
Safety Updates

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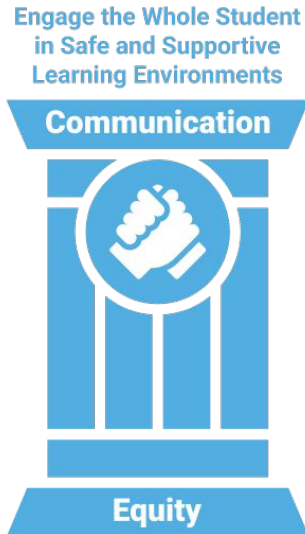


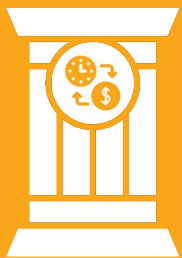
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THE PLAN

Four Pillars Guiding the Plan

Each pillar is grounded in two unifying commitments: **equity** and **communication**.





FOCUS AREA

Support a Safe and Healthy Learning Environment

Pillar Four: Maximize Operational Excellence to Support Student Success

ACTION STEPS

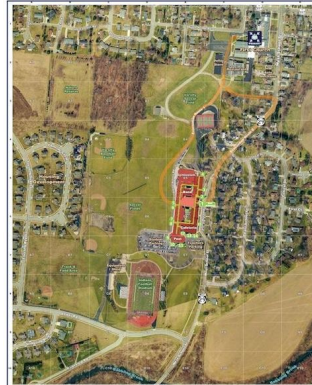
- 1 Ensure emergency preparedness**
through required training, inspections, and drills.
- 2 Make sound safety decisions and clearly communicate**
what families and staff need to know during events like severe weather, drills, and emergencies.
- 3 Maintain a secure, resilient, and highly available**
technology infrastructure.

Safety and Security Updates 2026

- School Maps
- Safety Grants
- Metal Detectors

School Maps

- School maps have been updated
- Maps have been shared with First Responders
- Examples of maps

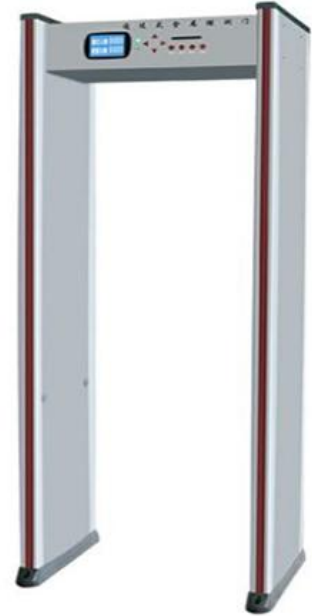


Safety Grants

- NC Center for Safer Schools (NC CFSS) SRO Grant: Orange County Schools was awarded \$240,000 to support School Resource Officer (SRO) salaries and benefits.
- NC Center for Safer Schools Equipment and Training Grant: Application submitted to support professional development through the NC SRO Conference and cross-departmental collaboration on mental health training.



Metal Detector Examples



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From June 15 BOE Meeting

- Purchase 10-12 Metal Detectors
- Middle and High School Athletics
- Events with high attendance
- Up to \$150,000 estimated overall cost
 - May be funded from Capital, grant funding possible
- NC Center for Safer Schools grants currently on hold
- Security Services
 - Contracted staff to operate devices and coordinate scan/searches



Metal Detector Information

5 Units

- Equipment cost \$61,112.50
- Potential Funding Source-Grants, Long Range Capital, Local
- NC CFSS application submitted for 7 unit purchase

7 Units

- Equipment cost \$85,557.50
- Potential Funding Sources-Grants, Long Range Capital, Local
- NC CFSS application submitted for 7 unit purchase



Security Services Information

- Rhino Sports and Entertainment Services, LLC
- Minimum \$35/hr per staff member
- Minimum 4 hrs per staff member per event

Licensed and Trained to Provide Security Services



Projected Athletics Costs

- Remaining School Year Projected Costs: Approximately \$23,000 to support Winter sports (basketball and wrestling jamborees). Spring sports will be subject to special events and safety considerations.
- 2027–2028 School Year Projections: Estimated total athletics expenditures of \$65,000 to support football, basketball, volleyball, and wrestling jamborees.
- Some sporting events based off of their spectator numbers do not require this level of security



Implementation and Funding Considerations

- One-Time Capital Investment: Approximately \$86,000
- Recurring Operating Costs (Local Funds)
- Alignment with the 10-Year Capital Improvement Plan







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