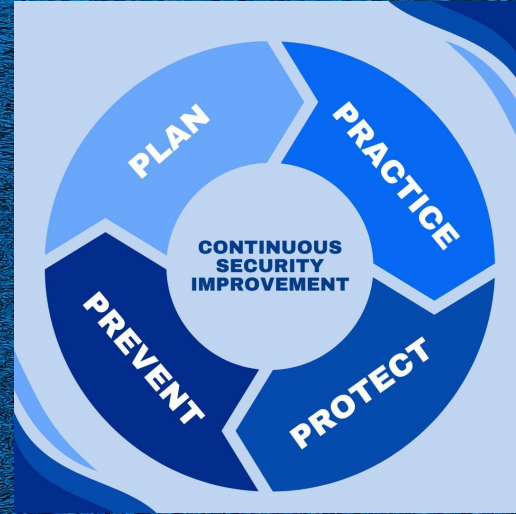


# District Security Update



Presentation to the  
Board of Education Fall 2024

Developing enhancements to district-wide security operations is a major board initiative as outlined in our recently adopted strategic plan



*Strategic Plan Action Items for 2023-2024 related to security:*

- 2.1.1: Hire a school security supervisor or consultant.*
- 2.1.2: Evaluate physical plant security as well as all district security protocols through a security audit/assessment by outside consultant.*
- 2.1.3: Create a timeline for enhancing district security protocols based upon recommendations from security assessment.*
- 2.1.5: Enhance communication with school families in reference to school safety.*

***Please note: Due to the sensitive nature of security protocols, not all measures are discussed publicly***

# CYCLE OF CONTINUOUS SCHOOL SECURITY IMPROVEMENT

## STEP ONE PLAN

Re-evaluate current security measures and identify vulnerabilities and then revise the district security plan that includes policies, emergency procedures, and resource allocation.

## STEP FOUR PROTECT

Continuously monitor security systems and personnel for any breaches or threats. Ensure quick and effective response strategies are in place for emergencies.

## STEP TWO PRACTICE

Conduct regular training sessions and emergency drills for staff and students. After each drill, gather feedback to identify areas for improvement.

## STEP THREE PREVENT

Ensure security protocols, technologies and physical barriers are in place.



# Security Updates in 2023



- Additional ballistic film is being installed on exterior windows, starting in and around entrances.
- The district instituted a new visitor ID Badge/Lanyard protocol.
- All staff members are now required to wear their district ID on a district lanyard so that it is visible to everyone.
- During the school year, this new security protocol will be expanded to secondary level students.
- Provided enhanced communication with parents on all emergency drills conducted by the district (safety brochure).
- Working with stakeholder groups to review feasibility of holding a parent reunification drill this year.
- Emergency flip charts in all classrooms that provides instructions on all drills.
- Ordered additional radios to enhance communication between staff members (when students are outside on the playground, etc.).
- Additionally, installation of air conditioners was initiated as a security enhancement (allows windows and doors to remain closed even in hot weather).

# Security Updates in 2023



- Standardized Evacuation Maps: Each building had their own type of evacuation maps in each classroom. Maps were standardized across the district.
- School Security Aides: As per Altaris assessment, additional security aides were hired for the after-school hours at the secondary schools (2:30pm-9:00pm)
- Interior Room Numbering: Classrooms are in the process of having room numbers installed inside the room. Exterior numbers have already been completed. Exterior door numbering is also in process.
- Enhanced Emergency Response Teams: Each Building Emergency Response Team meets 3-4 times a year and receives enhanced training in a variety of areas, including Parent Reunification Training & S.H.E.L.L Training.
- Ongoing annual RAVE App Testing.
- Threat Assessment Teams: As recommended by Altaris, the district has contracted with Navigate360 to provide training for District Threat Assessment Teams.

# Continuing enhancements 2024

## Window Film:

Ongoing installation of 3M Scotchshield Safety & Security Ultra Film installed on exterior glass. This is a multi-year process that will eventually be applied to all 1st floor exterior glass and sensitive interior areas.



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# Continuing enhancements 2024

## Student Identification:

As recommended by Altaris, all high school and middle school students now wear their school-issued IDs on district issued lanyards. This allows building security to quickly identify those who should be in the building and those who should not.



# Continuing enhancements 2024

## Parent Communication

- As required now by NYSED, parents will be notified the week that emergency drills are being conducted.
- Security alerts are now sent out district-wide instead of by building. *Please note: Parent notifications are sent out after actions have been taken to ensure student and staff safety.*



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# Continuing enhancements 2024

## Classroom Doors:

Through a previous project, all classroom doors were replaced and equipped with electronic locks. With the completion of the air conditioning project, all classroom doors will remain closed and locked during instructional time.



# Continuing enhancements 2024

## District Security Roundtable:

In addition to biannual district-wide safety meetings and building level emergency response team meeting, the district has implemented weekly **Security Roundtable** meetings with building administrators to review and monitor current issues and trends regarding school security.



# Continuing enhancements 2024

## After School Activities:

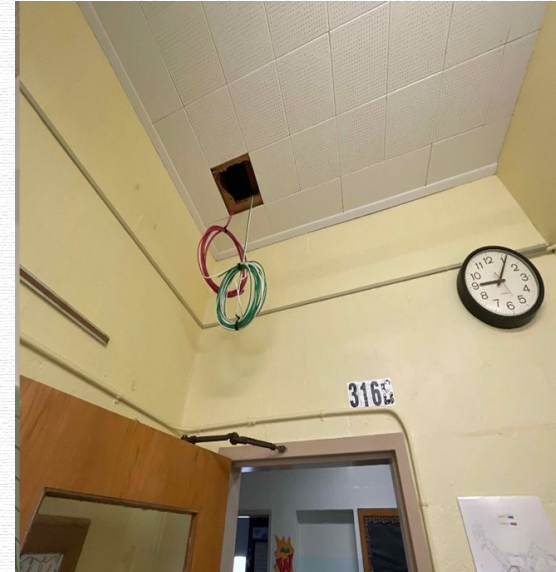
The district safety plans were enhanced to include specific security protocols for use before and after school and on weekends.



# Continuing enhancements 2024

## Public Address System, Fire Alarms, One-Button Lockdown System, Door Sensors and Cameras:

The district has begun the process up installing infrastructure for our new public address system, fire alarm systems and one-button lockdown systems in all buildings. Door ajar sensors are also being installed as well as additional cameras throughout the district.



# Continuing enhancements 2024



## Bathroom swipes:

At the middle and high school levels, student swipe their ID to enter the bathroom. This keeps track of individuals utilizing the bathroom.



# Continuing enhancements 2024



## Exterior Door Alarms:

Installed at the elementary level, this allows faculty doors to be alarmed at all times to address student elopement.





As with our annual emergency plan filing, not all security enhancements can be discussed in public in order to maintain the safest environment possible for our students and staff.

Additional considerations for future security enhancements based on other Long Island districts:



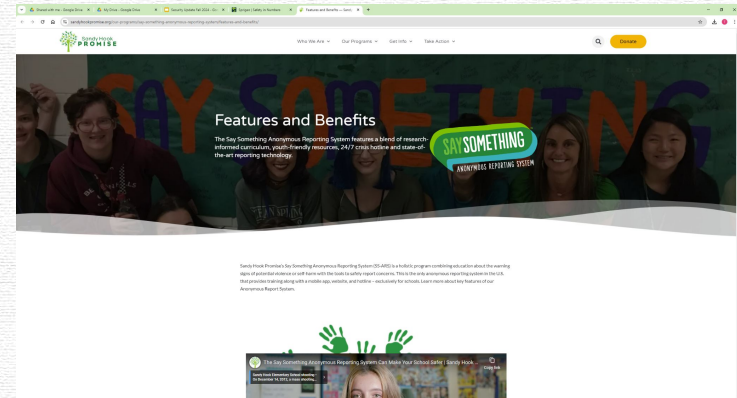
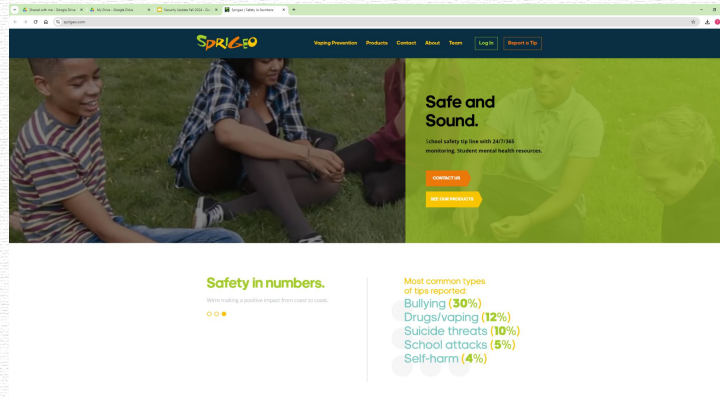
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- Metal Detectors
- Firearm Detection AI Software
- Armed Security



# Anonymous Reporting Systems

The district initially had its own anonymous reporting system but it was ineffective. The district currently has a tip line but it is not anonymous. Best practices recommend a 24/7 supervised anonymous reporting system

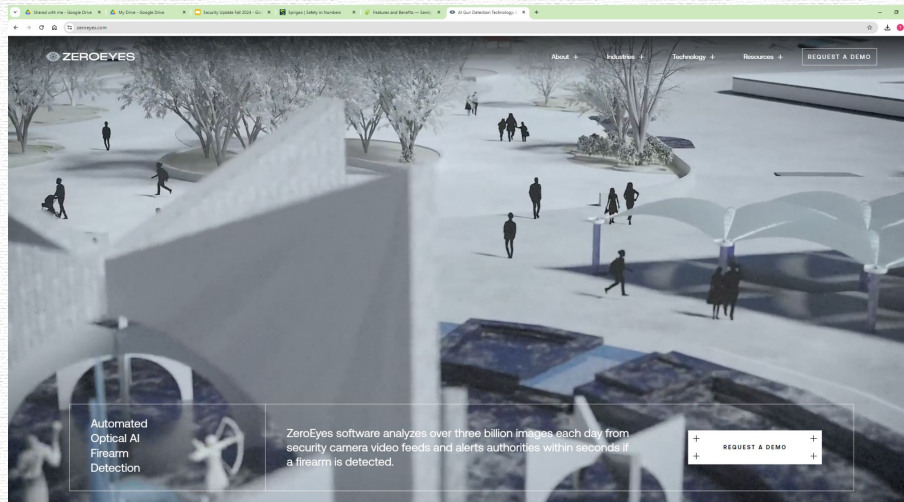
Approximate Cost: \$7,000-\$10,000 per year



# Artificial Intelligence Firearm Detection Software

Zero Eyes is a product that utilizes our camera system to detect guns. Once detected, representatives from the company reach out to notify the district & authorities.

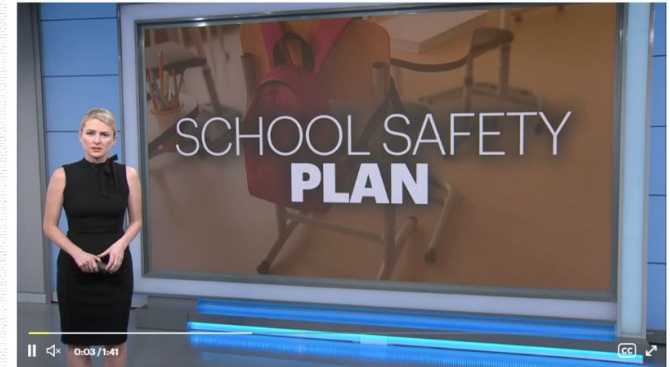
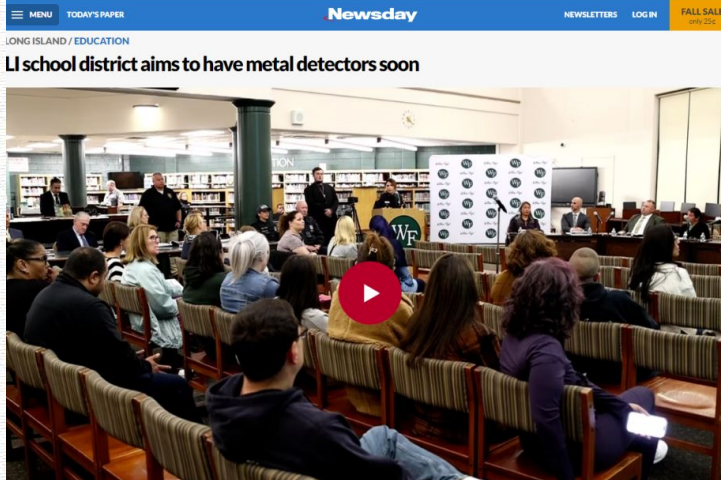
Approximate Cost: \$100,000-\$200,000 per year



# Metal Detectors

Some Long Island Districts are moving to or considering metal detectors.

Approximate Cost: \$5,000 per detectors (approximately \$160,000 for 4 secondary schools, plus staffing)



William Floyd School District discusses safety and plans to implement metal detectors

School district officials are aiming to have the metal detectors installed in each building by the end of this school year.

Jonathan Gordon • Oct 30, 2024, 12:13 PM • Updated yesterday

# Armed Security

Current models include either contracting with an armed security vendor or arming current security staff.

Approximate Cost:

- Private Vendors: \$750,000-\$1,000,000 per year
- District Staff: \$350,000-\$750,000 (depending on number of armed guards and additional salary differential)



# Superintendent Recommendations:



- 1- Pilot an anonymous reporting system using one of the two platforms discussed.
- 2- Following a model used by neighboring districts, develop a district plan to investigate the feasibility of additional security measures, including information gathered through community, staff and student surveys.



Questions