

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1. Scope

The Board of Education and the Superintendent of the Davis Joint Unified School District (DJUSD or simply District) requested a credible and comprehensive Security Assessment of all elementary and secondary school sites in the District. The goal is to support identifying reasonable and effective improvements in safety and security for students, faculty, staff, parents, and community members on the campuses. The ability to effectively protect open school sites from a violent intruder either by diversion, delay, and obstruction, while immediately restricting access to classrooms and offices was identified as a primary and critical factor to consider. BPS representatives Dave Richardson and Ron Heil conducted a security assessment of the entire District to meet those goals.

It was expressed to the consulting team that recommendations should include security policy and security measures that are common to all school sites and also ones that may be unique to individual school sites. The security assessment was to include a review of policies, procedures, emergency plans, history, existing security reports or research, physical site designs, security incident reports, crime statistics; interviews with DJUSD school security staff, administrators, Davis Police, school staff, parents, community volunteers; and a review of all school sites to include all elementary and secondary schools.

1.2. Program Strengths

- The DJUSD has a standard format for an effective campus emergency plan that allows for local customization.
 - Each campus has completed an emergency plan.
- Backpacks with emergency gear have been created and placed in classrooms and strategic offices.
- There has been a concerted effort to ensure doors can be secured from the inside for lockdowns and windows into these areas can be readily covered.
- There is widespread awareness of the procedures for lockdowns.
- The District has a mass notification system (brand name School Messenger) that works across the District and is capable of voicemail and email messages.
- The District is implementing use of a networked visitor management system (Raptor) that immediately checks entrants against a database of known sex offenders and selected criminal offenses.
- The District contracts with a single third-party monitoring service for the whole District

(Safeside Security) to monitor all the burglary systems at schools and support buildings where deployed.

- Restricted keyways are being implemented to tighten up key control.

1.3. Greatest Opportunities for Improvement

- Wayfinding. Many campuses are poorly marked with a distinct lack of appropriate signs directing visitors to the office or other key buildings. This is exacerbated by architecture that does not draw strangers to the office (an element of Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design).
- The operating condition of doors, particularly those critical to facility security, is very poor. A very large percentage of doors checked do not re-secure on their own.
- Vegetation control. Windows, doors, and signs are obscured by overgrown bushes and trees. Also, trees too close to the near-universal single story structures are providing a climbing aid to reach roofs. Trees have engulfed pole lights greatly reducing the amount of light reaching the ground.
- Property lines are not always well defined. The lack of defined property lines results in innocent trespass (not knowing they are on school property) and hampers prosecution of trespassing violations.
- Access control where a record of access is desired is not efficiently conducted. The Locknetics stand-alone locks used for this purpose are not designed for as large a deployment as DJUSD has (reported to be 210 locations).
- The Key Control Program is not effective. The Campuses do not have effective procedures in place as required by District policy to ensure lost keys or keys not returned are reported and a re-key decision made. Older locks that do not have the new Schlage-Brand Primus locks likely have many duplicate or un-returned keys in circulation.
- There is not an adequately staffed, qualified, and stable pool of Campus Supervisors.

Through the identification of critical assets and a pairing of threats to those assets the team developed recommendations to reduce risk and improve overall security for the District. Each of these recommendations, which are described throughout this report, has been assigned a Priority. A key for the priority ratings is as follows:

- 1 – Implement as soon as possible but within next budget cycle
- 2 - Implement within three years
- 3 – Implement within five years