



School Safety Advocacy Council: A Comprehensive Security Assessment of WCPSS School Campuses and Administrative Facilities

WCPSS Safety and Security Committee Meeting

September 29, 2021



Desired Outcomes

- Review the purpose and goals of the security assessment study initiated by WCPSS.
- Provide an overview of the School Safety Advocacy Council (SSAC).
- Review the process used to conduct the security assessment.
- Learn the findings of the assessment and next steps in response to the findings.



Purpose and Goals of the Assessment

- In July 2019 the WCPSS Board of Education authorized contracting with the School Safety Advocacy Council to complete a security assessment of all WCPSS facilities.
- The purpose of the assessment is to support the continuous improvement of the safety and security of all WCPSS school campuses and administrative facilities.



Purpose and Goals of the Assessment

The District endeavored to obtain a comprehensive security assessment to include, but not limited to, the following:

- Access Control Processes
- Physical Security Infrastructure
- Emergency Response Processes
- Visitor Management Systems
- All other aspects of school campus and administrative facility security



School Safety Advocacy Council Overview

The School Safety Advocacy Council was established in 2005.

The School Safety Advocacy Council is a nationally recognized industry leader in school safety.

Services include:

- Expert Witness Testimony
- School Crisis Tabletop Exercises
- Develop or Review School Emergency Plans
- School Safety Assessments



Introduction of School Safety Advocacy Council

School Safety Advocacy Council

Curt Lavarello, Executive Director

Sean Burke, President

Overview of Findings

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Next Steps

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Next Steps

The WCPSS Office of Security will organize and lead a district committee to further unpack in greater detail each assessment report for possible action.

- Committee will include individuals who are cross-representative of schools, Central Services departments, and the Division of Principals/Assistant Principals
- Committee will identify priorities and action steps



Next Steps

Focus Areas for Next Steps:

- Delivery and review of school-based reports to school principals and Area Superintendents
- Review assessment of Central Services administrative sites with the district committee and other district leaders, as appropriate
- Examine each recommendation in terms of its potential implementation and then determine the areas of priority to adopt for action, as appropriate
- Assess the resources necessary to address the prioritized areas
- Chart a path forward for work to be done on accepted recommendations

Dialogue and Questions

