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# Safety and Security Committee Meeting

## Office of Security

### February 11 2025

Kendrick Scott, Senior Director

Juan Cuartas, Director of Special Operations

Keith McKenna, Senior Security Administrator

# Agenda



RAVE Panic Button Update



SRO Evaluations - 24-25 1st Semester



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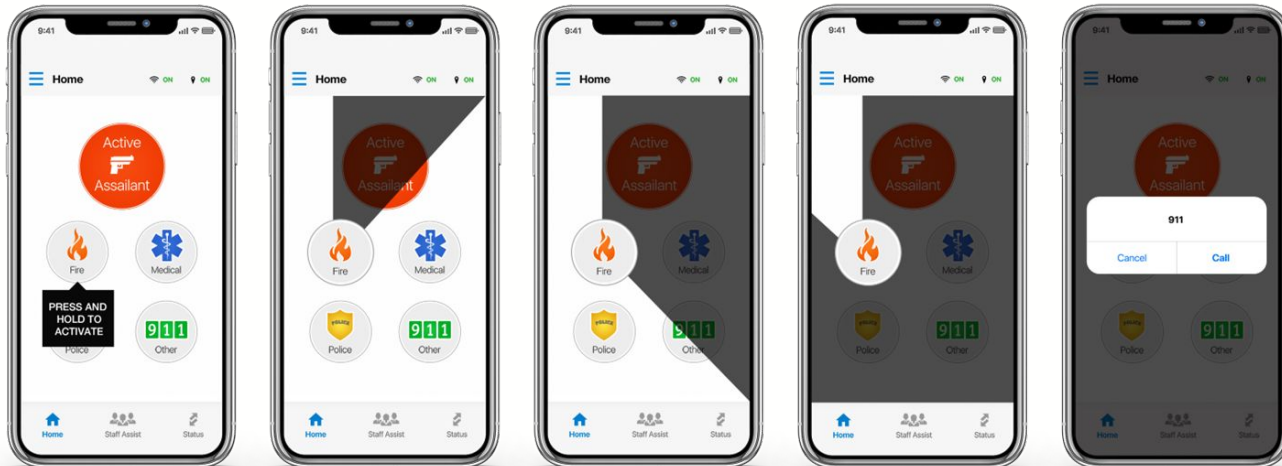


2024 DPI Security Grant



Student Safety Advisory Committee

# RAVE Panic Button Update



Juan Cuartas  
Director of Special Operations

# RAVE Panic Button Update



Implementation started on **October 2024** and is set to be complete by **Spring 2025**



**8591 staff members** have updated their contact information.



Schools divided in **3 phases**. Approx. **65 schools per phase**.



**Central Services** staff will also get access to this application based on their job functions



RAVE will go live at phase 1 and 2 schools on **February 17**



**All local 911 centers are fully set up** to receive and monitor RAVE alerts for our district.



# Questions

# SRO Evaluations - 24-25 1st Semester



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Director of Special Operations

# SRO Evaluations - 24-25 1st Semester

## Objectives

- SRO Program Overview
- Evaluation Process
- Survey and Results
- 23-24 vs 24-25 Scores
- Questions

# SRO Evaluations - 24-25 1st Semester

- **11** Law Enforcement Agencies
- **80** SRO Positions
- **80** Participating Schools
  - 14 Elementary
  - 38 Middle
  - 28 High



# SRO Evaluations - 24-25 1st Semester



Developed in **partnership with law enforcement** agencies and deployed for school staff and SROs at the end of each semester.



Results **monitored and reviewed in real time**



Includes **8 evaluation categories** and quantitative and qualitative data collection



Final results reviewed with **law enforcement and district leaders**









# SRO Evaluations - 24-25 1st Semester

## Evaluation of SRO by Admin Staff

- Remains on campus.....**4.8**
- Visibility.....**4.7**
- Attends school functions.....**4.7**
- Role model.....**4.8**
- Law enforcement actions.....**4.9**
- Refers concerns to school staff.....**4.9**
- Meets with staff.....**4.7**
- Reports safety concerns.....**4.8**

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# SRO Evaluations - 24-25 1st Semester

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- Relationship with staff.....**4.8**
- Reports incidents per MOU.....**4.7**
- Staff Involves SRO.....**4.8**
- Response to SRO requests per MOU.....**4.8**
- Involves SRO in school meetings.....**4.7**
- Staff meets with SRO.....**4.7**
- Suitable working area.....**4.8**
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# Questions

# Verkada Visitor Management System



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# Verkada Visitor Management System



Officially implemented district wide on **July 2023**



Useful tool during student **mass dismissal and reunification**



Provides schools and central services with **data reports and metrics**



Provided the ability to check every visitor against the **National Sex Offender Registry**



Helped school track **late arrivals and student picks**



**Multiple languages** available to visitors

# Verkada Visitor Management System

Verkada's "Guest" Visitor Management System by numbers

Type	Number
Student Pick Up	802839
Late Arrival	760080
Parent/Guardian/Visitor	411111
WCPSS Staff	180762
Substitute Teacher	118162
Volunteer	106810
Contractor	67378
Student Self Sign Out	28734
SCORE Staff	4291
Student Sign-In	4087
Visitor	2709
Interview	23
<b>Total</b>	<b>2486986</b>

**2,486,986**

Category (top 3)

- Student Pick Up: **802,839**
- Late Arrivals: **760,080**
- Parent/Guardian/Visitor: **411,111**

# Verkada Visitor Management System

- Denied Entries
  - 1st Semester 23-24: **207\***
  - 2nd Semester 23-24: **166\***
  - 1st Semester 24-25: **80**
- Verified Matches (23-24)
  - **10 verified matches**
  - Reported to law enforcement

\*discrepancy caused by implementation learning curve



# Questions

# NC DPI-Center for Safer Schools 2024 Grant



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# NC DPI-Center for Safer Schools 2024 Grant

On January 2024, NC Department of Public Instruction approved WCPSS' application for the Center for Safer Schools School Safety Grant Program in the amount of **\$486,800.00** for equipment to improve school safety.

## **Center for Safer Schools Awards \$35 Million in School Safety Grants**

Two hundred thirty North Carolina school districts and charter schools will benefit from \$35 million in safety grants announced today by the Department of Public Instruction's Center for Safer Schools (CFSS).

# NC DPI-Center for Safer Schools 2024 Grant

## 2024 Grant Breakdown

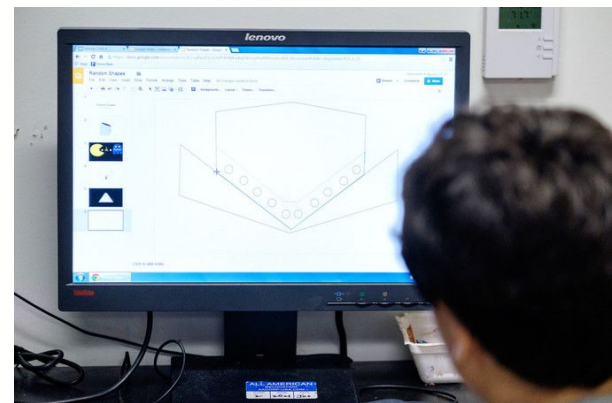
- Security and Emergency Communications
  - Over **700 radios** were distributed among to **65 Elementary Schools** across the district.
  - **80 radios** assigned to special events and the **District Response Team**.
  - Additional radios and radio equipment was acquired for the Office of Security.



# NC DPI-Center for Safer Schools 2024 Grant

## 2024 Grant Breakdown

- Emergency Response and Management
  - Equipment uplift for the **District Command Center**
  - Equipment uplift for the **District Alarm Monitoring Center**
  - Equipment uplift for **3 Incident Command Vehicles**
- Security Equipment
  - 10 new visitor management systems
  - 2 weapon detection systems for spectator events





# Questions

# Student-Led School Safety Committee



Keith McKenna  
Senior Security Administrator

# Student-Led School Safety Committee

## Objectives

- Overview of the Student Safety Committee concept
- Potential Outcomes of the Student Safety Committee



# Student-Led School Safety Committee

## Why a Student-Led Safety Committee



Emphasizing the importance of **student input** in creating a safe school environment.



Giving students a platform to **voice opinions on safety** improvements.



A new perspective on school safety that **complements existing staff-led efforts.**

# Student-Led School Safety Committee

## Potential Initial Outcomes

- Provide a **student lens** on school safety and security.
- **Be a voice** between the larger district student body and the Office of Security.
- For the Office of Security to develop, enhance and propose **new safety initiatives based on student feedback.**
- **Foster a culture of awareness and responsibility** toward safety across the greater school community.





# Questions