



ARLINGTON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Arlington Families,

Welcome back! I hope you had a relaxing and enjoyable summer. I wanted to take the opportunity to update you on the safety and security upgrades, funded through the Smart Schools Bond Act, that we completed in your child's school this summer.

First, we have installed security cameras to help keep our students and staff safe. The cameras will allow us to view interior hallways as well as the exterior of the building.

Second, we have installed classroom phones which will enhance communication throughout the school and allow teachers to call 911 directly in case of an emergency. Upgraded speakers will also allow staff and students to hear announcements more clearly in the event of an emergency.

Third, we have installed lockdown buttons throughout the building. A lockdown is initiated when there is an imminent threat of danger inside the school. Pressing the lockdown button initiates automated emergency communications that cannot be undone once pushed, including a school-wide announcement to lock down and an alert to law enforcement. These buttons have been installed, but before they become operational we will be discussing with students the reasons for and of impact of pressing the button. Please help us reinforce the seriousness of falsely activating the lockdown buttons. Any student who activates a lockdown button without a legitimate reason to do so will be subject to disciplinary action under the District Code of Conduct and will be reported to law enforcement.



For more information on safety in Arlington, please visit our website at www.arlingtonschools.org and look under the Parents tab (Health, Wellness and Safety).

Please contact your child's principal if you have any questions about these upgrades. The safety and security of our students and staff has and will continue to be a top priority for our District.

Sincerely,

Dr. Tina DeSa

Our mission is to empower all students to be self-directed, lifelong learners, who willingly contribute to their community and lead passionate, purposeful lives.