



School Safety Plan Talking Points

- Safety has always been paramount in the Mad River School District, but in an effort to add another layer to the District's Safety Plan, the Board approved the Firearm and Safe Policy
- During the past year, the District's Administrative staff reviewed our current safety plan and all buildings took part in Alice training.
- Administrators and Board members talked to area law enforcement officials and several schools who have implemented an armed response team, the Board felt this policy was the most effective and preventative measure.
- The comprehensive safety plan has been studied and in the planning stages for over a year.
- The policy will allow for all school buildings to have an armed response team utilizing volunteers who will be required to go through extensive training prior to implementation in the 2017-2018 school year.
- The team of trained volunteers will have access to weapons while on duty at school.
- All weapons will be locked in biometric safes during the school day (in strategic locations determined by the Riverside Police Department and the Montgomery County Sheriff's Department).
- Only trained staff members on the response team and law enforcement officials will know where the safes are and have access to them.
- No one except the Superintendent and law enforcement will know who the members of the response teams are.
- Trained staff members will go through a 26-hour, 3-day FASTER training program (exceeds the requirements of the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy). The School District will also team with the Riverside Police Department and Montgomery County Sheriff's Department on internal training and simulations.
- Training will be an on-going basis and frequent.

- The District will be teaming with the Riverside Police Department to perform regular inspections of the firearms and specific officers will work with the trained staff members and each school's building response team.
- Those who are part of the team will have to go through a rigorous interview process with specific district-level administrators and the Riverside Police Department. They will also have to have a CCW or Conceal Carry License which included additional background checks.
- The safety plan is a confidential document and cannot be discussed. Only members of the board, administrative team, law enforcement officials and the Attorney General's Office have access to it.
- Should you have any questions that I cannot answer, please call the superintendent's office at 259-6606.