



1310 N. Elm Street | Sweeny, Texas 77480

March 1, 2018

Sweeny ISD Parents,

As a result of recent events, there has been a heightened awareness regarding school safety. I want to assure you that the physical and emotional safety of each student in Sweeny ISD is our highest priority. The District has made a significant investment in school safety systems and will continue to assess campus and event security. We are continuously reflecting on our systems and would like to share the following actions that are being taken as well as opportunities for your involvement:

1. **Review of Safety Plans:** The District will partner with a professional safety auditor to review all safety plans. This professional will provide: (a) an assessment of the current state of our physical safety and security processes, (b) assistance and guidance on updating the district emergency operations plans, and (c) staff development in safety, security and emergency management. In the interim, the District has reviewed processes at each building to ensure safety procedures are being followed including, but not limited to, entrance/exit procedures and reminding students to not open exterior doors, even for other students.
2. **Police Presence:** The District has heightened police presence at each campus. We are also exploring options for increasing police and/or security presence across the District indefinitely. We are in constant communications with the City of Sweeny Police Department and they have increased local patrols during peak times.
3. **SISD School Safety Task Force:** The District has partnered with local first responders, including police, fire, and EMS, to develop a school safety task force that will review processes for continued collaboration with all first responder agencies in our community. The first meeting is scheduled for next week and routine meetings will be scheduled to ensure ongoing collaboration.
4. **SISD Safety Advisory Council:** The District has established a safety advisory team consisting of students, staff, parents, administrators, and community leaders. The purpose of this advisory council is to advise the District administration regarding safety concerns. This group will meet at 6:30pm on the following dates: March 29th, April 19th and May 17th. [Click here](#) to register if you are interested in serving on this team.
5. **Social, Emotional and Behavioral Supports:** There is a direct connection between student's academic achievement and their need to feel safe, accepted and valued. As a District, we are exploring systems to enhance the levels of social, emotional and behavioral supports offered to students, including bullying prevention, care and respect for all, school structures and routines, high expectations of student behavior, and making sure that every student feels known and valued.
6. **T.E.A.M. UP Mentoring:** As a District, we have developed a comprehensive mentoring model called T.E.A.M. UP (**T**each **E**mpower **A**ffirm **M**entor **U**plift.) This mentoring model seeks to foster partnerships with community leaders and local businesses to provide

Providing the Educational Advantage Since 1912

Dr. Tory C. Hill, Superintendent of Schools

Administrative Offices: (979) 491-8000 District Fax (979) 491-8030

empowering opportunities that encourage students to pursue their full intellectual and social potential. If you are interested in mentoring a SISD student, please attend one of the informational meetings which will be held in the SISD Boardroom on April 9th at 6pm or April 12th at 8am.

Together with staff, students, and parents, we will continue to provide a safe and secure learning environment for each Sweeny ISD student. Thank you for your continued cooperation and support. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please contact me, your school principal, or counselor anytime.

Sincerely,



Tory C. Hill
Superintendent of Schools