

SCHOOL SAFETY

The events of April 16th at Virginia Tech make everyone look at their own preparation for the security of our students and staff in Crosby. You may want to know the steps we take to look at safety and security in your schools.

- Every school has conducted this year, and will continue to conduct, lockdown drills in case of emergencies. Weather conditions, chemical dangers, fires, or dangers from people on campus are discussed and practiced.
- Each campus has provisions for coded messages on the intercom to alert staff to go into lockdown or evacuations.
- The DIS, CMS, and CHS Campuses have been serviced for over twenty years by Interquest Inc. They are the finest canine detection company in America. The dogs not only alert us to illegal drugs, but, also, gunpowder of any type. These visits are unannounced and comprehensive.
- Every campus uses a system where visitors must check in and are automatically screened for being sexual predators. It also allows us to know who is on campus at any time.
- The district participates in a county wide Safe and Secure Schools Program putting us in touch with all phases of law enforcement and detection techniques.
- CMS and CHS participate in a Crime Stoppers program allowing students to turn in students with contraband or weapons.
- Our last bond issue provided the use of double center doors at NES, BPS, DIS, and CKC. This centers all traffic to a central spot for screening.
- All campuses have AED's (Automatic External Defibrillators), and the staff on each campus has been trained to use these devices in conjunction with CPR.
- The district has a three person police force and access to street policemen immediately.

- All schools and service departments have hand held radios. All bus drivers have radios and each bus has a camera.
- We have bus plans for almost any emergency.
- We have given our bus drivers access to pictures and write-ups on sexual offenders in the area.
- We have great cooperation from Crosby Fire and Rescue as well as the ESD# 5 paramedics.

The list goes on and on. The safety of your children is paramount in our planning for school operation. We thought it would be timely to give you a brief review of some of the things your school district is doing to protect your children.