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To: Board of Education

From: Douglas Whitsel

Re: Safety and Security Board Report, May 2025

Date: 5/12/2025

Dear Board of Education,

I'm pleased to provide an update on two key initiatives that continue to strengthen safety and emergency preparedness across the Chelsea School District.

Following our earlier planning and coordination, we have officially procured Knox Boxes for several district buildings. These secure emergency access boxes will allow first responders to enter buildings swiftly during an emergency without causing damage or delay. We are currently working in close partnership with local public safety officials to identify the most strategic and accessible locations for installation at each site. I'd like to extend my sincere thanks to Ross and the entire Operations team for their instrumental role in coordinating the purchase and logistics, this would not have been possible without their dedication and expertise.

In addition, we are making significant progress in our efforts to implement a district-wide radio communication system. This upgrade will greatly enhance our ability to maintain seamless communication during both daily operations and emergency situations. The new radios will address current coverage gaps by improving signal strength in dead zones and providing reliable communication across all district buildings. Furthermore, these radios will offer improved durability, ease of use, and the capability to coordinate across multiple teams and departments during large-scale events or incidents. This investment will not only streamline our day-to-day communication but will also play a critical role in maintaining safety and situational awareness in real time.

Thank you for your continued support as we work to enhance communication and emergency readiness throughout the district. These efforts reflect our ongoing commitment to creating a safe, responsive, and well-coordinated environment for our students, staff, and community partners.

Respectfully,

Doug Whitsel, Director of Safety and Security
Chelsea School District