

Safety Task Force

Meeting Summary

On Tuesday, October 23, 2018, Modesto City Schools (MCS) convened the first in a series of Safety Task Force (Committee) meetings. The Committee is designed to facilitate the development of District goals and initiatives that will improve the safety of our schools and surrounding communities as well as ensure the safety and well-being of MCS students and staff. The District has contracted with School Services of California, Inc. (SSC) to facilitate this important District Committee. Suzanne Speck, Vice President, SSC, will serve as the Committee's facilitator.

The Committee is a recommending body that will be assessing school safety and is expected to propose school safety goals and initiatives to the Superintendent and Governing Board in late February 2019. Their recommendations will inform the future work of the District. Specifically, following the work of the Committee, the District will:

- Develop and implement measurable objectives, actions, and activities based on the Committee's recommendations
- Develop short and long-term outcome measures

The Committee spent three hours together on Tuesday, October 23, 2018, defining school safety and identifying five school safety focus areas. The areas identified by the committee include the following:

- Community and Parent Partnerships, Supports, and Resources
- Physical Safety
- Secure and Safe Facilities
- Safety Preparedness and Response Procedures
- Creating a Culture of Safety (Social/Emotional Well-being of Students and Staff)

Each focus group identified key questions that will facilitate the identification of the strengths and needs of the District in each of these areas. Additionally, each group identified data and information needed to answer their key questions. The group will review the data at their next meeting which is scheduled for Tuesday, December 4, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. at MCS' Staff Development Center.