



OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

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RE: Security Upgrades

Dear Lakewood Families,

Over the course of the last few months we have been installing systems in many of our buildings that will make them safer and more secure. The middle school and both elementaries have received upgraded and/or new equipment.

Bus Fleet. We are in the process of purchasing and installing the remaining cameras for our bus fleet. Our goal is to have cameras on every bus by the year's end (summer at the latest). Each bus will have multiple cameras.

Middle/High School. At the middle school, card reader access was installed allowing for keyless entry for use by our staff. This keyless entry eliminates the need for brass entry keys and allows for much tighter control over who has access and when. The keyless entry also needed to be installed prior to any buzzer entry system (locked campus) being installed in the future at both the middle and high schools. We will also be adding additional internal/external video cameras at all of our facilities.

LES & LECC. At both Lakewood Elementary (LES) and the Early Childhood Center (LECC) buzzer entry systems have been installed. The buzzer system essentially locks down the facility during operating hours. Entry is gained only through being "buzzed" in by someone inside and through a single set of doors.

These systems are in place and ready to use. Families who have children at Lakewood Elementary or the Early Childhood Center can expect direct communication from their building principals in the near future. Administration will outline the process of moving to locked campuses at LES and LECC, which we are targeting to commence upon returning from Spring Break. We would ask for patience and flexibility at our elementaries as we begin this process and that you keep in mind that we are upgrading security in order to maintain safe, healthy, and secure areas for our children to learn. While locked campuses may seem unwelcoming, we will do all that we can to maintain the great, cheerful, and warm customer service you have come to expect in this District.

Best regards,

Randall J. Fleenor
Superintendent