

Survey on School Safety Issues
LTCAC
October 18, 2006

1. Please rate the items listed below in numerical order (#1 most important) according to their importance in improving safety at LTHS:

- ___ Security personnel
- ___ Gang prevention
- ___ Campaign against bullying
- ___ Security cameras
- ___ Restricting entry to buildings
- ___ Improve communications
- ___ Conduct safety drills
- ___ Others _____

2. Best thing LT can do relating to School Safety

3. Area in most need of attention relating to School Safety

4. Additional Suggestions/Comments:

**LTCAC Survey Feedback on School Safety and Security
October 18, 2006 Meeting**

We received 22 completed surveys after the meeting on October 18. Only 4 responses indicated that they were the result of a table consensus. Therefore we do not know which of the remaining 18 responses were the result of a group consensus vs. an individual response. There were 7 tables so, presumably, only 3 other surveys were the result of group collaboration.

1. Numerical rating of safety measures.

Twenty of 22 surveys included a numerical rating. This part was left blank on one survey and another survey (“hard to rank because they are all important”) and one table used a rating of “very important” for security personnel, campaign against bullying, and restricting building entry, “important” for gang prevention, improve communications and safety drills(already required by law) and “Low importance” for security cameras. The results are compiled in the table below.

		Numerical rankings In order of importance (#1 most important - #7 least important)							
			1st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7th
Security Personnel	Very important	All important	3	4	5	4	4	0	0
Gang Prevention	Important	All important	0	3	6	4	4	3	0
Campaign Against Bullying	Very important	All important	5	1	2	2	5	2	3
Security Cameras	Least important	All important	0	3	1	3	2	4	6
Restricting Entry to buildings	Very important	All important	1	5	0	2	5	4	2
Improve communications	Important	All important	11	2	3	2	1	0	1
Conduct Safety Drills	Important	All important	0	2	4	4	3	4	3

LTCAC Survey Feedback on School Safety and Security
October 18, 2006 Meeting

2. Comments/ suggestions:

General comments:

- Continue good work
- Great presentation
- As a student, I do not feel safe at LT
- LT is doing a good job at balancing safety concerns with keeping an atmosphere conducive to learning

“Security” Personnel

- Maintain high quality security personnel
- Continuously train personnel and other staff on the most current areas of concern for safety and security at LT, so they are all better able to detect problems as soon as they see them.
- There should be more student assistants in the Vaughn Building and especially in the tunnel exits and entrances.
- Staff (including teachers) should be visible in the buildings
- Staff should be in the hallways as much as possible, especially during passing periods

Restricting Entry:

- Restrict Building Entry (especially at exit 13); reduce the number of unmanned, open doors
- Restrict Entry at all times of the day – students should only be able to go in/out of 2-3 doors
- Restrict Entry via key cards for staff and students
- Explore possibility of thumb print system for entry as opposed to key cards
- Identify all visitors at entry points
- Open access to the buildings during the day is a big problem
- Put more personnel at check-in points during the day
- Staff members often are not asked for ID at entrances. Entrance #7 is particularly bad
- Need better detection/prevention of guns or explosives coming into the buildings
- You must protect the students' access to buildings on nights/weekends for extracurricular activities and to get homework/books in lockers

Communication/education/training

- Keep improving lines of communication
- Train students on what to do if there is a problem
- New speakers/pa system
- Educate/ provide more information to school community

LTCAC Survey Feedback on School Safety and Security October 18, 2006 Meeting

- Communicate plans to staff better
- Staff training on what to look for, how to respond, and their responsibility to pay attention and act if they observe suspicious behavior
- Make sure an action plan is in place with proper training and practice
- Automated phone system is good idea
- Liaison with feeder schools to inform about LT school safety guidelines and gang prevention
- Improve communications systems for drills and announcements
- Educate students about safety plans and exercises
- Use Future Freshman Night to communicate/educate parents about gang prevention, bullying campaign and security policies

Bullying

- New program seems like a good plan
- Use small group guidance sessions to call more attention to issue of bullying
- Make it easy for kids to report problems they see
- Execute a bullying program without propaganda
- Consistently enforce bullying policies
- Educate kids on how to come forward and speak up about bullying
- Communicate with feeder schools about LT's new program
- Reach out to alienated kids (i.e. kids who sit alone at lunch, are uninvolved) and don't just wait for them to seek help, because they may not

Gang Prevention

- Expel kids displaying gang activity in school
- Consistently enforce gang policies
- One student estimated that there "are at least 50-plus kids" actively involved in gangs at LT, who cause frequent problems – LT needs better gang prevention
- Market the three "A's" (every kid's need for achievement, affection, acceptance) that Principal Franson cited as reasons kids join gangs to prevent gang activity

Safety Drills/Planning

- Plan more extensively for more scenarios. The more that can be anticipated, the safer the school will be
- Coordinate all policies on gangs, drugs, and suspicious internet communications to identify threat ahead of time
- If the students are trained to respond to an intruder, but if student becomes the "intruder" they'll know the drill and how to get to the other kids and that is a problem