

District Safety Update #2 and Tabletop Discussions Enhancing a Culture of Safety in the School District of Whitefish Bay

The District will be facilitating a second Safety Update on November 14, 2018 at 5:30 PM in the Richards Great Hall. Our goal is to continue to strengthen our shared understanding of current safety practices and updates, as well as continue to increase our awareness of stakeholder expectations around safety.



A 30-minute District presentation will provide an overview and update on our recent efforts to proactively address safety. We would also like to take an opportunity to respond to our community's questions from the community safety meeting last March, and provide an update in the areas of school safety preparation and response and safety enhancements made since our last update.

Based upon the feedback from previous tabletop focus groups we prioritized next steps that include:

- ✓ **Instituting an improved visitor management process**
- ✓ **Ensuring our facilities are secured appropriately - access, transition times, high school open campus, recess, larger access spaces**
- ✓ **Attending to the emotional health and well-being of students**
- ✓ **Ensuring each child has trusted adults in school**
- ✓ **Training of staff and developmentally appropriate training of students in all readiness and response areas**
- ✓ **Enhancing communication to and from school stakeholders**
- ✓ **Clarifying reporting procedures**

With student, staff, and visitor safety as our top priority, the School District will be working to realize these next steps through the use of District funds, as well as State Safety Grant funds. As part of this process, other safety related items will be addressed as well, including the review and refinement of our District Crisis Response Plan and school specific Emergency Response Plans.



We share the collective responsibility to ensure all are safe. If you see something, or hear something, say something. Please report concerns immediately to the Whitefish Bay Police or school administration.

What is school safety? Consistent with what we have discussed in the past, community member responses confirm that school safety is a **complex, interrelated construct; one that connects feelings, emotions, relationships, and physical protection with the willingness/ability to plan, prepare and execute, while thoughtfully and purposefully attending to the physical structures and procedures in order to enhance and maximize safety.**

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