



**Family Engagement Event:
School and Online Safety**

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Student and staff safety is a top priority for Rochester Public Schools. Over the past few years, we have taken many steps to improve the safety of students, staff, and visitors in our buildings.

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Buzzer System: Four years ago, we installed security cameras with buzzer and intercom lock systems at the main entrance to all of our elementary and middle schools. This system provides staff with the ability to view visitors via surveillance cameras and communicate with them before they are able to enter the office area.

Secure Entrances: A secure entrance is defined as a centralized entrance where visitors are buzzed in to a secure vestibule area and are required to funnel through the office to sign in prior to gaining entry in to school. Most of our elementary and middle schools have secure entrances. We have working designs for the remaining 7 sites that do not have a secure entrance.

FOB Access: All sites utilize at least one electronic fob access point that records entry to buildings.

Raptor Visitor Management System: Every school is equipped with the Raptor® visitor identification system. The schools use this system to scan the visitor's driver's license or other form of ID. The system runs this data through a comprehensive national sex offender data base. Once a visitor has been approved through this system, the visitor will receive a visitor badge which is expected to be worn through the duration of the visit.

Panic Buttons: All office sites have panic buttons that provides notification to the police department requesting immediate emergency response.

Surveillance Cameras: All sites have camera systems that monitor the main entrance at a minimum. Most sites have additional cameras based on the size and population of the building.

Security Lighting: Security lighting on the exterior of the buildings, including parking lots, is routinely upgraded.

Security Alarm Systems: All sites have a security alarm system that monitors occupant movement and door access.

Fire Alarm Systems: The fire alarm systems at the sites are upgraded on a regular basis. Sprinkler systems are installed in most schools with the remaining schools to be completed by 2019.

Transportation Video: All First Student buses have cameras that record the interior of the bus. All District owned vans are equipped with camera systems and most of the private contracted vans do as well.

Crisis Communication Plans: Every building has a crisis plan that is updated annually. The Executive Director of Operations reviews the plans annually. It is the expectation that our building administrators review the crisis management plan with their staff and all staff are expected to be familiar with this document.

Drills: All sites conduct a minimum of five lockdowns, five fire alarm and one tornado drill annually.

Police Liaison Program: RPS appreciates our strong partnership with the Rochester Police Department. There are four liaison officers assigned to our schools. They support the “feeder” pattern of Elementary-Middle-High School.

Student Intervention Teams: A multidisciplinary team from each school identifies students in need and develops supports and interventions, as necessary. The team meets regularly to monitor progress that students are making on meeting goals.

Staff Development: Teachers and staff are provided training for early identification of warning signs of mental illness, trauma-informed practices, suicide prevention and assessment and behavior management training. Trainings that RPS staff have completed:

- Buzzer Training
- Parent Reunification
- Threat Assessment
- Visitor Engagement
- Active Shooter

Behavior and Mental Health Team: A district-wide multidisciplinary team provides additional support to building teams when needed in addressing the mental health and behavioral needs of students.

- RPS has added 24.7 FTE in mental health staffing over the last 4 years (behavior specialist, mental health practitioner, school counselor, social workers). We currently have 88 total FTE in this category.
- This team handles intake and triage, consultation, student specific professional development, intervention programming, classroom management systems, etc.

Enhancements RPS is researching/working towards:

High School Entrances

The entrances at the high schools will be undergoing changes in the near future where all exterior doors will be locked. Access to the high schools during school hours will through the main entrance via a buzzer system which is monitored by a security para-professional.

Security Glass Film

This is a film product applied to glass that extends the time it would take an intruder to breach the window to gain access. It can be applied on exterior or interior doors.

Security Doors and Locks

These are specially designed interior classroom doors and locks that extend the time it would take an intruder to breach the door to gain access.

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