



WHARTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parents & Guardians of the Wharton School System,

Welcome to another exciting year of new beginnings in Wharton Schools. We would like to take this opportunity to express to you our commitment to safety, and providing your child with a safe academically rich learning community that's conducive to student achievement. In Wharton schools, we have measures in place that we review annually, practice monthly, and teach daily to ensure that our students and staff know how to respond in the event of a threat or crisis. WISD has been faithful in aligning with our community partners to protect our schools. This partnership extends to our local law enforcement friends in the City of Wharton and Wharton County. Regular meetings are held with these joint agencies to make sure that we speak the same language and carry the same expectations during a threat or crisis to reduce response times. As a school district, our goal is to do everything reasonably possible to protect your children against any threat that may arise while they are in our care. Rest assured, in the event of a threat or crisis, we will communicate with parents transparently and operate with dignity. Our communication resources are local newspapers, social media, district website, and lastly, parent call-outs. Please visit those sites regularly for information on the happenings of Wharton ISD.

We have honed our focus on three basic principles of safety and security:

- * Effective planning and Coordination
- * Educating our staff and students on response protocols
- * Strengthen our security through infrastructure and technology improvements on every campus. (access control and CCTV).

These proactive measures are just a few examples of our commitment to safety, and we are researching the latest trends to stay ahead of the curve.

In closing, please note that our actions plans are not made public due to the nature of the subject, but we do have a plan in place. If you have any questions or comments regarding school safety, please contact the Wharton ISD Operations Office. Thank you for entrusting us with your children!

Go Tigers,

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Assistant Superintendent of Operations

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for a Competitive **TOMORROW**

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