

The Tri-City School Board and school leadership recognizes an increase in questions about school security and safety. Here are highlights of the proactive actions Tri-City has already been doing and ways parents, students, and our community can help.

#### **On-going at Tri-City:**

- Entry access (main door of elementary and JH/HS) is managed and controlled inside by school personnel; all secondary entries are locked down during the course of the day.
- Local law enforcement attempt to have a daily presence in the buildings.
- A recent active shooter drill has occurred with local, Sangamon County law enforcement and fire departments.
- All Tri-City staff continue to be educated on school safety.
- Communication devices (phones and radios) are acquired and regularly evaluated within to ensure they can easily communicate with first responders.
- At least annually, a safety review meeting is conducted. This includes emergency and crisis response plans, protocols, and procedures.
- School safety drills occur annually, with at least: three school evacuation drills (fire); one school bus evacuation drill; one severe weather drill; and one law enforcement drill (active shooter).
- Continuously improving internal policies and communications with parents, teachers, students, and community.

#### **How can you help?**

- Be patient as we required doors to be buzzed open and office check-ins for all visitors.
- Keep your eyes open for any concerning behavior before, during, and after school.
- Encourage your child to report any concerns to school personnel.
- If you see something, say something.
- Discuss school and community safety with your children, family, and neighbors.

The ***American School Counselor Association*** recommends that parents and adults:

- Listen to your children's fears and concerns.
- Limit exposure to television and social media.
- Reassure children that the world is a good place, but there are people who do bad things.
- Remind children that we have drills and procedures in place to keep them safe.

It takes all of us to help Tri-City students have a great day, every day.

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