

PKYPTO School Safety Meeting

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Words from Dr. Geiger

Today is an important start to an ongoing conversation about safety, and I am grateful that you made it a priority to join in on this conversation tonight. In addition to welcoming you here tonight, I want to thank you for all the expressions of support you have shared with us as we have managed many challenges this school year. Your presence here and your questions are all expressions of your investment in our school. We are blessed to have such an engaged P.K. Yonge community.

We are coming together to discuss specific things we can ALL do to maintain and enhance our students' safety and the safety of our campus. Immediately after the tragedy in South Florida, our University of Florida Police Department partners and I began planning two conversations –one with the students and one with you all, their families – to share as much as we can about our efforts focused on school safety and how our school community can contribute to those efforts.

We can assure you that there IS a safety plan in place. We revisit this plan before each school year begins, throughout each school year, and after each school year. We are constantly improving our plan based on what we learn and what we observe. In order for the plan to be effective, it cannot be shared publicly.

In the last two weeks we have made some definite plans for changes to our campus. Some of them you will see as they are implemented. Some of them we will talk about tonight. Safety is about all of us. And that's what we will be talking about – ways that we all can help keep our campus safe.

In considering the questions that were submitted ahead of tonight, our goal is for you to leave with the following three assurances:

1. P.K. Yonge has a detailed safety plan that is continually revisited in collaboration with our UPD partners and other university advisors.
2. P.K. Yonge makes every effort to share information with families to the extent that we can while maintaining confidentiality and professionalism.
3. There are actions that you and your children can take to support P.K. Yonge's school safety efforts.

We will begin with a presentation by our University Police Department partners. Without further ado, please welcome Sergeant Peck and Captain Holcomb.