

Maintenance, Safety, and Security Subcommittee

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The Committee focused on many aspects of the maintenance, safety, and security situations which exist in the Carroll School District. The Committee used previous studies and audits, site visits, recommendations from outside experts, and individual interviews with district personnel to access the information required to formulate our recommendations.

Safety and Security are two of the District's primary focuses. These are issues which are more difficult and costly to achieve in today's environment. There is less funding and more pressures from all sides to make our facilities safer. Our research revealed various concerns and associated recommendations.

- Control In/Out access at school campuses with all campuses having more limited access and "man-traps" installed
- Improve and expand the use of cameras by having an evaluation done of the priorities and locations for cameras
- Improve exterior lighting by having an evaluation done for the most effective locations and type of lighting for all campuses
- Create a Position for a Dedicated Safety Official
- Review the current Comprehensive Hazards Plan and make sure it is reviewed and implemented on an ongoing basis
- Make sure all assets are catalogued and use a technology based system for ongoing tracking

Maintenance of the District's assets is an ongoing and costly endeavor. The District is the steward of these assets for their most efficient use in a cost effective manner. The constant balancing act of cost effectively managing these assets and maintaining their long term viability is a major job for the district. A lack of funding has created an environment which is reactive and not preventative and proactive. Our recommendations are as follows.

- Standardization of HVAC equipment and controls, fire safety equipment, kitchen equipment, plumbing, and electrical equipment
- Adopt the Romine, Romine study and systematically institute its recommendations
- Place energy efficiency at a higher priority at the district and campus levels
- Create a fulltime painting and repair crew with a goal being that all facilities will receive a fresh coat of paint and the commensurate repairs every 5 years
- Systematic replacement of district fire panels which are more generic and allow for broader service from a usability and cost effective perspective