District Safety & Security

Board Of Education Presentation

Altaris Consulting Group & Levittown Schools

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Altaris Consulting Group- Who we are:

- Established in 2008 by retired law enforcement professional John LaPlaca
- Partners with over 85 school districts and more than 350 schools across the country.
- Conducts comprehensive safety and security assessments and offers full-time and part-time On-site Coordinator services as well as 24/7
 Consulting Support





Services offered by Altaris:

- Safety & Security Assessments
- Project Management Planning (1,3,5 year plan)
- Emergency Management Program
- On-Site Safety and Security Coordinator
- Staff Training and Development
- 24/7/365 Consulting Support





The Role of the Altaris Coordinator:

- Reports directly to the Superintendent & Cabinet
- Supervises the day-to-day operations of the Security Staff throughout the district
- Observes and evaluates drills and makes recommendations as needed
- Works on safety and emergency management projects for the district
- Direct Liaison between the Local Precincts and Homeland Security
- Organizes training sessions for the staff on safety and security protocols
- Relays security concerns to Administrative Council





Major Projects Completed

- Door Locking policy: classrooms remain locked during instructional periods (made possible by air conditioning project)
- All rooms in the district have room numbers marked on the interior and have emergency protocol flip books mounted
- Primary schools have floors marked for lockdown safe space location
- Lockdown shades installed on identified classrooms with no blind spots
- Secondary schools and staff wear identification and lanyards
- Visitor policy implemented
- Anonymous tip reporting system in progress with planned system replacement
- Parent Reunification Kits prepared and staged





Major Projects Completed (continued)

- Radio distribution to all staff
- Visitor Management System/Protocol- single point of entry
- Controlled visitor entrance/secure vestibules
- Protective/shatter resistant film implemented in critical areas
- Evacuation Maps throughout district were updated
- Red/Green Card system for emergency evacuation
- Emergency Zone Maps created for internal and emergency services
- Evacuation/Stair Chairs placed in qualifying schools



In-Progress Projects

- Exterior door numbering
- Interior door numbering
- Installation of Lock Down shades for remainder of district
- Installation of exterior Lock Boxes for First Responders
- Replacement of building-level "go kits"



In-Progress Projects (continued)

- Stop the Bleed kits: additional purchases and training
- Capital Project: Panic Button/Security and PA System Upgrades
- Exterior Lighting updated and improved on school buildings





Ongoing Coordinator Tasks

- Daily Check-in with building administrators
- Weekly Security Roundtable Meetings with administrators
- Supervise security staff while on post
- Alert all staff on recent security concerns and DOE changes
- Arrange for staff training sessions
- Point of contact for emergency and security concerns (threats)





Ongoing Coordinator Tasks

- Yearly monitoring of Building Emergency Plans and the District Emergency Plan
- Assist Building and District emergency response teams
- Assist with Threat Assessments
- Assist with Parent Outreach programs





District Re-Assessment & Future Enhancements

- Recently completed a complete re-assessment of the district
- Evaluated progress in addressing recommendations from the initial assessment
- Identified new security or safety concerns that may have emerged since the last review
- Inspected physical security measures, access controls, and emergency equipment to ensure they remain effective
- Provided actionable next steps to further enhance the district's safety and security







