gun Storage Letter on bright colored paper to capture parent's attention

6) Publicize Gun Safety Awareness in October (not June) and add to the Safe Gun Storage Letter

7) More robust communication to parents via schools of Safe Schools Task Force meetings

8) Continue to assess the functionality of Secure Entry Systems

9) Assess viable options for weapons detections systems

10) Review vape detections systems for restrooms

11) Seek to add surveillance cameras on perimeter of schools to potentially capture footage of incidents that take place outside the campus

Recommendations (Continued)

12) Develop and implement a peer counseling/mediation curriculum that serves to educate and empower students that includes content regarding the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children

13) Review elementary-age behavioral data in order to develop Professional Development for staff to begin to understand root causes

14) Further empower parents and caregivers to become active in providing solutions to school safety issues, in part by moving from a “committee” to more of a support group model

Summary

- The majority of the recommendations are already incorporated into existing District practice & protocols
- The SSTF will continue to meet next year to further review relevant data and bring forth additional recommendations as needed
- The Community-Based Safety Plan also incorporates and addresses many of these recommendations

Questions

Thank you