



# **School Safety and Security**



### **Practices in place**

- Hire Safety & Security Coordinator
- Use Standard Response Protocol (SRP) to respond to an emergency. Students, parents, teachers trained through drills.
- Utilize Alerts to communicate with parents, staff whenever SRPs are drilled or used in real situations.
- Establish Medical Emergency Response Team, Behavioral Intervention Team and Threat Assessment Team at every school. Crisis Response Team involving counselors, administrators also in place.
- Subscribe to SafeUT app for anonymous reporting about school safety, mental health.
- Complete threat vulnerability assessment for every school.
- Assess feelings of safety of students, teachers and parents through School Climate Survey.
- Conduct threat assessments when a student's behavior meets the standard definition of a threat as outlined by the Comprehensive School Threat Assessment Guidelines.
- Screen students moving into the district through placement agencies.
- Collaborate and share information with local law enforcement.



### **Practices in process**

- Installing secure entries at the single access point of every school requiring every visitor to be buzzed into the building.
- Supplying Go bags for every classroom and for every extracurricular activity. Each to include appropriate emergency response equipment.
- Installing perimeter fencing needs at schools.
- Resolving issues with bell and intercom system to eventually provide emergency communication capabilities.
- Identifying electronic check in, check out system for students.



#### **Practices planned**

- Establish a School Guardian Program in schools without a School Resource Officer, as outlined in House Bill 84. (A school guardian is an armed individual who has successfully completed a Law Enforcement background check, mental health screening, and guardian specific training).
- Utilize \$600,000 of a Utah School Safety and Support Grant to help fund ballistic window film, two-way radios and other safety measures.

## Our goal

Currently, 80% of parents and 74% of secondary students feel that students are safe in school. By May of 2024, 85% of parents and 80% of secondary students will indicate that they feel students are safe in school.

Ultimately, we hope for a time when all students feel safe in schools and parents feel their students are safe.