

MEETING DATE: January 14, 2013

AGENDA ITEM: Report on District Security

PRESENTERS: Dan Manning, Superintendent

ALIGNS TO BOARD PRIORITY(S): FINANCIAL/FACILITIES- SAFETY – the District will maintain a safe and orderly environment.

Background Information:

- School safety and security are and will always remain a never ending quest. Aledo ISD employs a multi-faceted approach to school safety including the use of proactive and reactive measures.
- The District utilizes a four person police force with 14 reserve officers, over 300 video surveillance cameras, an access control door system on all campuses, multiple safety drills and procedures. But we are always looking and studying ways to improve safety for our students and staff.
- There are several ways to upgrade our school security but specifically three areas we will be emphasizing this evening:
 - 1. Bringing in additional police officers to assist with campus security
 - 2. Upgrading some of our heavy exterior door hardware to make them more secure.
 - 3. Remodeling the front door vestibule area at Aledo High School.

Administrative Considerations:

- We feel it is important that we improve the proactive side of school safety at Aledo HS by remodeling the front entrance which would create a better way to handle entrance traffic in the building and allow for office staff to have a better view of visitors and create better parent and visitor sign in procedures.
- On the next few pages, I have included some design ideas for the remodel of the front entrance vestibule.
- We also feel it is important to ensure we have our police officers more visible on campuses. I will be recommending this evening that the Board consider approving the addition of another full time police officer who would begin in February. I will also be studying the cost and means by which we can add additional part-time reserve officers to assist with campus security and share with the Board at a future meeting.

FISCAL NOTE: Report only

Administrative Recommendation: Report – A recommendation will be made regarding security personnel later in an action item.