

# PLYMOUTH-SHILOH LOCAL SCHOOLS

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Bradley J. Turson  
*Superintendent*

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October 14, 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians,

During the past 3+ years that I have had the opportunity to serve as the Superintendent of the Plymouth-Shiloh Local Schools one of the most important tasks I have worked with our Board of Education Members and Administrative Team on has been student safety. Keeping our students and staff safe while in attendance at school continues to be our most important priority. We continue to work to update and improve in the area of student safety throughout the school year.

The following are actions taken by our Board of Education/School District to help to improve student safety in the past 3+ years:

1. Employment of a School Resource Officer (SRO), in cooperation with the Plymouth Police Department, that is available on our school campus throughout the school day.
2. All cameras have been updated throughout the school campus and cameras have been added to outside entrances.
3. Safety film has been added on all building entrances to help deter entrance by unauthorized personnel.
4. Panic buttons have been added to all buildings that are connected directly to community safety services.
5. The fire door at the elementary building has been updated to operate as intended when installed.
6. High School and Middle School Threat Assessment Teams are currently being formed and trained to identify possible threats so that a plan of action can be developed before situations can escalate.
7. The cameras on all buses have been updated to provide better coverage in all areas of the bus.
8. All building Emergency Operating Plans have been updated with the State Department of Education and have been approved by the Ohio School Safety Center.

We are currently working on installing a notification system that will alert our building administrators that a door has been opened during the school day. Window coverings at all entrances to limit view into our buildings have also been ordered.

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The latest layer of safety to help protect our students that we are going to be adding is the use of metal detectors to enter the HS/MS building beginning on Monday, October 17. All students/staff/and visitors will be required to walk through the metal detectors to enter the HS/MS building. We ask everyone's cooperation as we work through this process to try to determine the best way to utilize this system to help keep our students, staff and visitors safe within our HS/MS building.

I would like to thank everyone for your continued support of our school district. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns you may have. Thank you for the opportunity to serve the students of this district every day. It is exciting to watch our students achieve and grow as they experience success each day in our district! Go Big Red!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brad Turson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Brad Turson  
Superintendent