



**2023-2024
Safety Audit
Committee
Report**



2023-2024 Committee Members

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Thank You



The Safety Audit Committee would like to thank the School Board and Suffolk Public Schools for considering the recommendations that were made last school year. Due to your support, the following recommendations were put in place for a total of \$613,000:

- Upgraded camera system on all HS Football Fields (started)
- Crosswalk and light between KFHS and KFMS (in progress)
- Additional radios purchased for all schools
- Additional stand alone metal detectors in each building
- Cameras on buses to monitor stop sign violations

Additional Safety Measures

Through the work of the School Board and Suffolk Public Schools, additional safety measures have been implemented for the 23-24 school year, which include:

- Safety, Support, and Security (S3) positions were allotted to each school
- Raptor Panic Button is currently being piloted at three schools (EFES, KFMS, and KFHS) with a focus to expand to all schools for the 24-25 school year
- Safety Camp was a big focus last summer to train all School Safety Officers (SSO), Intervention Specialists, and ISS/OSS Facilitators
- S3s were trained in January once they were hired
- All support staff received training on additional safety measures during the March 5th Professional Development Day.
- A Division School Safety Specialist position was created and filled

Community Partners




Suffolk Public Schools has also had the opportunity to partner with the community to provide events throughout the school year.

- An Active Shooter Drill was conducted in August in combination with the Suffolk Police Department, SWAT Team, Fire Department, and school officials
- Meetings are held monthly with Suffolk Public Schools and Suffolk Police Department
- In partnership with Suffolk Public Schools, Suffolk PD and the Commonwealth's Attorney's Office, three community events were held
 - Bullying Prevention Awareness (October)
 - Gun Violence Awareness (February)
 - Gang Violence Awareness (April)



**23-24 Safety Committee
Recommendations for
the 24-25 School Year**





**Please note that prices quoted in the following are approximate estimates and may change depending on costs, availability of supplies, and fluctuating needs. The following safety conditions are not prioritized.*

Recommendation: Need additional SROs in each elementary school

Problem

Currently our elementary schools share SROs with our secondary schools.

Recommendation

Hire 3 SROs to be shared amongst the elementary schools.

Cost

Approximately \$90k per SRO x 3 SROs (\$270k) per year.

Recommendation: Transportation department needs cameras outside of the office and a buzzer system for the doors.

Problem


Currently there is no buzzer system installed at the transportation office.

Recommendation

Installing a camera buzzer system for the brick building and the mobile.

Cost

Approximately \$7000 per unit, total \$14,000



Recommendation: Six elementary schools need speakers on the outside of the building near the playground.

Problem

Six (6) of our elementary schools do not have speakers on the outside of the building near the playground. Currently, the only way for those outside to hear announcements is on a radio.

Recommendation

Rewire existing speaker system to allow access to the outside speakers.

Cost

Approximately \$10k per school.

Recommendation: Finish upgrading camera system on all 3 HS Football Fields

Problem

Provide safety for those attending and participating in activities on the football field.

Recommendation

Upgrade camera system on both the visitor and home side of the remaining football fields.

Cost

Approximately \$100k per school

Recommendation: Additional radios needed for all schools

Problem

While additional radios were purchased last year, we are still in need of more radios.

Recommendation

Supply 200 additional radios to be dispersed among all schools.

Cost

Approximately \$250 per radio (\$50k)

Recommendation: Install Zero Eyes technology on all camera systems

Problem

To ensure early detection of weapons into buildings.

Recommendation

Continue installation of Zero Eyes on all camera systems.

Cost

Approximately \$100k per year for the district (not including mobile unit cameras)

Recommendation: Provide signage to make all visitors aware of visual/audio recording taking place

Problem

With improved technology, all stakeholders need to be aware of visual/audio recordings taking place.

Recommendation

Add main entrance signage to alert all visitors that visual/audio recordings are taking place.

Cost

\$22 for 9 signs - need 45 signs = 5 packets for a total of \$110.

Summary of 23-24 Recommendations

3 SROs to split among the elementary schools	\$90k/school = \$270,000/yr
Buzzer system and cameras at Transportation Department	\$14,000
Speakers near playground at 6 elementary schools	\$10k/school = \$60,000
Upgraded camera system on remaining HS Football Fields	\$100k/school = \$300,000
Additional radios for all schools	\$50,000
Install Zero Eyes Technology	\$100,000/yr for the division
Signage alerting visitors of visual/audio recordings	\$22 for 9 signs - need 45 signs = 5 packets for a total of \$110.
APPROXIMATE Total Cost	\$794,110

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**Thank you for your
time!**

Questions?