

A Message from Superintendent Bennett: School Security

The Rivercrest School District is committed to providing a safe, caring, orderly learning environment for all the students entrusted to us each day. Faculty and staff have a genuine interest in the safety and well-being of each student.

I know you share my heartbreak over the recent school shooting incident in Florida. I cannot imagine the anguish of the families. The ripple effects of this tragedy are being felt throughout the education community.

We are taking a proactive approach to monitor and adjust our existing Crisis Plan. The policies and procedures are under review. A school safety walk has been conducted, and areas for improvement have been identified. School floor plans will be updated to reflect safe spots in each classroom, evacuation routes, and rally points. Emergency kits will be replenished as needed. Teachers will be asked to keep their classroom doors locked during the instructional day. We currently conduct monthly fire and inclement weather drills, and we will begin conducting lockdown drills as well. Security cameras and School Resource Officers are utilized throughout the district. Other measures that are deemed appropriate will also be implemented. This may include periodic security checks with metal detection devices as well as canine patrols for illegal substances. The Rivercrest School District will provide a safe and secure environment where students can learn and develop the college and career readiness skills necessary for the 21st century.

I know that you share my concern for all of our students' well-being. I pray that we never have to deal with a crisis situation; however, I want us all to be prepared should something occur. I appreciate all you do to support and guide our students in their learning endeavors. Please reassure your child – and be assured yourself - that precautions are being taken to safeguard the children under our care. We want to partner with you to ensure the safety of every child.