



# School Safety Update

## September 9, 2022

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### Safety Planning and Training

The district is currently conducting a comprehensive review of safety and security within the school buildings.

**Building Safety Plans** – Every three years the buildings update their safety plans. The appropriate police and fire departments sign off on these plans. They are then reviewed and approved by the Ohio School Safety Center.



**Safety Meetings** – Twice a year the School Safety Committee and administrative team meet with the local police and fire departments to discuss school safety issues.

**County-Wide Response to Active Shooter/Active Threat Situation** – Greene County created this plan with input from each of the police departments and school districts in the county. Representatives from the groups meet twice a year to discuss.

**ALICE Training** – All staff members are trained in ALICE (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate). The district has three certified trainers on its staff. All students in grades 6 to 12 watch a video on ALICE. Elementary classrooms have age-appropriate story books on emergency preparedness. All schools complete periodic training, discussion and preparation for active shooter situations at least once per school year.

**Armed Response Team** – The Board passed a resolution on September 8, 2022 to authorize the creation of an Active Shooter Response Team Implementation Committee and the creation of a highly vetted and highly trained volunteer Active Shooter Response Team.

**Crisis Prevention Institute** – Many staff members, administrators and bus drivers are trained annually on CPI. This is nonviolent crisis intervention training designed to teach best practices for de-escalation and managing difficult situations and disruptive behaviors.

**Threat Assessment Teams** – Each building has a trained threat assessment team that analyzes threatening behaviors and/or situations at school.

**Stop the Bleed training** – This training prepares participants to recognize life-threatening bleeding and intervene effectively. All staff were trained in Stop the Bleed in 2020. Staff will be trained again in the 2022-23 school year.

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## **Student Supports**

**Counselors and Mental Health Counselor** – Each building in the district has at least one full time counselor and the district has a mental health counselor.



**Hope Squad (BMS)** – Hope Squad’s mission is “... to prevent suicide through public awareness and education, reduce stigma, and serve as a resource to those touched by suicide.” Students, staff and parents are trained in proactive/preventative measures to assist their peers in crisis. In addition to suicide interventions, training includes a variety of mental health issues like preventing bullying, reducing stigmas, resilience and self-care. <https://hopesquad.com/mission-history/>

**Handle With Care** – When an event occurs involving one of our students in the community and the local police, school personnel are notified. The Handle With Care program directly addresses the goal of mitigating these negative impacts of exposure to adverse experiences by providing support and on-site, trauma-focused interventions by school staff and/or mental health providers, if necessary, to children identified by local first responders and school personnel.

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## **Technology Monitoring, Reporting, and Communication**

**Tip Line** – We use the Ohio School Safety Center tip line. Calls or texts to 844-SaferOH are answered by analysts within Ohio Homeland Security. If action is needed, the school district and/or proper authorities are notified. Information is on our website, posters are in the buildings and each student will be given a bookmark on the first day of school.



**Securly** – The district uses software that monitors students’ internet searches and keystrokes on district accounts and devices. Alerts from Securly analysts are sent to administrators if there are certain alerts such as suicide, threats, etc. There is also a parent app to monitor their child.

**Visitor Management System** – Our new system is being implemented to screen visitors during school hours.

**Radios** – All administrators have radios with a secure channel for communication during an emergency.

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## **Facilities**

**Camera systems** – Each building has interior and exterior security cameras that are being updated.

**Interior School Doors** – These can be quickly shut, locked and secured.

**Outside School Doors** – Doors are locked during the school day. Current access control systems are being updated.

**3M Impact Resistance Film** – This protectant is installed on windows to slow down entry into the buildings.

**Nightlock Security Door Stopper** – These safety barricades are installed on classroom doors.



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## **Background Checks**

**School Employees** – All employees have BCI/FBI background checks

**Volunteers** – All volunteers are required to get background checks

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**School Security and Resource Officers** – The district has one part time School Resource Officer from the Sugar Creek Township Police Department who is primarily housed at the high school but also serves the middle school. The district also contracts with the Bellbrook Police Department to have an on-site presence of BPD during portions of days at elementary schools.

**State School Safety Grant** – In August 2022, the district was awarded \$200,000 from the School Safety Grant Program, authorized from House Bill 687. That money is being used on the aforementioned updates.