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Santa Fe Strong Safety and Security Committee Summary
Wednesday, June 20, 2018

SANTA FE ISD — Above all else, the safety of our students and staff is Santa Fe ISD'S highest priority. The District is working with the Santa Fe Strong Safety and Security Committee and District stakeholders to develop meaningful and action-based recommendations to keep students safe within our schools, district and the community.

For the first meeting on Tuesday, June 19, the committee members were organized by teams to research and discuss three topics and possible options for implementation. The topics included:

- Hardening the Schools (i.e., equipment, personnel, facilities)
- Policy (i.e., dress code, clear backpacks, social media)
- Support Services (i.e., mental health support access, threat assessment team, training)

Summary notes will be provided after each meeting in the District's Interactive Web Portal at www.santafeupdates.com, and the community is invited to provide feedback for the committee to use to develop the recommendations using a link provided in the portal.

There is not one plan that fits all schools so this thirty-member committee comprised of SFISD Police Officers, Galveston County Officers, Department of Public Safety Officers, members from Gulf Coast Center and the Galveston County Emergency Management Office, a member of the Ministerial Alliance, District Administrators, District Counselor, two SFISD School Board Trustees, SFISD Staff Members, Community Members, and ten Parents representing elementary through high school, are charged with recommending improved safety measures that are best for our students and the District.

As a follow up, the committee was asked to review and research the options discussed in the meeting and provide additional information to help develop the meaningful and action-based recommendations in the coming months.

Future meetings will include establishing priorities based on brain storming feedback and research information to provide recommendations for moving forward in SFISD.

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