

Dr. Charles R. Drew ES MCPS School Safety and Security Presentation

April 3, 2018

PTA Meeting

Summary:

- Reviewed MCPS School Safety & Security PowerPoint
- Reviewed County Resources & Guidelines (handout)

County Resources and Guidelines:

- See video link to MCPS Emergency Preparedness video:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vJFIUR5iKSg#action=share>
- Annual required training provided by MCPS and by FEMA to key school staff, to include members of the OSET (On Site Emergency Team) yearly.
- Review and approval of our local school emergency plan by our cluster safety supervisor, Mr. Charles Harper.
- MCPS website (noted above) with information regarding public health and emergency information, county crisis center information, and county police department information.
- Guided drills at the school level, supported by Mr. Charles Harper and county emergency personnel as needed.
- Ability to send out MCPS Connect Ed Emergency messages to school community members in the case of a lockdown at the school level.
- VMS (Video Monitoring System) in all schools.
- Reviewed Safety at Drew ES (handout)
 - Required drills
 - Fire doors for hallways are locked after clubs are done and during evening use of school
- Reviewed Talking to Children About Violence: Tips for Parents and Teachers (handout)

Questions:

- How does MCPS Security staff monitor the school on the weekend?
- Will the school be getting security cameras?
- Why is it that the elementary school that doesn't have cameras?
- When the kids are playing outside at recess, is there anyone out there looking around?
- At the central level, how are they discussing making playgrounds more secure?
- How do subs get trained? Is it at the county level or school level?
- Does MCPS do safety training for parents?
- As a county are we settling that there is nothing but the honor system to keep a student from bring a weapon to school?
- How fast will the need for lockdown get to local school administration?
- What can you tell us about those lockdown magnets for quick securing of the doors especially when subs are in the building?
- Does MCPS security visit the elementary schools when there is danger in the area?
- Is MCPS concerned and aware that elementary schools are somewhat vulnerable?