

Wantagh UFSD
Board of Education Meeting
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Wantagh UFSD Safety and Security Update Board of Education Meeting

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Results of Our Community Security Forums

Thank you to all of our parents that participated!

Strengths

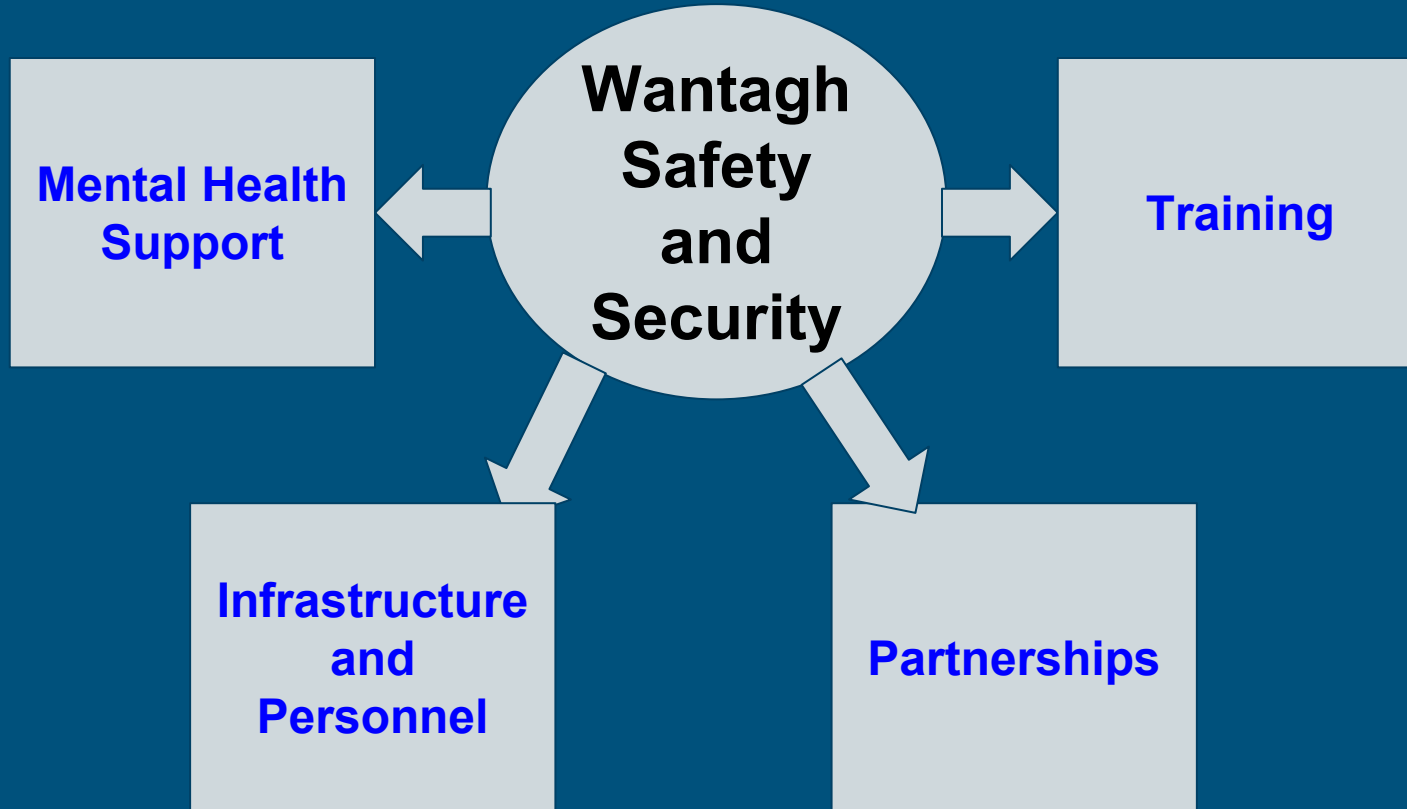
- Vestibules
- Security guards
- One entry point
- Training
- Cameras
- License requirement
- Security forums

Concerns

- Mental health
- More security guards (armed/unarmed)
- More security infrastructure
- Bullet proofing windows and doors
- HS open campus for lunch 10-12



Wantagh School District Safety and Security: A Multi-Pronged Approach



Training



- Conducting regular drills for various emergency situations with onsite feedback from local law enforcement
- Tabletop exercises for the administrative team
- Coordinating with emergency responders
- NCPD Office of Homeland Security audit
- Multi-Hazard Emergency Response Training provided by NYS OEM
- District-Wide School Safety Team and Building Level Emergency Response Team



Mental Health

- Provide social and emotional support for all of our students
- Anti-bullying and harassment programs
- Identification of at-risk students with ongoing assessment
- Elementary guidance counselor and .5 secondary social worker support
- Middle School Grade 8 Program
- Development of a comprehensive K-12 mental health curriculum



Infrastructure and Personnel



- Security vestibules at every main entrance with a security window and double buzzer system
- All doors remained locked throughout the school day
- Additional security cameras added
- NCPD camera access
- NCPD RAVE App for panic button
- Visitor management system installed
- Smart Schools Investment Plan approved by NYSED



Security Personnel

- Each building has security guards present throughout the school day
- Additional security guards were added for the 2018-19 school year
- Our guards are former law enforcement officers
- Nassau BOCES District Safety Coordinator



Partnerships

- NCPD
- Wantagh Fire Department
- Nassau BOCES
- NYS Troopers
- Other Districts
- Local, NYS and Federal officials
- Community members with a wide variety of expertise
- Security vendors



Wantagh School Climate and Culture

Balancing the need for the most secure schools possible with the type of culture and climate that we want for our students in each of our schools is important.



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