

Safety Measures and Proposed Mitigations

School Board Meeting
February 2, 2023





Essential Questions

	<p>What measures have been taken in recent years to improve safety?</p>
	<p>What measures are staff proposing to further promote safety?</p>



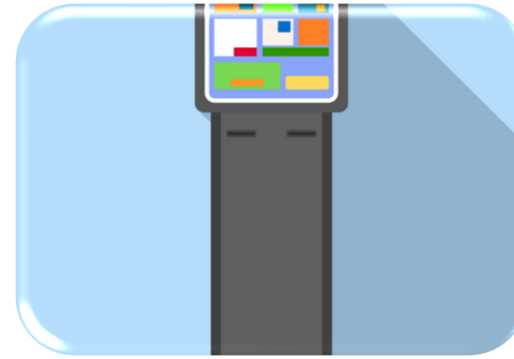
Measures to Date (Implemented or In Progress)



Safety Vestibules



Camera Upgrades



Visitor and Emergency Management System



MINGA Student ID Process



Vape Detection Systems



Replacement of Radios



Additional SSO's



Door Alarms



Proposed: Weapons Abatement

What is Weapons Abatement?

- A process in which specialized equipment is used to identify and prevent weapons from entering a facility

How is it used?

- Stakeholders walk through the weapons detection system (normal pace)
- No stopping or emptying of bags required
- If something is detected by the equipment, that individual will be escorted to another area for search of belongings/person
- If a subsequent search finds a concealed weapon, the appropriate disciplinary and/or criminal measures will be taken

What is the technology capable of detecting?

- Objectively able to detect weapons threats such as firearms and knives



Examples



Affixed



Mobile

Advanced weapons abatement technology uses engineering and artificial intelligence to detect most weapons threats. *This is not the same as a traditional metal detector.* The systems are arch-free, and typically use ultra-low frequency, electromagnetic fields and advanced sensors to detect concealed weapons.

Some systems also have the capability to indicate (via a picture) the specific area in which a concealed item has been detected.



Why Now?

In previous school year (SY21-22), 28 incidents that included weapons were reported as part of our Incident Report Protocol

- 13 in first semester; 15 in second semester

Anecdotal reports of prevalence in which weapons may be entering facilities

- From students, staff and families

Other measures have not yet resulted in the decline of such reports

Need to take every proactive measure to protect students, staff and occupants



Goals for Weapons Abatement





Next Steps for Weapons Abatement

Proposed Timeline

Seek School Board Approval to Proceed with Next Steps in Engagement Process

•February 2023

Community Engagement/Feedback

•March 2023

Review Community Feedback w/School Board. Seek School Board Approval to Proceed with Pilot Program

•March 2023

Procure Equipment for Pilot Program

•March/April 2023

Install Equipment for Pilot Program

•April 2023

Go Live with Weapons Abatement Pilot Program

•May 2023



Questions?

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