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Dear Valley View ISD Community,

As we prepare for the new school year, the District is taking proactive measures to increase safety for students and staff. We have assessed our current safety measures and are working diligently to reinforce and/or upgrade all existing safety measures that are currently in place.

We have a comprehensive emergency operations plan that guides our response to emergencies at the District and schools. In addition, we implement preventive daily campus security measures at all campuses. These measures include the use of the front-entry door system and mandatory checkin procedures at school entrances, locked exterior doors, locked classroom doors, video surveillance, alarms, and campus security personnel.

Furthermore, we use metal detectors to check for weapons and use of STOP IT App to report suspicious activity. Lastly, all our campuses are equipped with fencing around all school grounds.

For the new school year, we will be adding additional police officers at all campuses, additional fencing and surveillance cameras at the campuses, more training drills for students and staff, and increased collaboration with local law enforcement agencies. The District is fully committed to increasing and improving the safety measures at all campuses.

We also ask you for your assistance in ensuring that your child follows the <u>rules and expectations</u> below:

- Only clear or mesh backpack will be allowed
- Uniforms required at all times
- No jackets with hoodies may be worn on campus
- · Zero tolerance for terroristic threats

Please review and discuss the rules and expectations above with your child. We appreciate your assistance and cooperation in ensuring that the school environment is welcoming and safe for everyone.

We understand that you may have questions and concerns. As we get closer to the start of the school year, Town Hall meetings will be scheduled to review our safety plan and respond to your questions and concerns. The date and location of these meetings will be announced soon. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact us, should you have any questions.

Respectfully,

Silvia Ibarra, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools