

DAVID'S BOE
MEETING BRIEF

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SCHOOL SAFETY

Recent incidents in our schools have underscored the importance of our layered security approach and the need for continued investment. To that end, the Board held a work session on September 30 to discuss expanding our weapons detection system.

After reviewing three options, the Board unanimously supported implementing weapons detection systems at all schools and programs. This comprehensive approach adds a visible deterrent, prevents weapons from entering buildings, and fosters confidence among students, staff, and families. It’s about building a culture of prevention and preparedness — not relying on one strategy, but many layers working together.

The projected cost is approximately \$6 million, which includes equipment, training, and additional security staff. While this expansion is a critical next step, technology alone isn’t the answer. True safety comes from a holistic approach — one that includes our School Resource Officers, security teams, these systems, other protective measures, and the vigilance of our entire community.

I want to thank our county government, our dedicated staff, and our families for their partnership in this effort. School safety is not just a Board initiative, it is a shared responsibility. Every student deserves to feel safe, supported, and ready to learn, and together, we will make that a reality. The Superintendent and staff will now work on next steps for implementation, and I look forward to sharing progress updates as we move forward.

An added safety layer

- Added physical safety layer
 - Visible deterrent
 - Prevents weapons from entering buildings
 - Early response to threats
- Add psychological safety layer
 - Increase confidence in security among student, staff, and parents
 - Foster a sense of proactive responsibility
 - Build a culture of prevention and preparedness

School safety is not one thing or strategy, but many layered strategies working together.



# Buildings	# of Entrances	# of Units	Add'l School Security Staff Needed	Est. Cost of Units	Est Cost of Add'l School Security Staff
29	52	67	57	\$1,650,000	\$4,357,080