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Brookings-Harbor Voices PSA – District Safety

Hi, this is Sean Gallagher – Brookings Harbor School District 17C Superintendent here to talk to you about current safety efforts established and in progress with the school district. Research clearly indicates that safe schools create positive learning environments for increased student learning. BHSD17C is dedicated to implementing programs that create safe learning environments. Progress has been documented during this school year that shows significant decreases in unsafe behaviors demonstrated by students. This includes decreases in bullying, harassment, physical altercations, etc... 35

The programs that are creating a much safer environment for staff and students range from educational programs to security efforts. Examples of these efforts are:

1. Positive Behavioral Intervention Strategies, otherwise known as PBIS. This innovative program encourages students to become positive role models for others to follow.
2. Fencing Project: The district is currently finishing the fencing enhancements to reduce the likelihood of interactions with members of the public that do not belong on campus during school hours.
3. Electronic Locks: The electronic lock systems are programmed to remain locked through certain portions of the day with specific points of entry with each electronic key card.
4. Student training: Regular drills and trainings include earthquake & fire drills, bus safety, and appropriate behavior identification. 48

The school district also participates in regular coordination and collaboration with local law enforcement and emergency management officials. Recently, the district has updated all volunteer approval processes and increased efficiency of background checks. 14

It is important for all community members to reflect upon safe practices in and around school district property. Our communities most valuable resource include our students for they are the future of our community, state, and nation. Please report any safety related concerns to district officials and always check into a schools main office before entering the premises.

For more information on safety practices, please visit the district website at www.brookings.k12.or.us

Remember that only together we can ensure that Every Student Can Succeed here at Brookings-Harbor School District 12