



School Safety Advocacy Council Assessment Update

WCPSS Board of Education Work Session

May 17, 2022



Desired Outcomes

- To receive an update on seven (7) key areas from the School Safety Advocacy Council (SSAC) Security Assessment of the Wake County Public School System.
- To provide an opportunity for further discussion on the next steps in the security assessment process.



School Safety Advocacy Council Assessment Overview

Brief overview and summary of the assessment process:

- SSAC completed security assessments of all WCPSS facilities
- SSAC identified and recommended areas of initial prioritization
- SSAC contract has been extended to begin work on seven areas of focus
- Work will continue into 2022-23 school year



Seven Key Areas of Focus

1. Prioritization of Recommendations from the Assessment Process
2. Visitor Management
3. School Resource Officer Leadership Operations Committee
4. Update District Emergency Plan
5. Training/School Safety Professional Development Plan and Delivery
6. Mental Health Threat Assessment Team Formation
7. District Reunification



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1. Prioritization of Recommendations from the Assessment Process

- Met with Office of Security personnel for identifying next steps and prioritizing tasks supportive of moving forward to address assessment findings.
- Aside from the seven focus areas already identified for the first phase of response, SSAC Team will continue to collaborate with the Office of Security for prioritizing the remaining assessment findings.



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2. Visitor Management

- For review, SSAC prepared a proposed draft of visitor management protocols to be used with a uniform visitor management system. In addition, a draft visitor management policy is being proposed for district consideration.
- To support this work, SSAC has provided WCPSS with proposed RFP Guidelines in order to move forward with the purchasing/bid process of a district-wide solution for a visitor management system.



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3. School Resource Officer Leadership Operations Committee

- A School Resource Officer Leadership Operations Committee has been organized. The committee includes representatives from all local law enforcement agencies providing a SRO to WCPSS.
- An initial committee meeting was held on Monday, April 11, 2022. All agencies were represented. Purpose of the committee was discussed, and a connection to the security assessment findings was established.
- The second meeting was held today, May 17, 2022. Today's meeting focused on formulating committee protocols for the future meetings.



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4. Update District Emergency Plan

- SSAC staff has completed a comprehensive review of the current district emergency plan.
- Upon review of the plan, SSAC staff has provided recommended revisions to the WCPSS Office of Security for review.



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5. Training/School Safety Professional Development Plan and Delivery

- SSAC staff has engaged in initial discussions with WCPSS Office of Security personnel to identify focus areas for training of selected staff. For example, front office staff and athletic directors.
- Additional staff for which training opportunities will be discussed include school-based administrators, teachers, and substitute teachers.
- Consideration is being given to offer training in online modules for staff participation.



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6. Mental Health Threat Assessment Team Formation

- SSAC staff has participated in preliminary meetings with WCPSS Office of Health Services personnel to discuss current policies and protocols in relation to district-wide threat assessments.
- As part of this process, SSAC staff will review related documents and resources, and provide recommendations as appropriate.

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7. District Reunification

- SSAC staff have reviewed documentation relative to district-wide reunification, and they have drafted recommendations for review and consideration in support of the district plan.
- The recommendations provided for consideration are based on work conducted with district leaders across the nation as tied to reunification procedures.
- SSAC staff will work collaboratively with the WCPSS Office of Security to design and conduct school staff training opportunities as related to reunification.

Dialogue and Questions

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