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Holland ISD Safety Updates

Holland ISD will begin school tomorrow (August 15, 2023) with the anticipation of great things to come. We are grateful for the time in the summer to re-energize but are ready to meet the needs of our students and help them reach their full potential this year. We are always looking for new ways to upgrade our processes and to work more efficiently in everything we do.

Safety continues to be at the forefront of everything we do, as we have recently completed numerous safety upgrades to our campus facilities. In addition, the 88th Legislature passed HB 3 requiring public schools to provide some level of security personnel on campus, effective September 1, 2023. We want to share with our families that we have partnered with the Bell County Sheriff's office to provide a School Resource Officer (SRO) on campus. DW Weiermann is our new SRO, he comes to us with over 30 years of combined experience from Law Enforcement, Emergency Medicine, and Military Service. If you attended the Elementary or Middle School Open House, you might have seen Officer Weiermann in the buildings. Officer Weiermann will support the flow of traffic in the morning and afternoon and will be ready to meet any law enforcement needs on any of our campuses daily. During normal operating hours, our SRO will be available and visible to foster relationships and mentor our students. Given the size of our District and the shared use of many of our facilities, we feel one officer can meet the safety needs of our students and staff. The Campus Administration will still handle day-to-day concerns, but now law enforcement will be on campus if the need arises.

The adopted MOU with Bell County for a trained SRO, and the necessary equipment, will meet our needs for the 2023-2024 school year. The Sheriff's Office was able to work hard to meet the short timeline produced by the Legislature. The Sheriff's Office already had plans, processes and procedures in place to serve school districts since they are already doing so in the county. The Holland ISD School Board has been tremendous as we asked questions and worked through the needs of the district.

Please welcome Officer Weiermann to our community when you have the opportunity.

If you have any additional questions, please feel free to email or call.

Thank you,

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