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District 303 forms safety task force and proposes upgrades to building security

(St. Charles, IL) (March 23, 2018) – At the Business Services Committee meeting on March 22, members of the School Board heard a presentation about proposed upgrades to District 303 school building security. If approved by the School Board, the additional layers of security will be put in place during the summer months.

Recommended upgrades will limit visitor access to school buildings and include securable interior vestibule doors. In addition, there will be installation of 3M Safety and Security Window Film on interior vestibule glass doors and windows, and more secure checkpoints for visitors entering the building and interacting with office staff.

The District will use land cash revenue from the capital projects fund to pay for the upgrades, with an estimated cost of \$1 million.

Safety and security protocols, including comprehensive safety plans have always been in place in District 303. Both district and school personnel have participated in on-site training provided by the Illinois School & Campus Safety Resource Center.

Because of recent changes in the school safety arena, the district has made the decision to include members of the broader community in the discussion. To that end, a safety task force made up of school district officials, staff members, parents, and local municipal police and fire agencies has been created. This task force will serve as a standing committee for the district, meeting regularly to review current security processes, research new options, evaluate changes in legislation and policies related to school safety, and make recommendations to enhance safety and security in D303 schools.

District 303 Superintendent Dr. Jason Pearson appreciates that many community members have expressed an interest in participating, “We are fortunate to have parents and community leaders in St. Charles who are willing to commit their time to assist us in developing ideas that will improve our secure learning environments, while still maintaining a welcoming atmosphere in our schools.”

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