

CCA's Increased Security Measures

Following the shooting at the Covenant School in Nashville, Dr. Jeffrey convened a task force of CCA parents with extensive security and safety backgrounds. This dedicated task force met to share ideas, evaluate improvements needed, and make recommendations. An overarching theme quickly formed which was “*Deny and Delay*”.

In addition to the work of the task force, several senior administrators attended a security and safety conference in Dallas which provided further clarity to our plan.

Task force committee chairs made a presentation of their findings and recommendations to the Board of Trustees in May of 2023. After much prayer and deliberation, the Board implemented the following security measures:

- Installed **ballistic film on all exterior and interior doors and windows**. This state-of-the-art product prevents a building from being penetrated by shooting out the glass. Please watch this [video](#) to better understand this amazing product. (*We encourage you not to have younger children present when watching*).
- Hired a **full time Security Director and after-hours security**. The Director will provide security during school days, manage officers for after school activities, and be responsible for continuing safety improvements/training.
- **Installed a new door system**. Our previous system was antiquated and provided little flexibility in programming access. Our new system allows local law enforcement to have better access in addition to improved access controls for all activities.
- **Purchased additional walkie talkie radios** which allow all employees to have 2 ways to communicate in case of emergency and communication access if they are outside with students.
- **Added stainless steel, 1,000 lb. kick resistant door latches** to any inswing door providing double locks.

In addition to these items, we have:

- Evaluated and improved our student policies regarding lanyards (building access) and uniforms (for better identification for law enforcement)
- Implemented a strong policy against propping doors open
- Increased communication and access with Colleyville and Bedford police departments
- Provided and planned for additional training to substitute teachers, faculty, and staff
- Increased training for all personnel and students regarding visitor access