



# Safety & Security Updates

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Alpine ISD Board Meeting | Jul. 20, 2022



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- Required School Safety Action Steps this Summer
- School Safety & Security Committee
- Partnerships to increase law enforcement presence on our campuses
- Safety & security survey results
- School Resource Officer (SRO) interlocal agreement with BCSO
- Options that are available to schools re: personnel carrying firearms

# Required School Safety Action Steps



- June 30th, 2022
- Commissioner Mike Morath, Texas Education Agency
  - Summer Targeted Partial Safety Audit (every campus)
  - Exterior Door Safety Audit (every campus)
  - Convene the **School Safety and Security Committee**
  - Staff training on campus safety procedures
  - Schedule all mandatory drills for the school year
  - Training for all threat assessment team members
  - Review/update access control procedures

# School Safety & Security Committee



## What?

- “a working group of diverse individuals that serves the members of its school district or open-enrollment charter school by helping create and maintain a safe and secure school climate and culture for staff and students.” (TxSSC)

## What to they do?

- Review multi-hazard emergency operations plan (EOP), including the district’s active threat plan (*before start of school*)
- Review safety and security reports
- Meet once per semester and once in summer
- ...and more!

# School Safety & Security Committee



## Who?

- Alpine ISD
- Alpine ISD Board of Trustees
- Alpine ISD Parents
- Alpine Police Department
- Brewster County
- Brewster County Sheriff's Office (BCSO)
- City of Alpine
- Customs & Border Protection (CBP)
- Sul Ross State University Police
- Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS)

**First meeting:** Monday, July 25, 2022

# Increase Law Enforcement Presence



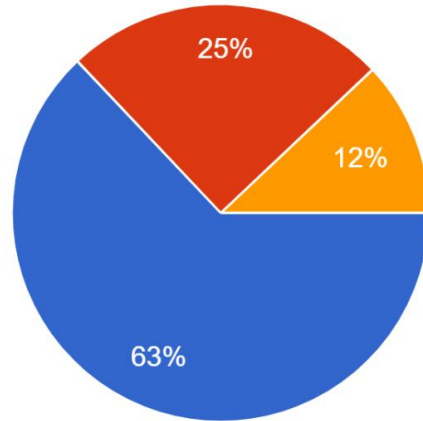
- Partnership with BCSO (potentially APD, as well)
  - Office space on each campus for non-SRO deputies to write-up reports
  - Building walkthroughs while on-site
  - Continue to build relationships between local LEAs and AISD staff and students

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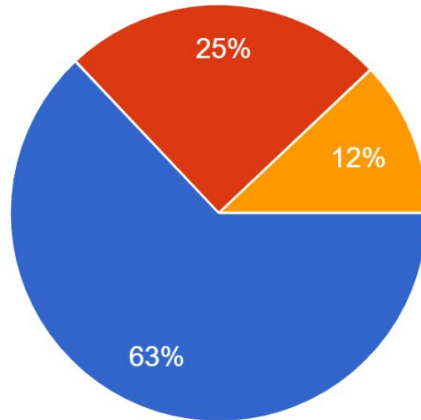
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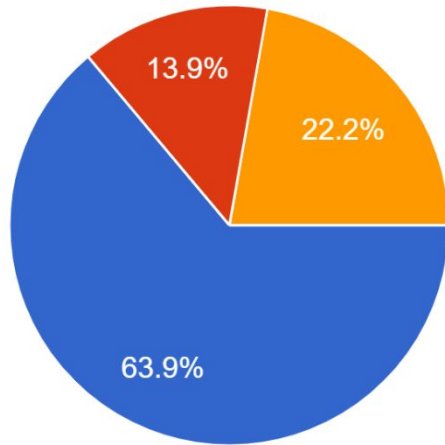


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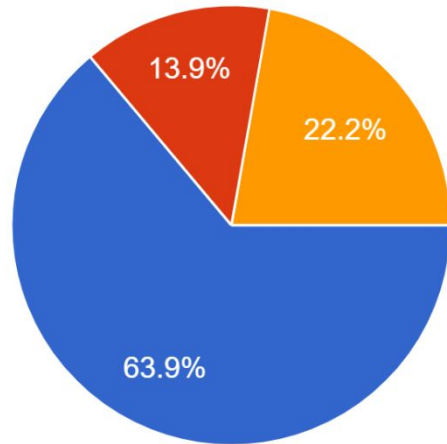
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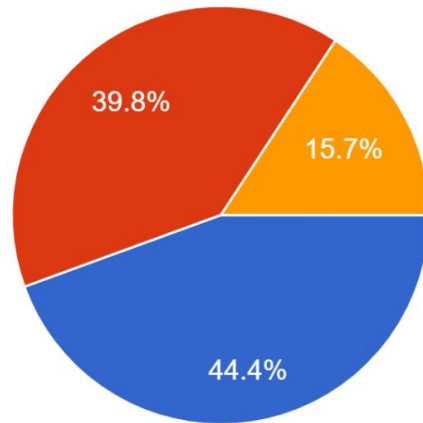
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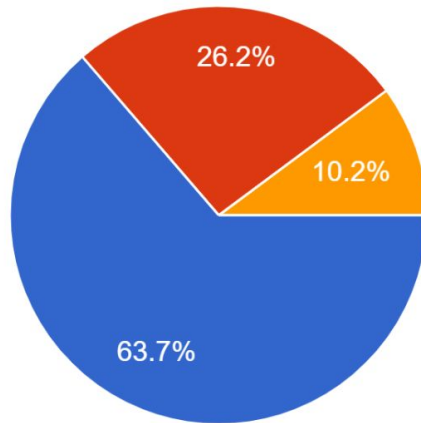
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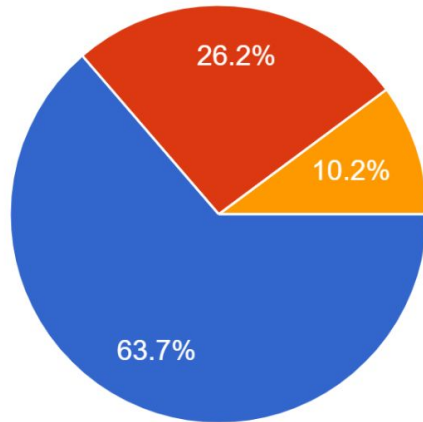


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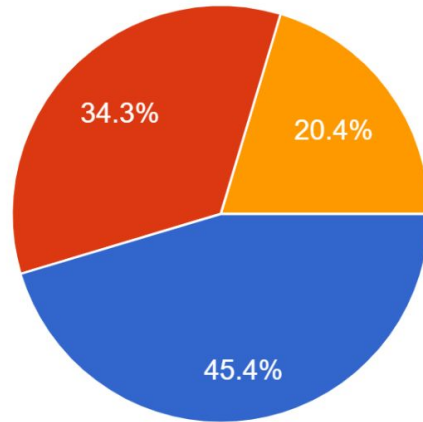
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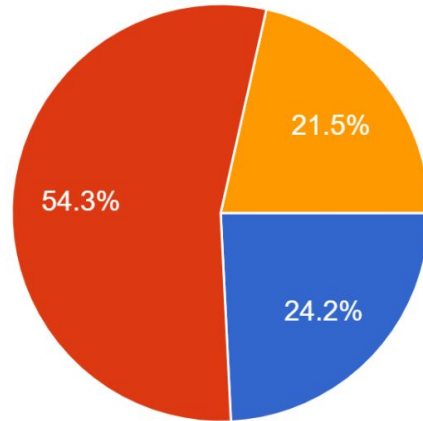
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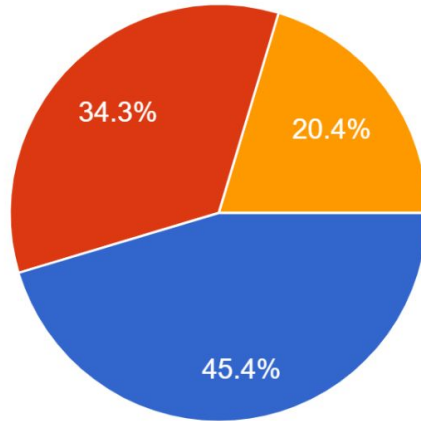
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# SRO Interlocal Agreement with BCSO



- Proposed renewal for 2022-23 school year
- Expansion of SRO scope of work to include:
  - Collaborate with campus principals and district administration on school safety and security efforts as established by the Texas Education Agency (TEA) and the Texas School Safety Center (TxSSC).



# Options Available re: Firearms on Campus

## School Resource Officer (SRO) Program

- Commissioned peace officers provided by local city police department or sheriff through memorandum of understanding (MOU)
- TCOLE licensure & more
- In Alpine ISD:
  - ILA with BCSO
  - 1 full-time SRO per campus

## Marshal Program

- School employee who is licensed and certified to carry concealed handgun on person or in locked, secure location per written regulations
- TCOLE licensure & more (psychological exam; 80 hours of instruction)

## Guardian Program

- School employee who is authorized by local school board action to carry concealed handgun on person or in locked, secure location per written regulations
- Training is determined locally by the school board (often includes psychological exam and ?? hours of instruction)



# Potential Exploratory Process

- Informational sessions for staff, parents, community
- Stakeholder surveys (staff, parents, community)
- Stakeholder listening/engagement sessions (staff, parents, community)
- Legal memo prepared by legal counsel re: potential liabilities (individual, district)
- Site visits with districts implementing possible programs

**This process will take time to do well.**



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## APPENDIX

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|--|-------|--|--------------------------------------|---|----------------|
| <i>What campus or location do you work at?</i> |       | I do not think we should continue to require clear/mesh backpacks.                               | I have no preference on this policy. | I think we should continue to require clear/mesh backpacks. | Grand Total    |
|  | #NUM! |  |                                      |   | #NUM!          |
| Alpine Elementary School                       |       | 38.24%   | 14.71%                               | 47.06%  | 100.00%        |
| Alpine High School                             |       | 24.24%   | 30.30%                               | 45.45%  | 100.00%        |
| Alpine ISD Administration Building             |       | 29.41%   | 29.41%                               | 41.18%  | 100.00%        |
| Alpine Middle School                           |       | 45.83%   | 8.33%                                | 45.83%  | 100.00%        |
| <b>Grand Total</b>                             |       | <b>0.00%</b>   | <b>20.37%</b>                        | <b>45.37%</b>   | <b>100.00%</b> |



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| What campuses will your children attend during the 2022-23 school year? (Select all that apply.) | 100.00%   |                                      |   | 100.00%        |
| <b>Alpine Elementary School</b>  | <b>52.87%</b>   | <b>24.14%</b>                        | <b>22.99%</b>   | <b>100.00%</b> |
| Alpine Elementary School, Alpine High School   | 80.95%  | 4.76%                                | 14.29%  | 100.00%        |
| Alpine Elementary School, Alpine Middle School   | 65.52%  | 17.24%                               | 17.24%  | 100.00%        |
| Alpine Elementary School, Alpine Middle School, Alpine High School                               | 46.15%  | 15.38%                               | 38.46%  | 100.00%        |
| <b>Alpine High School</b>  | <b>47.27%</b>   | <b>23.64%</b>                        | <b>29.09%</b>   | <b>100.00%</b> |
| <b>Alpine Middle School</b>  | <b>42.31%</b>   | <b>26.92%</b>                        | <b>30.77%</b>   | <b>100.00%</b> |
| Alpine Middle School, Alpine High School   | 56.00%  | 24.00%                               | 20.00%  | 100.00%        |
| <b>Grand Total</b>   | <b>0.78%</b>  | <b>53.88%</b>                        | <b>21.32%</b>   | <b>100.00%</b> |