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# I Existing Conditions

# A Safety Crossing/Traffic Guard

### How it works well

Smoothly, safety of children, cars and buses

### **Recommended Improvements**

Adding one to PV, assuring this as a Long Term position.

# **B** School Principals Dedication

#### How it works well

Highly efficient in monitoring all aspects

They monitor video cameras

They have secretary that normally questions the entry of visitors.

### **Recommended Improvements**

Some of the schools are extremely easy to enter and skip the office

Once in the schools lockers, gym, cafeteria, classrooms and restrooms are too accessible.

## C Cameras surrounding the building

#### How it works well

All four schools have outside camera surveillance

### **Recommended Improvements**

Systematic review of cameras to assess problems and possible replacement

## **D** Parking

#### How it works well

Lots are situated out of the way for student's safety

The Middle school recently added a no parking after 2pm in the bus loading area

### **Recommended Improvements**

More signs upon entering parking lots as to where and how long you can park in the lot

## E Buzzers to open locked doors

#### How it works well

PV, Bower Hill and the Middle school have them

## **Recommended Improvements**

Future training to all office staff to be able to assist someone while they are in the "man trap"

or as soon as they enter the school.

## **II** Immediate Projects

### A Area of Improvement

PTMS accessibility

### Solution

Give each teacher keys to enter all rooms, including keys to food storage

### **Value to District**

In case of an emergency, i.e. hostage situation, another teacher could assist with keys.

### **B** Area of Improvement

PTMS PA systems ability to work during power outage

#### **Solution**

Generator

### **Value to District**

Ability to communicate with students and staff in case of a power outage

## C Area of Improvement

All doors in the building need to be numbered

#### Solution

Paint number outside each room

#### **Value to District**

Ease of police, fire or ambulance to respond to emergency

# **D** Area of Improvement

An immediate state of the art walkie talkie or communication system needs to be implemented

#### Solution

Cell phones, walkie talkies, radios and charging systems need to be accessible to all schools

### **Value to District**

Communication between teachers, coaches and administrators in case of emergency

### E Area of Improvement

Availability of power in case of power outage

### Solution

Generators at all facilities

### **Value to District**

Ability to continue essential needs of students and faculty in case of power outage

## F Area of Improvement

Morning drop offs at the elementary circles

### Solution

Monitored by Traffic Guard. Hire additional guard if necessary

Additional signs posted as to how to safely drop off students

### Value to District

Traffic lines move more smoothly

Children are not running in front of and behind moving cars

# **G** Area of Improvement

"Lock-down" drills

### Solution

All schools should plan, implement and practice a "lock down" drill, first with teachers, then students

Include preparation for food and administering medications if applicable

#### **Value to District**

**Emergency preparedness** 

## H Area of Improvement

Phone system to call parents of delays and closings

#### Solution

Global messaging

#### **Value to District**

Communication regarding altered routine

## III Short Range

# A Area of Improvement

PTMS needs a "man trap" similar to one recently installed at PV

### Solution

Design a front entrance that requires all visitors to enter the office and get a badge before entering school

#### **Value to District**

Decreased access and increased safety at PTMS

# B Area of Improvement

Colored ID badges

### Solution

Different color badges for secretary's, teachers, administrators, cafeteria workers and visitors

#### **Value to District**

This will empower all employees to be able to verify a persons reason to be in the school.

# C Area of Improvement

Code system for emergencies

#### Solution

Design a plan district wide

Utilize in service days to teach teachers

Teach parents and students

### **Value to District**

Consistency within the district

Better communication with parents

### **D** Area of Improvement-Other

Safety audits for all schools, similar to high school

Cameras in the buildings

# IV Long Range

## A Area of Improvement

Monitoring visitors in schools

#### Solution

Computer program where visitors sign in and badge is dispensed

### **Value to District**

Necessary information in case of evacuation of building

## B Area of Improvement

Entrance to High School

### Solution

"Man trap" at entrance that sends visitors to sign in before entering school

### **Value to District**

Increased safety for our students, teachers and administrators