



El Segundo Unified School District Message from the Superintendent

April 30, 2019

Dear El Segundo Families and Community Members,

ESUSD is committed to district-wide safety and we believe in the philosophy that “school safety is a shared responsibility” by all stakeholders. I would like to provide you with a recap regarding specific projects and the implementation of new procedures at our schools since our last school safety update at the end of 2018.

Completed Safety/Security Measures:

- Added two safety specialists
- ESPD added second School Resource Officer
- District-wide intruder training for faculty
- Installed new Raptor electronic visitor access/screening system at each school site
- Added Fly Sense™ vapor detection systems in restrooms at ESMS and ESHS
- Implemented a Sprigeo anonymous tip line and documentation system – works via a smart phone app/texting solution

Social Emotional Learning Initiatives (addressed in the last two years):

- Social emotional learning relates to building social skills that help children understand and manage their emotions, set and achieve positive goals, feel and show empathy for others, establish and maintain positive relationships and make responsible decisions. I have previously shared some of these items in previous update messages

Increased Engagement with Community Partnerships:

- **Continue partnership with El Segundo Police Department** - Continued collaboration with ESPD. Explore innovative programs to increase students’ sense of belonging through stakeholder committee. Recommendation to expand canine search to ESMS for 2019-2020 school year.
- **Continue Engagement with Wellness Committee** - Review Healthy Kids Survey with Wellness Committee and further explore support resources for social emotional areas, bullying prevention, and school climate.
- **Continue engagement with ROAD through District Representative** - Continued collaboration with ROAD and ESMS Interim Principal Ali Rabiei is the new ROAD representative and president.

In addition, there are more than \$10 million in safety upgrades woven throughout the ESUSD Long-Range Facilities Master Plan (LRFMP) and the passage of Measure ES by El Segundo voters will support ESUSD's commitment to school safety. The safety upgrades listed in the LRFMP can potentially deter violence; assist in identification of offenders, and potentially save lives. Below is a list of facility-related projects completed and/or being considered:

Physical Security Enhancements:

- Completed installation of ornamental fencing in front of Center Street School.
- Completed installation of 8-foot perimeter fencing at Richmond Street School.
- ESMS and ESHS perimeter fencing is in architectural design phase and will be funded by Measure ES. Both sites were toured by architect and District representative(s) to ensure fencing/gates support safe ingress and egress from the school and that the design remains contiguous with existing buildings for each campus.

Future Physical Security Enhancements:

- Enhance school office entry way security at RSS, ESMS and ESHS
- Prioritize district-wide security cameras
- Add new public address system at school sites; PA systems improvements

An important element of prevention is providing connections and a sense of belonging for all students. Students need to make connections and feel supported by adults, as well as with other students. We will continue to spread the word about identifying concerning behaviors and encourage students with the action item: "If you see something; say something."

Ensuring that our schools are safe, welcoming places is a collective commitment and takes all of us working every day to reach out to children who are most in need of extra love and support.

Please visit [ESUSD's School Safety web page](#) for more information about initiatives mentioned in this message, as well as ongoing updates.

With Gratitude,
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