

Good morning Team PVSD,



We hope that you are enjoying your summer.

Next Monday, August 8th, PVSD Leadership will be partnering with [the](#) Camarillo Police and the Ventura County Sheriff's Office to conduct on campus safety exercises including active shooter training hosted at Rancho Rosal. We have invited our union leadership to attend and participate in collaboration alongside us. For security reasons, this incident simulation event is closed to staff and the public.

Although the possibility of an event like this at school is difficult to think about, training and practice are critical to safety. This "training of trainers" event is an important next step in our ongoing review of safety practices. In collaboration with our School Resource Officer, we will provide Zoom training to **all** PVSD staff the afternoon of August 29, 2022. If you are not scheduled to work afternoons, we will provide extra hours and if you are unavailable we will host make-up opportunities. In addition, this fall district staff and the School Resource Officer will visit each campus for site-specific training for all staff to allow for small group conversations and discussion.

The Pleasant Valley School District Board of Education and leadership take the safety and welfare of our students and staff very seriously. PVSD has a variety of safety measures in place to ensure our campuses are as safe as possible:

- Comprehensive safety plans to handle emergency situations reviewed and updated annually
- Regular drills, including lockdown drills
- School Resource Officer who visits each campus
- Single point of entry during school hours
- All visitors must check in with front office
- Visitor management system (Raptor) at each school
- Lock blocks on all school and classroom doors
- Safety audits in collaboration with law enforcement
- Upgraded radio communication at all sites, buses, and District Office

In addition, we have increased the number of our school counselors districtwide, implemented a social-emotional learning curriculum, and are employing restorative practices and community circles. Counselors and other support staff continue to be available to students and staff who need assistance.

We remain vigilant and work closely with law enforcement in the event of any threat against our schools. All threats are taken seriously and investigated thoroughly to ensure students and staff are safe while at school.

We appreciate your partnership and cooperation.

Sincerely,

Dr. Danielle Cortes
Superintendent of Schools