



ARLINGTON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Arlington High School Families,

I wanted to take the opportunity to update you on the safety and security upgrades at Arlington High School, funded through the Smart Schools Bond Act.

First, we have additional operational cameras that allow us to view the exterior of the building, interior hallways, as well as other parts of the building.

Second, we have updated our classroom phones used to enhance communication throughout the school and externally. The phones allow staff members to enact safety protocols as well as call 911 directly in case of an emergency. Upgraded speakers allow staff and students to hear announcements more clearly.

Third, the lockdown buttons installed throughout the building are now fully functioning. 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 and subsequent response by law enforcement.



We will discuss with students the reasons for and the impact of pressing the lockdown button. Please help us reinforce what an imminent threat of danger in the building is. Also, please review the seriousness of falsely activating a lockdown. 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.

Please contact Dr. Paul Fanuele, Arlington High School Executive Principal, if you have any questions about these upgrades. The safety and security of our students and staff has been 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.