2018-19 School Safety Expectations

Classroom	 All classroom doors must remain locked and latched when students are present and class is in session. No device or material which prevents a door from being latched shall be used when students are present in a classroom. (This includes magnetic strips, cardboard, door stops, tape, etc) No secondary locking devices shall be used on classroom doors. Blind Spots must be marked in each classroom, by HPO and SRO/SSO. Blind Spots must be free of non-movable furniture. Student desks and small tables are movable, teacher desks and heavily file cabinets are not movable.
Exterior Gates	All exterior gates must remain locked during school hours. The exception being the main visitor parking gates to permit visitor access during the day. High school principals shall review the student parking lot access with their SRO and Schools Police to determine accessibility guidelines.
Campus	 Parents will be allowed to walk their children to their classroom from August 13th-15th. Beginning Thursday, August 16th, parents will no longer be allowed to escort their children to the classrooms. All visitors must be cleared to enter the secure area of the school through Badge Pass. All visitors who do not have JLA Level 2 clearance must be escorted by an adult at all times while on campus.
Communications	 The term "Lockout" shall no longer be used. Lockouts shall be described to parents as the "campus is closed to visitors" and "student movement is being restricted". Lockouts shall be announced to the students and staff as follows, "at this time we are restricting student and staff movement due to a threat off campus and the campus is closed to outside visitors." We are also transitioning from the word Crisis to Incident in any type of messaging.
Purchasing	No purchase shall be made by a school or on behalf of a school in the name of safety and security without such purchase being approved by DSSC.
Continuous Improvement	As we continue to work with our school based leaders, our partners in law enforcement, and other school districts, we will continue to improve our processes and make sure that we maintain effective and efficient practices to keep our staff and students safe. We will use our PCS Safe Schools site as the hub for our most current procedures and expectations. Access PCS Safe Schools with one of the links below: <u>https://pinellascountyschools.sharepoint.com/sites/PCSSafeSchools</u> <u>https://tinyurl.com/PCSsafeschools</u>

PROCESS TO IMPLEMENT A CHANGE IN SAFETY & SECURITY PRACTICES

1. Idea explored by appropriate staff member to determine feasibility, effectiveness, potential risks/benefits, and cost effectiveness.

- 2. Review by DSSC.
- 3. Review by ELT.

4. Schools Police reviews idea with local agency

and/or the Pinellas Police Standards Council

5. Idea presented to School Board if appropriate. If

idea is a non-Board decision, idea shared with

principals and implemented district wide.

School specific adaptations to safety and security expectations must be approved via the process above. In emergency situations, Schools Police may approve changes to the expectations.