



May 25, 2022

Academy ISD Community,

At the last school board meeting I mentioned to the board and those attending that we will be reviewing district safety and security procedures and forming a new committee for the 2022-2023 school year.

Unfortunately, violence and evil are all around us. The murder of a student in Belton HS and as we have all seen by now, the actions of one person can have a devastating impact on an entire school, town, state, and the country. The horrific deaths of 19 innocent children and 2 adults in Uvalde ISD's Robb Elementary School have resonated worldwide. Our thoughts and prayers are with the people of Uvalde as they work through this tragedy together. I cannot even imagine.

I am asking you today to consider how you can help AISD as we prepare for the upcoming 2022-2023 school year. We have a volunteer to lead the group...thank you Jennifer Henager for your willingness to be a part of and lead a group of vigilant safety minded individuals. With COVID restrictions behind us, we can reinstate the Watch-DOG (Dads of Great Kids) program as well as explore other ways to keep Academy aware and safe on a daily basis.

We are fortunate to be able to have two School Resource Officers (SROs). We chose to add the second officer during this past school year. Deputy Cox and Deputy Matamoras will also serve on the committee.

Thank you for your time and consideration and know that the safety of our students and staff is always on our minds. I will be sending out an electronic Google survey for anyone that is interested in signing up to help.

In response to the recent school shooting, if you know of or have students that are in need of counseling, please reach out to your campus staff so that we can be of assistance to you.

It's a great thing to be a Bumblebee!

Billy Harlan, Superintendent

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