

Dear Lawrence High School Families,

I want to update you about some additional safety and security measures we are implementing at Lawrence High School. The district is currently working to create and issue access card reader identification badges to all LHS students. They will use them to enter the building and move among our three buildings during passing periods between classes. These IDs can be activated and deactivated as necessary, and will enable us to lock doors that previously have remained unlocked to facilitate student movement throughout campus.

In the meantime, we will take immediate steps to limit access to our building during the school day. Beginning Monday, six doors that previously have remained unlocked (E-3, E-4, both annex entrances, and entrances to the east and west gyms) will be locked during the school day. Staff volunteers will assist students in moving between buildings during passing periods. As part of this plan, we also will reduce the number of passes sent between the annex and the main building. If we need a student during class, we will send a staff member to get the student.

Students will continue to have several options near parking areas for entering the building at the start of school. Students re-entering the building from lunch will use one of two entrances: the main entrance for those parking in north lots by the football stadium or the door outside of our welding and ceramics classrooms for students parking in the south lot by the soccer stadium.

While these measures require changes to students' regular traffic patterns, and may cause some minor inconveniences, they are intended to enhance safety and security. Our staff will be sharing information about these changes with all students.

When our construction project begins this summer, we will no longer be using the annex until a classroom addition connecting the two buildings is completed in January of 2020. As we progress through the next few years of construction, we will continue to review and update the safety and security plan for our campus. We will communicate any changes before they occur.

I thank our students and staff in advance for their flexibility and cooperation with these changes. I would appreciate your assistance in helping us to reinforce to your student that these changes are intended for their safety.

Sincerely,

Matt Brungardt
Principal