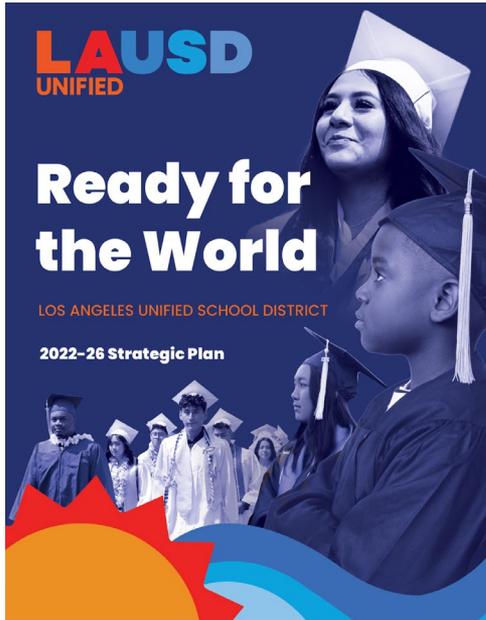




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# Safe School Task Force Annual Update

Board of Education Meeting  
May 7, 2024



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## Welcoming Learning Environments

PILLAR 2  
Joy and  
Wellness

### OUR PRIORITY

Design and sustain welcoming, **safe**, environmentally friendly, affirming, and inclusive learning environments.

### WHY THIS MATTERS

Healthy and **safe** environments increase student capacity for learning and success.

# Safeguarding Our Schools: Board Resolution Overview

Safeguarding Our Schools: Demanding Common Sense Gun Laws and Best Practices to Protect our Students and Staff  
(Res-030-17/18) Board Resolution

The Task Force met to:

- Define the values, goals, and/or metrics to evaluate policies and plans
- Evaluate existing policies
- Develop best practices for emergency scenarios, additional trainings for school site personnel on:
  - Preparedness
  - Prevention
  - Threat assessment
- Evaluate the District's readiness to respond to any incident of gun presence and violence on campuses

# Safe School Task Force

Task Force includes students, parents, District employees, community members and organizations, labor partners, and law enforcement

Meetings during the 2023–2024 school year were held on:

- October 12, 2023
- November 28, 2023
- January 22, 2024
- March 11, 2024
- April 22, 2024

## Sub Committee Meetings



Student Health  
and  
Human Services

- January 11
- February 25
- March 27



Office of  
Emergency  
Management

- December 22
- March 28
- April 4



Los Angeles School  
Police Department

- December 13
- February 27
- April 2



Operations

- January 8
- March 6
- April 3



Facilities

- February 29
- April 4



Safety Product  
Evaluations

- January 9
- March 5
- April 5

# Initial Safety Supports Reviewed

- Secure entrance projects at elementary schools
  - *95% completed, remaining expected to be completed by Q1-2025*
- Implementation of the Integrated Safe School Plan
- Implementation of the *Every School Safe Training Modules*
- A Safe Gun Storage Letter added to the Parent Student Handbook
- Full implementation of Los Angeles Schools Anonymous Reporting (LASAR)



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# Recommendations

As called for in the resolution, the Task Force puts forth the following recommendations for Board consideration:

- 1) Provide Secure Entry Systems (buzzer, camera, and gate) in all secondary schools, with installation prioritized based on criminal incidents
- 2) Explore new pathways to better promote existing Office of Emergency Management school and family resources, and similarly promote new resources when developed
- 3) Define a protocol for distributing meals during an extended lockdown
- 4) Secondary school safety committees to determine if they would like an officer on campus, with a defined process for assignment of officers, determined by LASPD and Operations

# Recommendations (Continued)

- 5) Print the Safe Gun Storage Letter on bright colored paper to capture parent's attention
- 6) Publicize Gun Safety Awareness in October (not June) and add to the Safe Gun Storage Letter
- 7) More robust communication to parents via schools of Safe Schools Task Force meetings
- 8) Continue to assess the functionality of Secure Entry Systems
- 9) Assess viable options for weapons detections systems
- 10) Review vape detections systems for restrooms
- 11) Seek to add surveillance cameras on perimeter of schools to potentially capture footage of incidents that take place outside the campus

# Recommendations (Continued)

- 12) Develop and implement a peer counseling/mediation curriculum that serves to educate and empower students that includes content regarding the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children
- 13) Review elementary-age behavioral data in order to develop Professional Development for staff to begin to understand root causes
- 14) Further empower parents and caregivers to become active in providing solutions to school safety issues, in part by moving from a “committee” to more of a support group model

# Summary

- The majority of the recommendations are already incorporated into existing District practice & protocols
- The SSTF will continue to meet next year to further review relevant data and bring forth additional recommendations as needed
- The Community-Based Safety Plan also incorporates and addresses many of these recommendations

# Questions

*Thank you*

