

MCS Board of Directors Statement of Action 4/7/23

MCS Community,

The MCS Board of Directors along with our Executive Director and the Wasco County Sheriff have prepared the following plan of action.

We value our community. We know how threats to our community can shake the sense of security that we all have. An MCS staff member, and by proxy the whole MCS community received a threat of violence on Facebook. The threat came from a suspect who lives in our community near the school.

We take this threat very seriously and will be proactive in our response to ensure that our community remains safe. The following action plan has elements that address our campus, our staff and our students. We want to ensure that we do everything that we can to create a safe place for staff and students. We also want to make sure that we make space for staff to get the support they need through this difficult time, and in turn provide families and their children the support they need to feel secure in their education and in our school.

We have taken the following actions:

- **School canceled Monday April 10th for students**
- **Monday April 10th used to provide staff support with licensed counselors**
- **MCS Safety Meeting 5pm April 10th school gymnasium (replaces multi-age info night)**
- Initiated contact with an on site security company, and will hire them through June 2023
- All exterior doors on the main building and the Hillside building have been rekeyed
- Cancelling campus rentals for non school sponsored functions during the school year until further notice
- Law enforcement presence at the school during the school day with heightened patrols of the campus
- All vendors are required to sign in and will be accompanied by a staff member
- Law Enforcement Threat Assessment scheduled for week of 4/10/23

The actions below are what will be accomplished:

- Review and enhance school security system provided by ASET
- Remaining exterior doors on the Annex and Gizmo buildings will be rekeyed
- One single point of entry at the main door and the remaining doors will be exit only
- Two new metal doors for the main entrance and the gym doors
- New security system for the front door
- Alarmed exit bars for stage and east doors
- Two additional security cameras ordered for our current system
- Streamlined safety bars on glass at either side of main doors
- Additional lighting on campus
- Install a gate at west side fence with locking capability
- Additional staff and security accompanying students during passing periods
- Additional Teachers Assistant will be hired for recess duty
- Provide time for staff and students to process social emotional issues as they arise

We look forward to seeing and hearing from our MCS community Monday April 10th at 5pm. If you are unable to attend that meeting but would like to offer input or need further information, please reach out to any board member or our ED. Due to the sensitive nature of this topic, parental discretion is advised in regard to having children attend the meeting.

The board and administration will continue to work with MCS staff to ensure that we take appropriate action and make changes as needed to continue to ensure the safety of our MCS students and staff. The board and our executive director will continue to be available for any members of the community.

Sincerely,

MCS Board of Directors