



Dear Parents, Guardians, and Students,

The safety and well-being of our students and staff remain the highest priority at Hartford Public Schools. We understand that a secure learning environment is essential for student success, and we want to take this opportunity to share the comprehensive measures in place across our district to ensure that safety.

Hartford Public Schools utilizes a layered approach to school security, combining prevention, preparedness, and response strategies.

Preparedness and Law Enforcement Collaboration

We maintain strong partnerships with local law enforcement agencies. Officers train within school buildings, practicing response tactics and coordination in the event of an emergency, including active shooter situations. These trainings ensure that first responders act swiftly and effectively if needed.

Emergency Operations Planning (EOP)

Our district has a detailed Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) in place. This plan outlines clear procedures for a wide range of potential emergencies and is regularly reviewed and updated. Staff and students participate in drills throughout the year to ensure everyone understands their role in maintaining safety.

Safety Drills and Training

Throughout the school year, we conduct regular safety drills to maintain efficiency and preparedness in responding to potential threats and acts of violence. These drills help ensure that students and staff understand proper procedures and can respond quickly and appropriately in emergency situations.

Ongoing Building Security Enhancements

Each school continuously evaluates and improves its security measures. These updates may include controlled access points, surveillance systems, communication tools, and other physical security enhancements. Our goal is to stay proactive and responsive to evolving safety needs.

Behavioral Threat Assessment Teams

Every school in the district has a trained Behavioral Threat Assessment Team. These teams work to identify, assess, and support individuals who may be in crisis or exhibiting concerning behaviors. This proactive approach allows us to intervene early and connect students with the appropriate resources and support.

Safety is a shared responsibility, and we encourage students, staff, and families to remain vigilant and report any concerns. Open communication between home and school plays a vital role in maintaining a safe environment.

We are committed to continuous improvement and transparency in our safety efforts. If you have any questions or would like more information about our safety practices, please do not hesitate to contact your child's school or the district office.

Thank you for your continued trust and partnership in keeping Hartford Public Schools a safe place to learn and grow.

Sincerely,

Deputy Nathan Penning

Hartford Public Schools Resource Deputy / Safety Coordinator