

# Zachary Community School District

## 2018-2019 SAFETY UPDATE

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The safety of our students and staff remains a top priority for our school system. The brief descriptions below provide some of the safety initiatives our district has developed for the 2018-2019 school year. These descriptions are intentionally general and are not inclusive of all efforts for security purposes.

- **Event Expectation:** *Adult supervision is a key factor in responding effectively and efficiently to emergency situations where a large number of children are in attendance. Students in eighth grade and below must be chaperoned by an adult at all district events (i.e., sporting events, performances, extra curricula events). High school students will be required to show valid student identification upon entry. This expectation will allow security personnel and first responders to focus on the situation without the added concern of unsupervised children.*
- **Police Presence:** *Zachary Community Schools has increased police presence on our campuses. This initiative gives every campus access to police services while providing an extra layer of security for students and staff.*
- **Controlled Access:** *Currently all our schools are retrofitted with electronically controlled entry doors. This will allow staff more opportunity to screen for potential threats to school safety.*
- **Reunification Planning:** *One of the most important objectives after a crisis (regardless if the crisis involves danger or inconvenience) is safely and efficiently reuniting students with parents. The effectiveness of this plan is dependent upon the cooperation and partnership of all stakeholders. A video link describing the reunification process can be found under the Parent and Students Resource tab on our website. This video will communicate some things you should expect to encounter if a reunification plan is activated. In the event the reunification plan is activated; you will be notified of the details.*
- **Camera Surveillance:** *A project to increase our surveillance cameras is nearing completion. This project primarily focused on improving our surveillance capabilities in our elementary schools.*
- **Perimeter Fencing:** *There have been some increases to our perimeter fencing. This will be an ongoing process as we examine ways to increase our security while maintaining a facilities structure that allows integration into our community.*
- **Anonymous Reporting:** *In the next few weeks students, staff, and parents can confidentially report safety concerns, including bullying, weapons, and threats of violence to administration 24/7. Our system will allow the administration to receive reports by website, email, text, App and phone.*
- **Critical Incident Response and Prevention:** *Zachary Community School District is part of a year-long pilot program with **Firestorm** that will see former Secret Service agents evaluate school security, educate school personnel on Crisis Incident Response and provide basic knowledge of psychological profiling so staff can determine potential school threats before they develop. Louisiana Workers Compensation is funding the pilot at no cost to the school district.*

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