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SAFETY WALK WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT Written Summary

On Thursday, December 5, 2024, Captain Nathan Borman with the Outagamie County Sheriff's Department conducted a safety walk throughout the district building, including the elementary, middle, and high school wings, as well as the Shiocton Child Care Center area. Together, we walked the hallways and corridors, classrooms and office areas, large group learning areas, and cafeteria. Additionally, we took time to examine both interior and exterior doorways, as well as common travel patterns and most frequently used access points.

Captain Borman noted the placement of the safety film on the main entrances for the buildings - district, elementary, high school, and cafeteria - was all still well intact. While the film could be placed on other entrances, it is most important to have this additional layer of protection on the entrances most frequently utilized.

Recommendations from the safety walk include:

- Secured Entrances - Captain Borman once again stressed the importance of having the elementary and middle/high school offices located directly adjacent to the school's entrance. Captain Borman further echoed the benefits of a double-door secured vestibule that would allow office personnel to grant access into the vestibule and office, but the second set of doors would prohibit the person from actually accessing the school building as a whole. This single point, double-door point of entry with immediate locus of control and direct line of vision is a most effective means of assuring a safe and secure building.
 - Elementary: The reason for this recommendation: Currently, the office personnel release the single-door entrance latch when persons are buzzing in. While the elementary office personnel have "eyes on" the person entering, it will still take the office person crucial seconds to get around the desk and out of the office by which time the person is already into the school building.
 - MS/HS: The reason for this recommendation: Currently, the office personnel release the single-door entrance latch when persons are buzzing in. However, the office personnel are located a significant distance away from the door, which poses a serious security risk as someone could push their way in behind a known student or staff and quickly gain access to both the first and the second floors before personnel from the MS/HS office could respond to the area. Too, there is a possibility that the door might not latch completely due to wind or debris, and no one would know that the entrance is no longer secure.
 - Captain Borman was pleased to hear that safe and secure entrances are a component of the recommendations for another Capital Campaign Referendum.
 - District: While Captain Borman would make a similar recommendation for the main entrance leading into the District Office and front lobby area, he understood that our funds were being directed to securing the school entrances, as we would then be channeling most of the traffic in and out of the main entrance to the respective school office.

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- Locked Entrances - We reviewed the many entrances around the building. All were locked as they should have been. We reviewed access means for the various entrances. HID access cards are most helpful as they record each card's use and can track that back to the assigned card holder. Keys are acceptable means of entrance as well.
 - We discussed the assignment of entrances to staff members. Currently, card holders are assigned access via the HID card by way of the most frequently used entrances for them. While understandable, Captain Borman encouraged us to consider affording staff a wider range of entrance access through the HID card. For example, if a staff member is out with students and someone falls ill or is injured, the closes access to the building for first aid or immediate medical attention might not be assigned to them; not being able to access the building from all entrances could, especially in a situation such as this, cost the injured or ailing person precious seconds and otherwise delay necessary medical attention.
- Boys Locker Room Door - I am pleased to report that this concern from last year has been addressed. A new lock has been placed on the outside door that opens onto the playground area. Both doors leading from the two locker rooms - high school and middle school - were locked such that IF the outside door were to be breeched, the person would be denied access into the locker rooms.
 - NOTE: A programmable door system for this exit/entrance was included in the 2024 Capital Campaign. This would still be the preference but for now, the immediate need appears to have been met.

Respectfully Submitted,

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