

Bronco Families,

We take student and staff safety very seriously. To provide you additional information here is a summary of existing and current safety measures:

- **WMS is a closed campus.** The doors are locked and gates are shut each morning at 9:00 AM when school starts. The only door available for entry is our main entrance. To gain entry you must communicate through our ring doorbell system.
- We have **campus supervisors and campus security officers** that help to keep our campus safe. They patrol the entire campus throughout the day and help supervise students during lunch, passing periods and after school.
- Our district has an agreement with **Monterey County Probation** to provide a School Based Probation Officer assigned to each school site. The Probation Officer is a key member of our safety team and as a sworn law enforcement officer.
- We have **surveillance cameras** throughout the campus.
- Our staff, including administrators, teachers and campus supervisors, have been **trained in ALICE**. ALICE is an acronym for Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter Evacuate. The focus of the training is geared towards preparing to respond to an active shooter situation.
- Every 7th day of instruction schoolwide **students participate in PBIS lessons** about Safety, Respect, and Responsibility.
- **We use K-9 safety dogs.** Our Proactive K-9 services unit conducts routine random searches on our campus throughout the school year.
- Periodically the **safety dog and the trainer will come to campus**, and working with administrators, will check different areas of our campus. The safety dogs are trained to identify all types of firearms, ammunition, drugs and alcohol.
- Our PBIS team and Administration **review safety data** frequently and take preventive measures as necessary. For example when we noticed an uptick in incidents of vaping we developed a specific protocol to deal with this increase.
- We have a **Safety Committee** that meets monthly.
- Our **site safety plan** is updated annually and is available for review in our main office.
- Students and staff participate in **safety drills** periodically. This includes earthquake, fire and lockdown drills.

The events on September 7th were certainly alarming and although we are confident in our response, we are carefully reviewing the incident to change and/or update our

procedures as needed. We have already added an anonymous tip line called “Text-a-Tip” for our students that goes directly to administrators. [Text A Tip.pdf](#)

Our focus during an emergency situation is on the immediate safety of our students and staff. When we are able to safely and accurately communicate with families we will do so through our Blackboard system. Please make sure your personal information is up to date on ParentVue.

Many parents have asked how they can help if another emergency were to occur. Suggestions include:

- Wait for official information from the school via Blackboard messaging.
- Minimize social media speculation and misinformation.
- Encourage your students to report tips to site Administration using a Concern Card located in the Bronco Way.
- Attend a [Safety Committee meeting](#). Information about our meetings is sent to families via Blackboard. Our next meeting will be September 29th. (The link provided is for our Google Meeting on September 29th.)

Our WMS staff, students, and community partners did a fantastic job of keeping everyone safe. We are grateful for the work of the K-9 Safety Handler as well as for the support from the Salinas Police Department. If you have further questions or concerns please use this Google Form to submit them. [WMS Safety Questions and Concerns/Preguntas y inquietudes de seguridad](#)

Sincerely,

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Principal

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