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Important message from Arlington Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Chrys Sweeting about **SAFETY** and **SECURITY** in our schools



# A Note from Superintendent Sweeting



Dear Families, Community Members, and staff,

The Arlington Public Schools Strategic Plan includes a goal to cultivate and maintain a safe and caring

environment to support a positive culture to increase student achievement.

As a mother, grandmother and superintendent, I know a school district's most important job is to keep our students and staff safe so that growth in learning and achievement can take place. I want you to know that the district is making investments and taking steps to address safety concerns.

Making sure our students are safe requires working TOGETHER; **schools can't do it alone**. We need each of you to partner with us by reinforcing high expectations that students are respectful, engaged and academically successful.

The district is hosting several safety forums in the fall of 2018 to share what our schools and the district are doing to support safety, hear from community members about areas of concern, how we can improve as well as how we can partner together to ensure our schools are safe. The safety forums are scheduled:

- Thursday, Oct. 11 at Presidents Elementary at 6 p.m.
- Tuesday, Oct. 16 at Arlington High School at 6 p.m.
- Thursday, Oct. 25 at Post Middle School at 6 p.m.

Thank you for your support as we educate, prepare and inspire each Arlington student.

Passionate for Student Learning,

Dr. Chrys Sweeting, Superintendent



## Attend a Safety Forum this fall!

### SAFETY AND SECURITY ACTION STEPS

#### COMPLETED

- Placed retractable line barriers in each entry way to direct all visitors to the office for sign in
- Installed remotely activated electronic door locks at main doors at all elementary schools, Haller MS, Arlington HS and Weston HS
- Installed a fence in the back area of AHS and moved lunch gatherings from the front of the building to the back
- Ongoing emergency communications improvements
- Ongoing trauma-informed practices training for staff
- Installed fencing and gates at SVLC

#### IN THE WORKS

- Deploying electronic visitor management system— September 2018
- Enhancing student supervision support at elementary schools
- Adding a Behavior Support Specialist to support elementary schools
- Increasing counseling support at the elementary and middle schools
- Continuing to strengthen our relationship with Arlington Police Department and other agencies

#### FUTURE WORK

- Install exterior and interior cameras to increase visibility and safety across the district
- Engage staff and students in a district reunification practice drill
- Install enhanced secured entryways