



## School Safety is our Top Priority

The safety of students and staff is our number one priority every day in each school in Lee County. This is a topic that we take very seriously as we work with diligence throughout the year to prepare for the unthinkable and protect our students in any situation. Every school completes an annual safety and emergency plan that includes very specific procedures for a variety of scenarios. These plans are approved by the school board members and superintendent in a closed session. It is vital to maintain the security of this important information. School staff and local law enforcement agencies receive yearly training on these important procedures so that our dedicated professionals can work to keep students safe in a crisis situation.

Schools inform students of these safety procedures and conduct drills, including lockdown drills, multiple times throughout each school year to put the procedures into practice under the direction of school leadership teams, and local law enforcement agencies.

Two such initiative are the access control and raptor system that you may have noticed when entering school buildings. We lock and secure all outside doors, and each building has an entry system where anyone entering a school must gain permission through the main office. Upon entering the front office or secondary entry way, you must use our raptor system to sign in and sign out.

We have school resource officers that work in schools full-time to maintain a consistent presence in our buildings. Other officers from Lee County Sheriff's Department and Saltillo Police Department include school campuses on their patrols, and they make a point to park and enter schools on a regular basis.

We encourage the greater Lee county community to inform us on any situation that may compromise the safety of a school. **Please report any threats of violence, depression, and any illegal activity that could harm students in our schools to any school administrator or any SRO.**

School counselors and psychologists are available at each school and work very closely with students. We also partner with many outside mental health agencies to meet the needs of our students. Lee County School District emphasizes the importance of close communication and building trusting relationships with students and parents. School and district leaders are available at any time to work with students and parents and answer any questions in our efforts to protect our children.