

PLAINFIELD 202

SAFETY NEWSLETTER

SAFETY PROPOSAL – APPROVED

In an effort to improve safety in our buildings, the board unanimously approved these measures at its February meeting:

- Adding double buzz entrances for all school buildings. Estimated cost: \$1,424,720.
- Adding swipe card entries to all four major hallway and gymnasium doors at all elementary schools. Estimated cost: \$450,000.
- Adding lockdown buttons in each classroom districtwide. Estimated cost: \$170,400.
- The addition of a School Resource Officer to our Intergovernmental Agreement with the Plainfield Police Department assigned to our four Plainfield Middle Schools for the 2023-2024 school year.

The budgeted capital improvement work will begin immediately and depending on supply chain, is scheduled to be completed when school opens in August 2023.

COMMUNICATION PROTOCOLS

In January, members of the district safety committee met with all municipalities and developed unified communication protocols that would be used during a crisis.

SPRING WEATHER

With spring upon us, we want to clarify the difference between a Tornado Watch and Warning. A Tornado Watch is issued when severe thunderstorms and tornadoes are possible in and near the watch area. It does not mean that they will occur. A Tornado Warning is issued when a tornado is imminent. When a warning is issued, seek safe shelter immediately.

SAFETY BROCHURE COMING SOON

Later this fall, District 202 will release a Safety Brochure to all families. This brochure is meant to serve as a training and reference to all PSD 202 families in the event of a crisis. The safety and security of our students is our number one priority, and the education to our families and the general public is a key component to the success of our emergency preparation.

In January, members of the Safety Committee attended the "I Love You Guys" active shooter and reunification training. This insight helped us reexamine our response plan to see how we could better function in the event of a real emergency.

