



MTI School Safety Committee Update

October 8, 2018

The MTI-MMSD Safety Committee met on October 1 to receive an update on school security matters from Joe Balles, MMSD Coordinator of School Safety and Security, and Karen Kepler, MMSD Chief of Schools-Operations. Included was an overview of the MMSD's response to Wisconsin Act 143, as well as an update on the District's review of code-red lockdown procedures.

Overview of Wisconsin Act 143

- Creates an Office of School Safety in the Department of Justice.
- Requires mandatory reporting of threats of school violence:
 - All employees “shall report to law enforcement if the person believes in good faith, based on a threat made by an individual seen in the course of professional duties regarding violence in or targeted at a school, that there is a **serious and imminent threat** to the health and safety of a student or school employee of the public”.
 - Every employee shall receive DPI-provided training about this (held during Welcome Back week).
 - The District may not require an employee to contact a school administrator, school official, or any other person before calling 911.
- Makes changes related to school safety plans and requires on-site assessments with law enforcement.
 - The District is currently performing on-site school safety assessments at every school and will develop safety plans by the end of November 2018 which will need to be approved by the Madison Police Department before being approved by the school board.
 - The District is also reviewing emergency procedures and active threat revisions by the end of November 2018.
 - Transition and implementation from “Code Red Lockdowns” to “Active Threat Protocols” and age-appropriate training for staff. Students/families is planned for second semester.
 - School will continue to develop and/or strengthen school safety teams second semester.
 - All staff to be trained in Trauma Informed Practices by June 2019.

- Establishes school safety grants with required trainings and school safety assessments.
 - The MMSD has received grants totaling \$1,000,000 to help fund interior/exterior lock upgrades, glass hardening film for main entrances, and MPD active threat training/equipment.
 - The MMSD BOE has also approved budget expenditures to fund the remaining costs of modifying all classroom doors with effective keyless locking mechanisms.
 - The goal is to have the school safety physical upgrades completed by August 2019.

The Board of Education will receive an update on this work in the months of October and November.

The MTI-MMSD Safety Committee is scheduled to meet again on October 22 to receive an update on the process for considering revisions to the Behavior Education Plan and to discuss concerns relative to implementation.

All MTI members will continue to be provided updates about the work of the MTI/MMSD Safety Committee as the work progresses.