

Superintendent's Snapshot

MARICOPA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

August 25, 2023

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Layered Approach to Safety and Prevention

Understanding that safety remains a shared priority for both parents and schools, we've been consistently investing in layered safety measures within our district. What follows is an overview of the safety initiatives we have implemented:

- **Mental Health:** Licensed counselors at each school
- **Limited Entrances:** Streamlined access for increased control
- **ID Checks:** Admit only authorized individuals
- **Advanced Technology:** Cameras districtwide and vape detectors at High Schools and Middle Schools
- **Regular Drills:** Preparedness for emergencies
- **Continuous Updates:** Protocol enhancements based on best practices
- **School Resource Officers:** An SRO at each High School and Middle School
- **Safety Equipment:** Front-office barriers at selected schools with more to follow, video intercoms; Weapons detectors planned for High Schools
- **Community Partnerships:** Collaboration with local agencies for school and youth safety

Together, we're building stronger and safer schools.

Thank you for choosing MUSD.

Sincerely,



Dr. Tracey Lopeman, Superintendent
Maricopa Unified School District