



WESTPORT COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

TO: School Committee

FROM: Michelle A. Rapoza, School Business Administrator

DATE: March 8, 2018

RE: School Safety – District Wide

- a. Administrative meeting was held 03/07/2018 to discuss School Safety
- b. On Thursday, March 8, 2018 Mike Duarte, Kim Ouellette, Michelle Rapoza, and the building Principals will be conducting a walk through inside and out with a Westport Police Officer to review safety of our existing buildings to be able to make recommended changes.
- c. Mike and the building administrators are requesting a walk through with the building inspector, fire dept and police dept to review safety in all buildings.
- d. Administrators are reviewing our Emergency Management Guide, Bullying Prevention & Intervention Plan, and updating our MERP [Medical Emergency Response Plans (includes school based crisis team updates and meetings)].
- e. Tentative date has been set to offer the Jr. Sr. High School students ALICE training (not drill) for Monday, March 19, 2018.
- f. ALICE books were purchased and being used at the MAC & WES.
- g. Additional books on safety were purchased and used with other students.
- h. Health Advisory Committee meets four times a year.
- i. Student Walk-out 03/14/2018 (17 minutes).
- j. Administrators were reminded that any incident that occurs in their buildings they are to immediately inform the Superintendent.
- k. Discussions have been conducted at school council meetings at all schools.
- l. Staff meetings were held to discuss school safety.
- m. Violent Intruder drills are tentatively scheduled for the afternoon of March 16, 2018.
- n. Three Jr. Sr. High School students will be attending a forum sponsored by the Herald News that will focus on school safety on 03/08/2018. The forum will be broadcast live on The Herald News' Facebook page.
- o. There will be a "free" teen safety summit that a district team of 4 administrators and 6 students will attend on April 11, 2018 at Venus DeMilo. This is a free daylong conference that is geared to middle/high school students, law enforcement, court personnel, youth-based organizations, healthcare providers, social services providers, prevention specialists, school personnel, college administrators, public officials, lawyers and parents.
- p. A list of building needs for Safety and Security was created by each building principal including any remediation that has been done at their buildings.
- q. Our Fire & Security Company has been scheduled to complete a full walk through on March 15, 2018. They provide the cameras and technology for all point of entrances at all schools.
- r. CPR (Cardiopulmonary resuscitation) & CPI (Crisis Prevention Intervention training) was held this school year.
- s. Assemblies this year have been about safety. Michelle Gay, mom of a student from Sandy Hook provided a presentation to the Jr. Sr. High School students.
- t. The Police visited schools to discuss safety for Halloween, bike, and stranger danger.
- u. We are exploring the purchasing of new security resources such as door bolts, door wedges, etc. We will need Police & Fire Input before any decisions can be made.