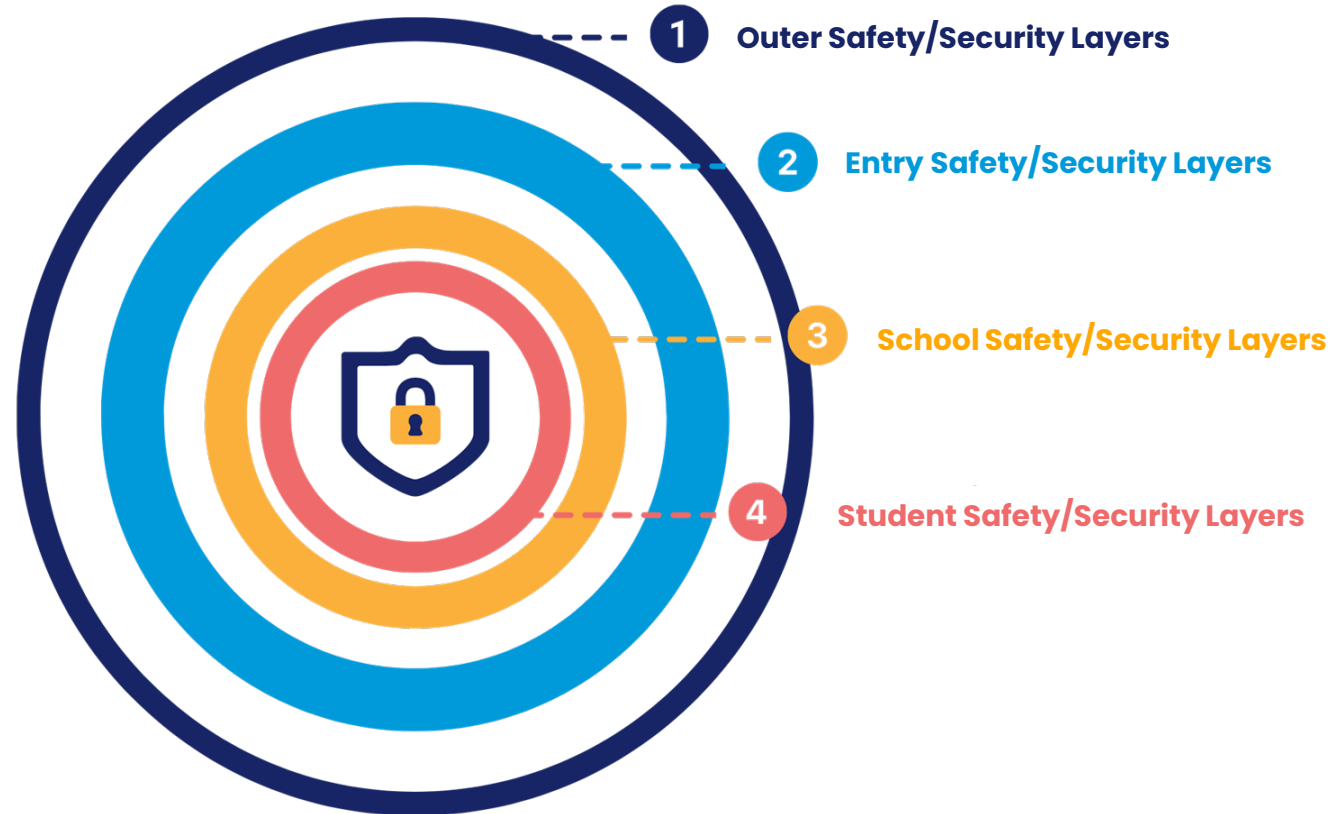


A young girl with long brown hair, wearing a dark blue school dress with a white collar and white socks, is running across a cobblestone plaza. She has a black backpack with a white stuffed animal hanging from it. In the background is a large, multi-story brick school building with many windows and a large green tree. The scene is lit with warm, golden-hour light.

Dallas ISD Safety Initiatives

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Dallas ISD Safety & Security Layers



Outer Safety/Security Layers



The outer safety/security layer includes initiatives that secure the outer boundaries of a school building.



1: 2020 Bond Program Safety Initiatives

- **Security Cameras**
 - Updating analog to digital camera systems as well as adding additional cameras to school parking lots and additional locations
- **Card Access Systems**
 - Card access system monitors, manages, and grants physical access to particular areas of a school building
- **Door Buzzers and Intercom**
 - Allow for remote identification of visitors before they enter the premises
- **Dallas ISD Police Department Security Operation Center station**
 - 24/7 centralized monitor station at the Dallas ISD Police Department



Outer Safety/Security Layers



2: Dallas ISD Security Partnership with City of Dallas



- **P25 Communication with Dallas PD**
 - Converting to P25 City of Dallas Communication System
- **Interoperability Communication**
 - Quickly communicate with city of Dallas first responders
- **Fusion Center**
 - Intelligence Support
- **Haystack System**
 - Call monitoring system
- **Dallas Police Department Dispatch Notification**
 - Partnership with Dallas PD to communicate emergency and non-emergency calls from city of Dallas

Outer Safety/Security Layers



3: Locked Exterior Doors Audits, Summer Audits, and Door Sweeps



- **Emergency Management**
 - Training
 - Audits
 - Responds to emergencies throughout the district.
 - These include development of the Emergency Operation Plan, Tri-annual Audits, TEA Audits, and Drills)

Entry Safety/Security Layers



The entry safety/security layer includes safety procedures for visitors, safety personnel, and policies that enforce security at the entry-level of a school building



1: Vestibule

- A vestibule is an enclosed area between the outside door of a building and the inside door. Its purpose is to limited free egress to visitors to the main hallways.

2: Raptor Visitor Management



- The Raptor system is an additional safeguard to check visitors and screen individuals against sex offender databases properly. All visitors must present a photo ID to obtain a visitor badge. Identification must be visible, dated, and have the destination or person being visited at all times.



Entry Safety/Security Layers



3: Employee Access Card

- Employee access cards make it easy to identify individuals, preventing unauthorized persons from gaining access to the premises for better security.



4: Metal Detectors and Wands

- Every secondary student entering the building must follow the District's scanning process. Every staff member that manages the metal detectors has been thoroughly trained on the districts procedures.



5: Student and Staff Identification

- All staff members and secondary students are required to wear photo ID badges.

Entry Safety/Security Layers



6: Clear Backpack Policy for Secondary Schools

- Secondary students must use clear or mesh backpacks in 2022-2023 as the internal and external safety task forces recommended.



7: Digital Walkie-Talkies

- Through grant funds, the district has purchased 2-way digital walkie-talkies for schools with portables. Digital Walkie-Talkies allow for communication between the portables and administrators in an emergency.

School Safety/Security Layers



The school-safety/security layer introduces initiatives that affect the school-wide setting, such as threat assessment procedures and training

1: Threat Assessments Teams



- Evidence-based approach toward identifying students or other individuals who pose a threat, intervening with appropriate resources, and ultimately improving the safety and well-being of the individual of concern, the situation, and the school.
- Dallas ISD has a threat assessment team on every campus. The district also has a District-Wide Threat Assessment team that oversees and consults on all threats of the district.



School Safety/Security Layers



2: School and District-Wide Security Training

- **Safety & Security Training Course**
 - Required course for every Dallas ISD employee focused on the overall safety layers of Dallas ISD
- **Metal Detector Training**
 - Required training for all staff that monitor and manage the entry safety procedures that include metal detectors and metal detector wands
- **Risk of Violence Training**
 - Training on identifying and reporting threats
- **Threat Assessment Training**
 - Training on identifying, managing and monitoring student threats through the threat assessment process
- **De-escalation Training**
 - Training on de-escalation process and procedures
- **Active Shooter Training**
 - Collaborate training with Dallas Fire Rescue, Dallas Police Department and Dallas ISD Police Department. Completed the training this summer 2022 with a joint drill. Conducting active shooter training with schools. Developed the program with collaboration with Dallas Police Department.

Student Safety/Security Layers



The student-safety/security layer introduces initiatives that affect every student in Dallas ISD. Here we introduce the two tools for reporting threats that students have access.



1: Crime Stopper Tool

- The district's Campus Crime Stopper program offers rewards for reporting criminal and code of conduct violations and is a partnership between the Dallas ISD Police Department and the North Texas Crime Commission



2: Anonymous Reporting Tool

- The Say Something Anonymous Reporting System enables students to anonymously report an issue 24/7/365 through an app, hotline, or website when they see a classmate at risk of harming themselves or others.





Questions

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