



"Learning Today, Leading Tomorrow"

Dear WSD Parents and Guardians,

In our efforts to be vigilant and proactive with regard to school safety, we will be providing Options-based Active Intruder Training for all employees in the Wentzville School District through the end of this semester. This is the first step in a new training timeline based on recommendations from our School Safety Committee.

The District has a team of certified trainers who have been trained by Tier One Tactical Solutions to provide the instruction, which includes protocols based on recommendations from the U.S. Department of Education and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. These agencies recommend that all school districts teach staff and students options (education, evade, escape and engage) that may be available to them in an intruder situation. Next semester, our school nurses will provide first aid training for all employees as well. Our timeline does include training for students later this school year, but for now, we are focusing on training all 2,400+ employees. Prior to initiating any training or instruction that involves students, we will notify parents and share information about what that instruction will look like at various grade levels and we will include talking points to have informed, age-appropriate conversations with your child or children.

Additional recommendations by the School Safety Committee that have already been implemented in our schools include: posted information in all rooms to help first responders quickly identify locations, and contact information next to all phones for how to reach emergency personnel, school resource officers and the school nurse.

We will continue to work closely with our local law enforcement agencies to stay abreast of the latest recommendations as it relates to active intruder situations. Please be assured that the Wentzville School District has the safety and welfare of your child in mind at all times. We will work together to make sure that our procedures for preventing and dealing with dangerous situations such as an intruder are as strong as possible, and that our children are protected. The more we work together with students, parents, staff, community members and law enforcement, the stronger and safer we are as a community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Curtis Cain".

Dr. Curtis Cain
Superintendent
Wentzville R-IV School District