



AN EARLY COLLEGE DISTRICT

# BROWNSVILLE

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT



welcome  
TO THE  
TEAM

## Superintendent's Safety and Security Committee Meeting

February 6, 2023, 5:30 p.m.  
Central Administration Building  
Cafeteria (CAB)

TEXAS  STATE  
TEXAS SCHOOL SAFETY CENTER



Dr. Rene Gutierrez, Superintendent of Schools  
Dr. Nellie Cantu, Deputy Superintendent, Business and Operations



**Purpose**

# Purpose of Meeting

- 01 Maintain Transparency**  
Being open and straightforward with the committee
- 02 Keep our Community Informed of the Texas Education Agency and the Texas School Safety Partnership**  
For everyone in our community safety continues to be our number one priority.
- 03 Discuss School Safety Updates**  
Campus and district safety and security updates
- 04 Continue to Discuss the Emergency Operations Plan**  
Discussion of how procedures followed in our district
- 05 Discuss Findings**  
Inspector visits have continued. Reporting findings to the committee

## Agenda



# Today's Agenda

- I. The Partnership**
- II. Committee Responsibilities**
- III. School and Security Updates**
- IV. Continued Campus Safety Procedures**

# The Partnership



Robb Elementary School  
Shooting  
Uvalde, Texas

**24 May**

TEA Commissioner, Mike  
Morath send School Safety  
Memo to superintendents

**30 June**

**1–2 June**

Governor Abbott charges the  
Texas School Safety Center and  
TEA with a set of directive to  
support the safety and security of  
public schools

**9 Sep.**

Certification of Summer 2022  
Safety and Security  
Requirements due to TEA





# Committee Responsibilities

1. **Participate** in the development and implementation of the BISD emergency plan
2. **Provide** recommendations to update BISD Emergency Operation Plan (EOP)
3. **Supply** information required to the BISD for the completion of any audit reports that is required by Texas School Safety Center (TxSSC)
4. **Consult** with local law enforcement agencies
5. **Select** where bleeding control stations are to place in schools
6. **Meet together** once each academic semester and during the summer
7. **Take training** on Psychological First Aid





# School & Security Updates

- A. Raptor System
- B. Safe School Notices
- C. Silent Panic Alert
- D. Fencing Updates
- E. School ID System
- F. TEA School Safety Standards Costs Estimate Survey

Reminders – Campus with findings are required to submit an action plan to the TxSSC

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# Raptor System

From November to January 17, 2023, over 23,000 visitors signed in to various campuses.

The District Safety Committee completed mock visits to ensure all campuses are completing required weekly sweeps and visitors are directed to the main office to check-in.

Thank you community members for your patience as we are utilizing the Raptor System to keep our students and staff safe!

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# Safe School Notices

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**SAFE SCHOOL  
NOTICE**

**WELCOME TO OUR SCHOOL**  
**VISITORS MUST  
REGISTER IN THE  
MAIN OFFICE**

**DRUGS AND WEAPONS PROHIBITED**

**NO TRESPASSING**

All metal signs delivered to all campus and the maintenance team has begun posting them.



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# Silent Panic Alert System

- Grant has been awarded
- \$99,042.00
- Funds need to be expended by 6/30/2024
- All teachers need access to this system
- The procurement process began
- Raptor Technologies is being recommended





# Fencing Updates

## Exceptions to the locked and closed exterior door rule:

An exterior door may be **left unlocked** if it falls under the following exceptions:

- a. **Actively Monitored:** refers to protection of a specific area of a school or school facility by a person whose primary duty is to identify and take immediate actions needed to prevent unauthorized entry or activity, or within an
- b. **Exterior Secured Area:** an area fully enclosed by a fence and/or wall that:
  - (1) is at least 6 feet high and has design features that prevent it from being easily scalable (such as stone, wrought iron, chain link with slats/wind screen or chain link topped with an anti-scaling device) or is at least 8 feet high,
  - (2) that is well maintained, and
  - (3) if gated, features locked gates with emergency egress hardware and has features to prevent opening from exterior without a key or combination mechanism.

**Safety Ventilation:** for the purposes of maintaining appropriate interior temperature and air quality conducive to a healthy learning environment, an overhead door (example: barn, shop, gymnasium, or garage) may be left open as long as it is either actively monitored or within a secured area.

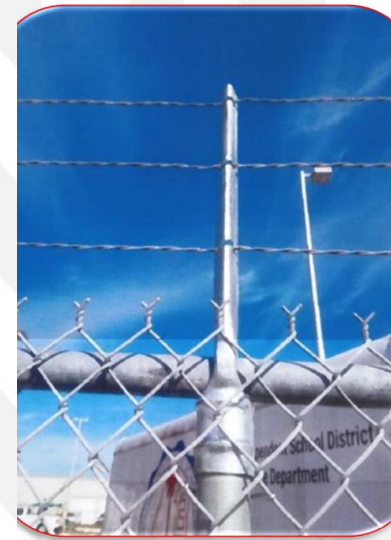
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# Fencing Updates

Upgrades has commenced at the following ten (10) middle schools

1. Lucio
2. Besteiro
3. Garcia
4. Perkins
5. Faulk
6. Oliveira
7. Vela
8. Stell
9. Manzano
10. Stillman



**Next group of schools:** Early College High Schools

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# School ID System

- Systems should be delivered to campuses by the 2nd week of February
- Training should start last week of February
- Standard template used across the district.
- Campuses may add their school logo/mascot



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# TEA School Safety Standards Cost Estimate Survey

## The survey asks the following:

1. The average age of instruction facilities
2. District enrollment
3. Last bond or major renovation
4. Total number of campuses
5. Exterior Secure Area – Fencing (Total Linear Footage and estimated cost)
6. Exterior Door Components (Number of Doors that need an upgrade and rekeying to create a master key)
7. Exterior Glass Doors (Doors that need glass reinforcement and total square footage of window film)
8. Windows (Cost to reinforce windows near doors)
9. Communication Infrastructure (two-way radios)
10. Silent Panic Alert Technology
11. Exterior Door Numbering
12. Exterior Master key Box

The survey is to provide data to TEA. The data will help TEA to prevent school violence by addressing factors that put people at risk and protecting them from violence. The survey is due by February 10, 2023.



## *Weekly Exterior Door Sweeps*



All exterior doors need to be locked at all times

No propped open doors

No items near exterior doors that could be used to prop a door open

Required to document all weekly exterior door sweeps



# Weekly Exterior Door Sweeps

## District Safety Committee Member Campus Visit Summary



Campus: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

- Congratulations! You do not have any findings.

### Finding (check all that apply):

- Documentation of Weekly Exterior Door Sweeps not completed 1 x per week **as required**.
- Too many exterior doors left unlocked. Re-evaluate transitional doors.
- Raptor System was not being used for the employee without ID.
- Door(s) found to be propped open.
- District Safety Committee member without ID was able to walk the campus without anyone asking for purpose, and redirecting to the main office.

Visited completed by: \_\_\_\_\_

Campus Leader Reviewed: \_\_\_\_\_

(Principal or Assistant Principal)



## Phase 2: Exterior Door Audit

	Documents Required	Person Responsible	Due to Dr. Cantu
1	Copy of District School Safety and Security Committee Meeting Minutes	Pat Perez, Board Secretary Dr. Nellie Cantu	2/8/2023
2	Copy of School Board of Trustees regularly scheduled Meeting Agenda**	Pat Perez, Board, Secretary Dr. Nellie Cantu	2/8/2023
3	Dates all staff and substitutes were trained that all exterior doors must remained closed and properly locked	HR Mark Stevens Chief Oscar Garcia	2/8/2023
4	Plan of action has been put in place to address any doors that are broken and/or do not secure properly if indicated by the findings	Principal Attachment	2/8/2023



# Action Plan – Exterior Door Sweeps



Weekly Exterior Door Sweeps			
	Documents	Person Responsible	Due to Dr. Cantu
1	Copy of District School Safety and Security Committee Meeting Minutes	Pat Perez, Board Secretary Dr. Nellie Cantu	2/8/2023
2	Copy of a campus documentation that shows weekly exterior door sweeps have been conducted for the 4 weeks following the date of the Intruder Detection Audit. (Copy of Weekly Sweeps Documents for the last 4 weeks)	Principal	2/8/2023
3	Copy of School Board of Trustees regularly scheduled Meeting Agenda**	Pat Perez, Board Secretary Dr. Nellie Cantu	2/8/2023
4	Dates all campus staff was trained on how to conduct and document required weekly exterior doors sweeps	Principal	2/8/2023
5	Copy of the campus documentation that shows weekly exterior door sweeps have been conducted since the Intruder Detection Audit was completed. (Submit Weekly Sweeps AFTER the inspection)	Principal	2/8/2023

**NOTE:** Dr. Cantu will attach the Safety and Security Committee Meeting Minutes and the Regular Board of Trustees meeting agenda minutes. All documents will be submitted by her office.

# Psychological First Aid – 5 hour Module

<https://learn.nctsn.org/enrol/index.php?id=596>



## Psychological First Aid (PFA) Online - NCTSN Learning Center

Psychological First Aid (PFA) Online is 5-hour interactive online course that helps participants learn the core actions of PFA and describes ways to apply them in different post-disaster scenarios and with different survivor needs. This course also covers provider well-being before, during, and after disasters. This course is relevant for new providers who are wanting to be oriented to PFA, as ... [learn.nctsn.org](https://learn.nctsn.org)

# Intruder Detection Audit Finding Reports



(In executive session)



# School Reports

# Discussion of Intruder Detection Audit Report Findings



As of Friday, February 3, 2023, a total of 24 out of 54 campuses (44%) have been inspected.



Brownsville ISD is the best choice!

# Moving Forward



*The top priority of **Brownsville ISD** and the State of Texas is keeping students and staff safe every day. We are working closely with our district's School Safety & Security Committee to ensure that we are training all our staff and securing our doors for the protection of everyone at our campuses. The support from the state in conducting the Intruder Detection Audits is just one of the **many actions** we are taking to ensure our schools are safe. We know that this work does not end, and we appreciate the Board's support.*

*We acknowledge that parents and community members are likely very interested in the details of the audit results; however, it is in the best interest of the students that we do not share this information to the broader public as it could lead to compromising important campus security information. Specific details of the Intruder Detection Audit will be discussed in the executive session and with the Safety and Security Committee.*

***Brownsville ISD is committed to providing a safe and secure learning environment for our students and staff.***



# THANK YOU

## ➤ **Integrity**

To hold ourselves to a higher standard regardless of circumstances or feelings.

## ➤ **Commitment**

We must make a conscious and moral decision every day to dedicate, equip and prepare ourselves for the challenges we face.

## ➤ **Involvement**

To have true school safety requires a collaboration between law enforcement and the community.