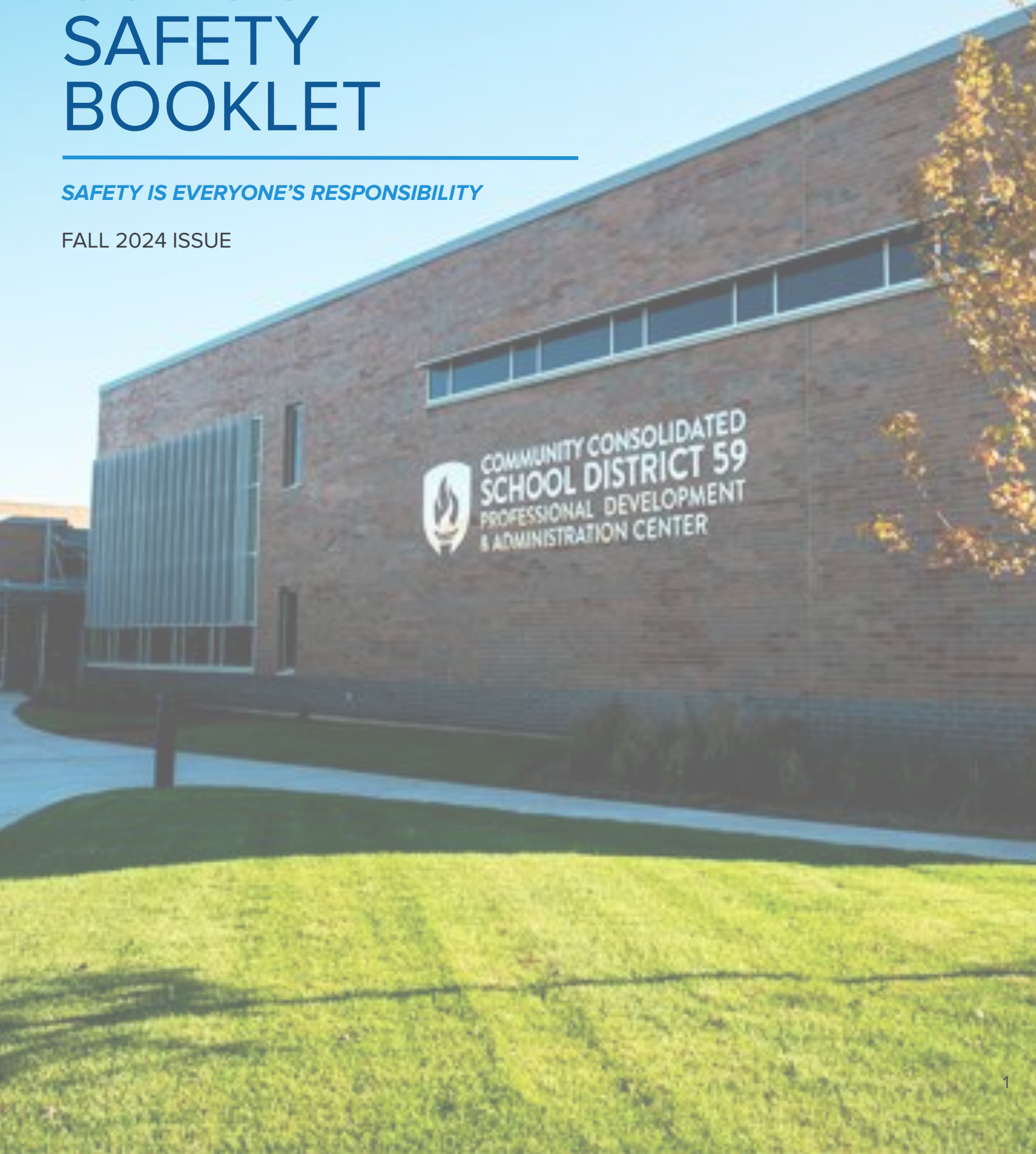




SCHOOL SAFETY BOOKLET

SAFETY IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY

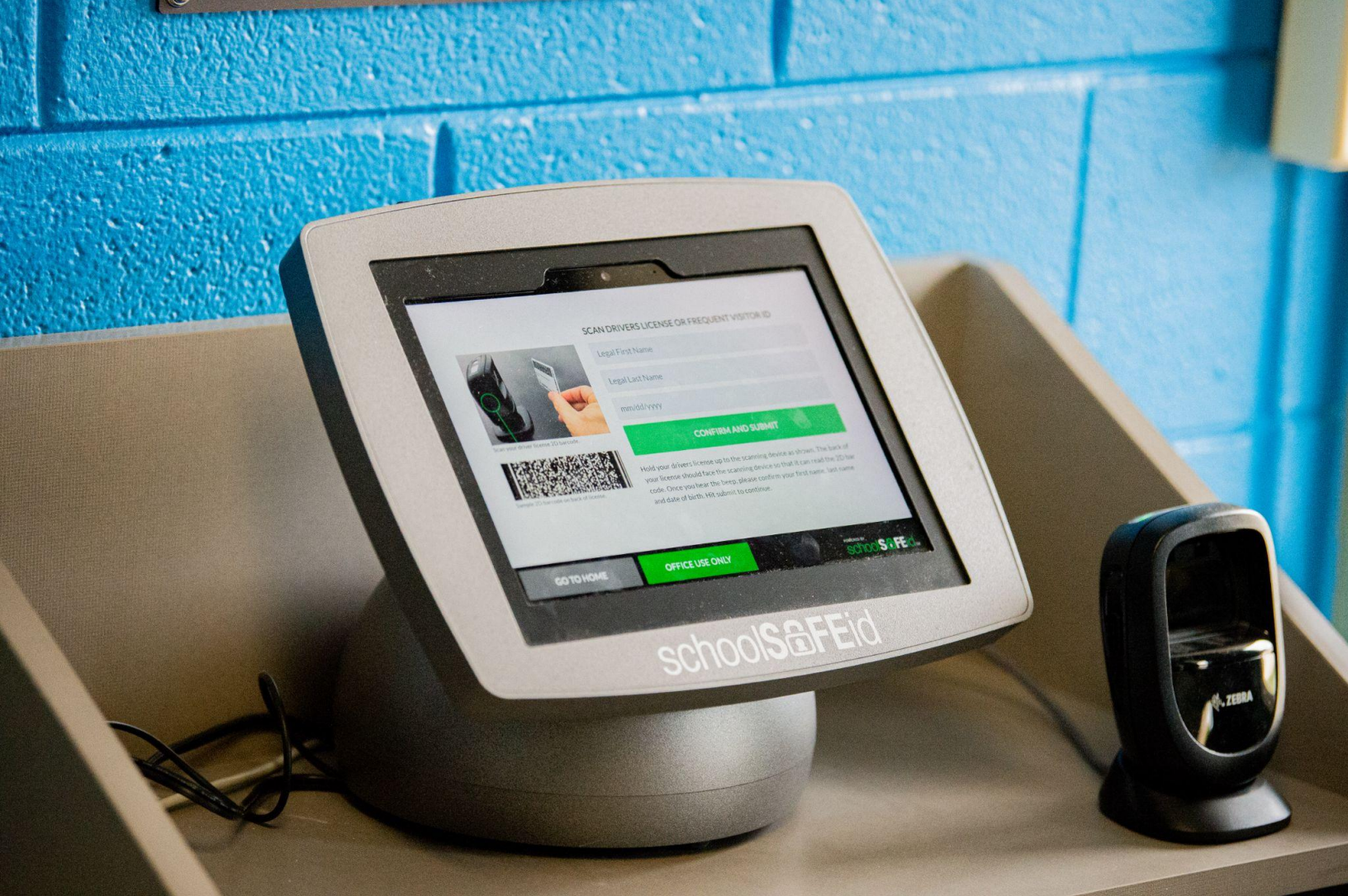
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 COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED
SCHOOL DISTRICT 59
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
& ADMINISTRATION CENTER

This booklet gives an overview of safety procedures at CCSD59 and the progress of the Safety Committee. This group meets with staff and community partners to talk about safety issues and the district's Safety Plan. Following the committee's direction, smaller working groups explore ways to improve safety.





VISITOR MANAGEMENT SYSTEM & KIOSKS

A visitor management system checks safety records for all visitors before they enter the office or building. When parents or guardians drop off or pick up children, they can easily sign them in or out.

This year, CCSD59 has set up visitor management kiosks in all schools. These kiosks will help screen all visitors before they enter our schools, ensuring we keep our students and staff safe. Visitors need to bring a valid state-issued ID when coming to the schools.



LOCKED AND CLOSED CLASSROOM DOORS

Staff keep all doors locked at all times. In addition, they make sure any unused classrooms are closed and locked at all times.

LANYARDS

Staff and visitors wear designated break-away lanyards with identification at all times to help easily identify all adults in our buildings. Lanyards are given out to staff at the beginning of the year. Designated visitor lanyards are provided to all visitors at the front desk upon checking into a building.



MUNICIPALITY BEGINNING OF YEAR MEETINGS

At the beginning of the year, school district leaders meet with first responders from local municipalities, including Arlington Heights, Des Plaines, Elk Grove Village, Mount Prospect, and Cook County to review safety plans and discuss the upcoming school year's safety process.

THREAT ASSESSMENT TEAMS

Threat assessment teams in each school help students and staff by following a standard procedure when needed. A district team meets once a year to review this procedure and suggest improvements. Threat assessments allow schools to quickly understand situations and provide support when necessary.



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SECURE



LOCKDOWN



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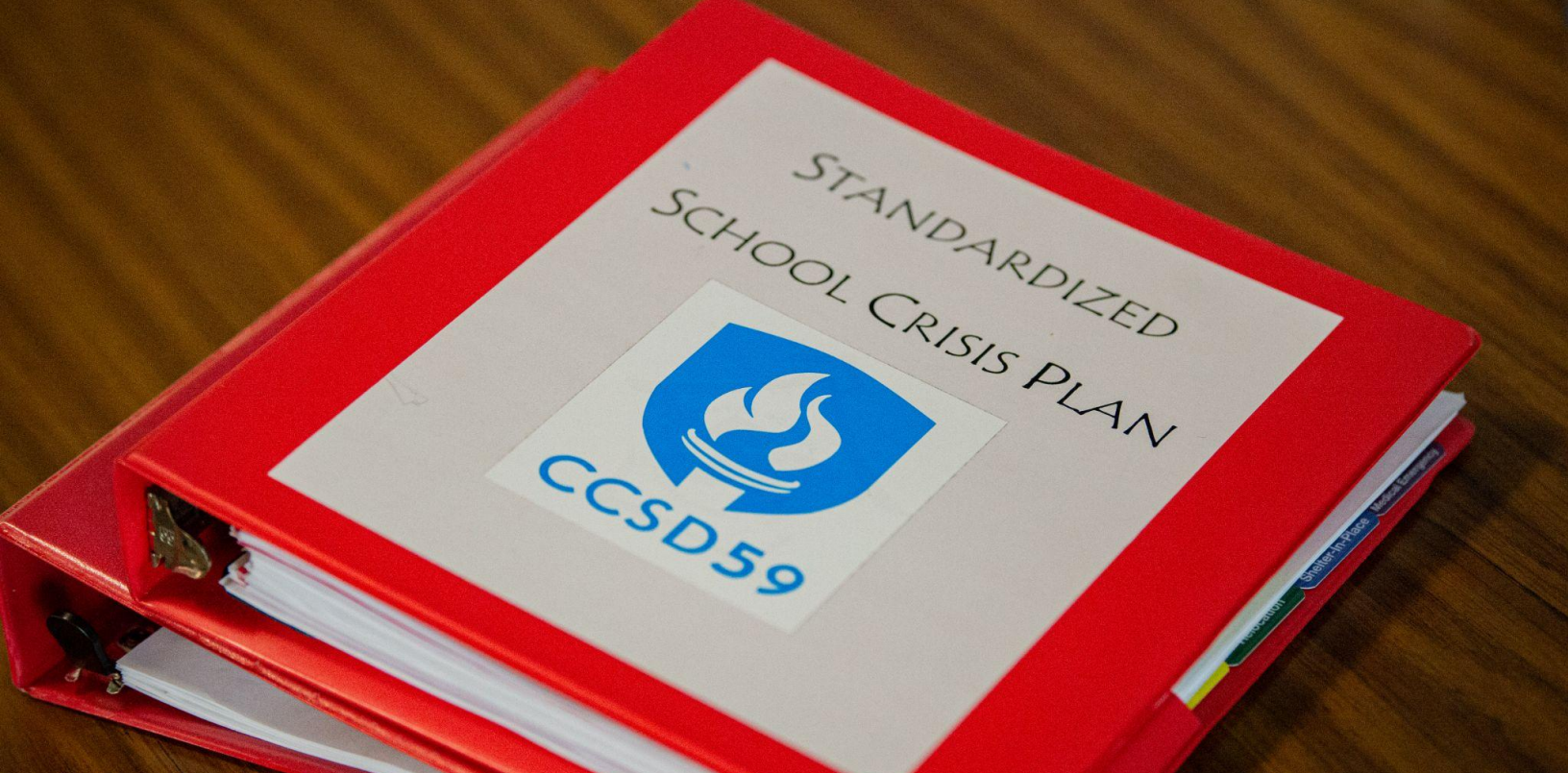
SHELTER

STANDARD RESPONSE PROTOCOL

As of this year, CCSD59 is using the Standard Response Protocol (SRP), a nationally recognized plan that provides clear and consistent responses to various emergencies. The SRP addresses many types of incidents instead of focusing on just one. It uses straightforward language and allows for different responses depending on the crisis situation. The SRP includes five key actions:

1. **Hold:** “In Your Room or Area”; this keeps hallways clear.
2. **Secure:** “Get Inside. Lock Outside Doors”; this protects people inside the building.
3. **Lockdown:** “Locks, Lights, Out of Sight”; this secures individual rooms and keeps everyone quiet.
4. **Evacuate:** Move people from one location to another, either inside or outside the building.
5. **Shelter:** Follow safety strategies for protection based on the hazard.

District staff are trained on the SRP, and local municipalities are aware of our procedures as well. For more information, you can visit [I Love U Guys Foundation](#) and view a brief video [HERE](#).



EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLANS

The primary goal of the Emergency Operations Plan is to keep everyone safe during emergencies. It outlines a basic plan for different crises, suggests forms for emergency response teams, and identifies hazards at each school. Key goals include protecting students and staff, practicing emergency procedures, and organizing immediate actions during a crisis. Overall, it helps ensure a coordinated response and aims to restore normalcy as quickly as possible after a crisis.

As part of this plan, each CCSD59 school has established teams for School Crisis, School Emergency, and Search. These teams will lead the response if such incidents occur.



SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER PROGRAMMING

A School Resource Officer (SRO) is a law enforcement officer who works closely with schools and the community. Their job is to help prevent crime, support student safety, and mentor youth. They also provide educational discussions around drugs and alcohol, social media, conflict resolution, and more.

Currently, CCSD59 has two SROs, located at Grove Junior High in Elk Grove Village and Holmes Junior High in Mount Prospect. Additional conversations around SROs occurred during this year's Safety Committee meeting - more details can be found on page 9.

September Safety Committee Meeting

On Thursday, September 19, 2024, CCSD59 leaders - including the Superintendent, leadership team, principals, Safety Committee members, teachers, and Board of Education members - met with local police and fire officials from our municipalities. They discussed current safety protocols in our schools, security upgrades, and the role of School Resource Officers (SRO).

A significant part of the discussion focused on whether there is need to add SROs to elementary schools, in addition to those already at our junior high schools. Further conversations will take place between the District, Board of Education, and local municipalities to explore the need, feasibility, and community interest.

As a District, we strive to maintain open, two-way communication both internally and externally. We welcome your thoughts and encourage you to share during our monthly Board of Education meetings in the Public Comment section.



Meet the Director of Safety & Security



Danny Malik joined CCSD59 in February as the new Director of Safety and Security for CCSD59. In this enhanced position, as part of an intergovernmental agreement with Consolidated School District 21, Danny creates and manages safety plans, emergency procedures, and security measures for all our schools. He oversees the School Resource Officer (SRO) program and works with local police and first responders to keep our schools safe.

Danny started his career in the United States Marine Corps, where he learned important leadership skills and how to prepare for emergencies. After that, he had a successful career in law enforcement, including time as a School Resource Officer. With over ten years of experience in both the military and law enforcement, Danny has a strong background in community safety and school security.

He has a Master of Public Administration from Northern Illinois University and holds certifications in threat assessment and emergency management. Danny enjoys working with students, staff, and the community to make our schools safe and welcoming for everyone.

LOOKING AHEAD

In the 2024-2025 school year, our Safety Team has designated four areas of focus. These areas will be researched and explored by designated members of our Safety Team and updates will be periodically provided to the board of education.

1. Implementation of the Standard Response Protocol (SRP) at all schools
2. Redesign of emergency drill and reunification procedures
3. Continue to support the School Resource Officer
4. Strengthening our shared culture of safety and security

All staff and families can provide input at any time on any of these topics by reaching out to a member of our safety team below.

We will continue to update staff and families with progress throughout the year.

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