

**Milford Exempted Village Schools
July 21, 2022 Board Meeting
Superintendent School Safety Remarks**

Summary of HB 99

- Signed into Law in June and is effective September 12, 2022 – **it's important to note that effective does NOT mean automatic. Each School Board will make a decision about whether or not they choose to implement the new law in their school district.**
- Allows schools to identify individuals that may carry weapons in a school zone – it is up to each school district to decide what they'd like to do
 - If a board decides to allow staff to carry weapons, they must make that public
 - In addition, the school district must submit the list of names to the State of Ohio – this list is not subject to public records request – in other words, the names and locations of individuals would remain confidential
 - Requires those individuals to take 24 hours of initial training and 8 hours of annual recertification training through the State of Ohio
 - Importantly, the State has not shared training details
 - Allows school districts to add to this minimum with permission from the State
 - Individuals must also complete an annual criminal records check
- The State of Ohio has a summary of the final legislation available here:
<https://bit.ly/3onksMV>

Milford Schools has not made any decisions about how – or if – staff will carry or have access to weapons in schools. First, we want community input!

- **Public Safety Forum August 9 @ 6:00 at the Milford Schools Board Office**
- **We'll also launch a ThoughtExchange** on August 9 to allow people to share their thoughts and questions

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Milford Schools has robust safety precautions already in place. School safety is not a new issue or focus for us.

- To ensure the effectiveness of our safety plans, we can't share every discreet safety precaution.
- **However, there are several important items that we can share:**
 - Safety plan that is updated at least annually
 - Incredibly strong relationships with Miami Township and Milford Police and Fire/EMS Departments
 - 3 SROs through Miami Township
 - Recently applied for a grant for a 4th officer in our schools
 - Our long-term goal is to have an SRO in all schools
 - 1 DARE officer
 - 1 liaison with the Milford Police Department
 - ALICE training – Active shooter training for staff
 - Stop The Bleed Training
 - Strong mental health supports embedded in schools
 - Best in class school mental health services including counselors, mental health interventionists, and mental health partnerships active in all of our schools
 - Threat assessment team
 - Stay Safe, Speak Up Hotline
 - Locked doors
 - Note that we previously allowed visitors into the vestibule of elementary schools and going forward those front doors will be locked. As a result, all visitors will need to be buzzed in.
 - Classroom doors will remain locked when students are present.
 - We will be adding film for doors and windows to make glass shatterproof

What's next?

- The Safety Update and Listening Session on August 9 at 6:00 and the Thought Exchange to ensure community engagement in this discussion
- The State will release additional details about required training (timing is currently unknown)
- The board will take input and decide what, if anything, Milford Schools might do differently going forward