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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Districts across the region and state are receiving threats on their schools. Majority of the threats have no merit. Ennis ISD has not been an exception. Ennis ISD is putting additional procedures in place now, and even more for the start of the 2018-2019 school year.

Some procedures will not be a convenience to students and staff. Unfortunately, heightened security is not a convenience. Look at our airports and large events we attend. Security takes time, and we ask for your patience.

Starting now, we will randomly pick EJHS and EHS students to search through their backpacks. Please know that we are doing this in the best interest of all students. If your child gets chosen, please have them comply with the administration and officers. We are asking all staff and visitors to park away from the buildings. Please do not park on the curbs around the buildings. We will not be allowing cars to park directly behind EJHS near the cafeteria. We are also blocking off the parking lot areas around the EHS CTE hall and the band hall (L Hall).

For the 2018-2019 school year, several changes are coming:

Pre-k to 12<sup>th</sup> grade students must have **CLEAR** backpacks. We recommend you purchase the backpack made of PVC. It is stronger than normal plastic, and they come in various sizes. You can buy them as cheap as \$17.00. GAKAC will be handing out clear backpacks instead of vinyl in August.

All EJHS and EHS students will wear a student ID to school daily. The ID will be on a lanyard around the student's neck. The first ID and lanyard will be provided to the student. Replacement ID's will need to be purchased.

Security gates will be installed throughout the district over the summer. After the normal drop off and pick up times, we ask that parents enter through the main entrances. There will be as many as seven security gates on the secondary campuses. Individuals wanting to drive to the Ag facilities, athletic fields or band hall area will have to go through one entrance that will have a person in the security booth to allow you to enter and exit.

Ennis ISD is hiring additional officers.

Our canine units will be visiting the campuses more frequently than ever before.

Ennis ISD has hundreds of security cameras throughout the district. We have plans to add even more every year for the next five years.

All classroom doors will remain locked. Procedures are in place as students need to exit the room and reenter.

We are moving to a system that makes it more simplistic for teachers and students in the event of an emergency. The program is called Standard Response Protocol (SRP). It is through the I Love You Guys Foundation. We will keep all of our current programs in place, but we want to make the initial response for students and employees as simple as possible. Attached is a list of the four simple responses that employees and students need to know.

We greatly appreciate the assistance of the Ennis Police and Fire Departments. Our partnerships are vital to the safety of our students and staff. We are also blessed to have many church partnerships. We are grateful for what you, as parents, are doing for our schools, staff and students. Your daily prayers are welcomed and appreciated.

Go Lions!



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# IN AN EMERGENCY WHEN YOU HEAR IT. DO IT.

## LOCKDOWN! LOCKS, LIGHTS, OUT OF SIGHT.

### STUDENTS

Move away from sight  
Maintain silence  
Do not open the door

### TEACHER

Lock interior doors  
Turn out the lights  
Move away from sight  
Do not open the door  
Maintain silence  
Take attendance



## LOCKOUT! SECURE THE PERIMETER.

### STUDENTS

Return inside  
Business as usual

### TEACHER

Bring everyone indoors  
Lock perimeter doors  
Increase situational awareness  
Business as usual  
Take attendance



## EVACUATE! TO ANNOUNCED LOCATION.

### STUDENTS

Bring your phone  
Leave your stuff behind  
Follow instructions

### TEACHER

Lead evacuation to location  
Take attendance  
Notify if missing, extra or injured students



## SHELTER! HAZARD AND SAFETY STRATEGY.

### STUDENTS

Hazard	Safety Strategy
Tornado	Evacuate to shelter area
Hazmat	Seal the room
Earthquake	Drop, cover and hold
Tsunami	Get to high ground

### TEACHER

Lead safety strategy  
Take attendance

