



Culver City Unified School District

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CCUSD School Board Meeting

Staff Report

Board Meeting Date: January 22, 2013

Board Agenda Topic: Superintendent's Report: School Safety

Background Information:

School safety is and has always been our top priority. Ensuring that students and staff are safe is a goal that is shared by all stakeholders. Understandably, with recent tragic events, this topic has become even more timely and relevant. Our response to these events has been to become more intentional in our communication, practice, evaluation and investments. The following is a brief highlight of our work relative to school/student/staff safety. This summary reflects the efforts that have always existed, enhancements that have been added in recent works and plans to further ensure our schools are safe, healthy, positive places to work, learn and grow.

Existing Emergency Preparedness Efforts:

- All schools have formal school safety plans, teams and conduct regular drills (including fire, earthquake and lock down)
- All schools have video surveillance cameras (varying degrees at all schools)
- We have a district Security Team and Director
- We have a School Resource Officer (Culver City Police Officer) who works full time in our schools
- We have a very positive and close relationship with the Culver City Police Department – from prevention and training to investigations and safety consultations
- We-Tips Anonymous Reporting Resource for Parents and Students

Existing Efforts to Support the Whole Child/Provide Safe, Caring Learning Environments:

- District Wide Anti Bullying Curriculum and Training (for Administrators, Teachers, Instructional Specialists, Playground Aides, Security)

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- District Wide Anti Bullying Task Force
- Medical and Mental Health Clinic On Campus at CC MS/HS
- District Behavioral Specialists: Work with Students and Training Staff in Positive Behavior Systems
- School Based Student Study Teams: Intervention Teams for Students who Struggle (socially, emotionally and behaviorally)

Additional steps/enhancements in recent weeks include:

- The addition of cameras at several school sites to ensure for improved office surveillance
- Additional radios to improve communication at several sites
- Several meeting with Culver City Police to deepen our partnership – including additional commitments to daily presence and patrols, analysis of response times, etc.
- Assertive action at school sites - team meetings to review procedures, meetings with staff and parents to solicit feedback and address concerns; enhanced lock down drills, purposeful communication with staff, students, families; affirmation of check-in procedures, visitor sign-in and staff badges
- Increased communication and promotion of district preparedness, resources and commitments (via web, auto calls, publications, etc.)

Action planning in progress:

- We are in the process of conducting Site Access/Safety assessment/walk-through exercises with law enforcement and our facility team. We are reviewing/evaluating campus needs and are prepared to make immediate investments
- We are planning a coordinated "active shooter" drill with Culver City Police Department to take place at our high school during Spring Break
- We are evaluating and indentifying options for Enhanced "First Responder" training for all site/department leaders (partnering again with Culver City Police Department)
- Exploring various options and partnerships to provide mentoring for students in need of adult support

Key Points That Further Reflect Our Commitment to School Safety

- Culver City Police Department Has Live Access to Our Video Surveillance System: Our School Resource Officer has access via his computer, in his car and on his phone
- Culver City Police Department has a response time of less than 3 minutes

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Implications:

- Budget Allocations for Facility Enhancements
- Resource Allocations (fiscal, human, time) for Staff Training

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