

Knight Insight
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As a public school district, one of our primary responsibilities is to provide a safe and secure learning environment for our students. The Tully Board of Education and every member of the Tully faculty and staff takes this responsibility very seriously.

During the 2018-19 school year we will again conduct five types of safety drills. We will conduct bus safety drills, during which students practice evacuating school buses. We will conduct fire drills, during which students will practice evacuating school buildings. We will conduct an emergency evacuation drill, during which TES school students will evacuate to the JSHS, and JSHS students will evacuate to TES. We will conduct lockdown drills, during which students will practice sheltering in safe places within the school buildings. We will conduct lockout drills, during which faculty and staff will practice securing the perimeter of the schools. In addition to these safety drills, faculty and staff receive training on what to do in crisis situations.

This school year we will once again have Mr. Raymond Herrick serving as our Director of School Security and Safety. Mr. Herrick is responsible for assessing the effectiveness of our safety drills, and for conducting faculty/staff training. He works closely with our social worker, our psychologist, our counselors, and our administrators to provide support for our students and their families. He will act as a first responder, should there be a critical incident, and he will coordinate with other first responders (police, fire, paramedics). Police response time to our school campus, should there be a critical incident, can be as long as ten minutes or more. Because of this, we believe it is important that Mr. Herrick continue to be an armed presence on campus. Additionally, we will be hiring a part-time school monitor. This person will be responsible for supervising the JSHS traffic circle in the morning, when it is at its busiest. This person will also fill in for Mr. Herrick, on those school days when Mr. Herrick is off campus for things such as ongoing professional development.

Finally, during the 2018-19 school year, we have a School Safety Committee in place. This committee includes representatives from the Board of Education, the Tully Fire Department, local law enforcement, the school district, and the Tully community at large. This committee will have two areas of focus this year. The first is to provide oversight of our school safety initiatives, such as those listed above. The second is it to investigate and follow up on any safety concerns related to our ongoing Capital Project.

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