

Last spring, following the Hudson School District Safety Symposium, the school district launched the Parent and Staff Safety Advisory Committee. The purpose of the committee is to:

- Understand the Hudson City School District's current safety procedures.
- Research potential improvements to the District Safety Plan in the areas of mental wellness, physical improvements, practices, communication, and training.
- Advise and make recommendations to the Superintendent for modification or revision of the district safety plan and procedures.

The committee members include teachers, parents, administrators, support staff, and Board of Education members who bring expertise to the committee from their roles as educators, mental health specialists, pediatricians, safety and security personnel, military veterans, lawyers, and more.

In order to complete this work the committee has been divided into four Safety Advisory Subcommittees:

- Mental Wellness
- Building Security
- Safety Practices, Training, and Communication
- Emergency Operations Plan Review

In learning about the existing safety procedures within the Hudson City School District, one of the first recommendations of the committee was for the district to better communicate the many safety efforts currently in place within the school district. Each month, in this parent newsletter, we will highlight safety efforts in place within the school district or those under further exploration. When it comes to keeping our students safe, we appreciate the relationships with our students, parents, staff, and community members and look forward to sharing more about our security and mental wellness practices.

Check out this [video](#) created by Hudson High School seniors, Jay Boyden and Ethan Shaffer. The video was created for a series of online articles by ASCD, a national education organization) on school safety initiatives.