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PLANO ISD AND PLANO POLICE DEPARTMENT ADDRESS SCHOOL SAFETY IN A JOINT MESSAGE

School security has been and continues to be on the minds of Plano ISD parents and community members as a whole. The Plano Police Department (PPD) and the Plano Independent School District (PISD) have a strong and committed partnership in support of student and staff safety. The recent Uvalde tragedy has given the two organizations more reasons to continue conversations and collaboration around school safety.

City and district leaders understand and share the very same concerns that parents have regarding keeping children safe at school. On an on-going basis, PISD campuses prepare for emergencies and are vigilant in promoting a safe learning environment for students. PISD works hand-in-hand with the PPD and other agencies within the community to create a network of protection for students, staff and families.

PISD has a number of programs and protocols in place, including uniformed police officers inside schools. School Resource Officers (SROs) work inside the school and are responsible for safety and crime prevention while also working closely with school administrators to create a safer environment. The responsibilities of SROs are to respond to emergency situations on campus, respond to calls for service, and document incidents that occur within their jurisdiction. Beyond law enforcement, SROs build relationships with students and staff, and support emergency management of the campuses.

The district has also implemented the Standard Response Protocol, a nationally recognized methodology that, through training and practice, ensures a uniform emergency response by faculty, staff and students.

PPD and PISD continue to evaluate safety and security measures for options that may enhance student and campus safety. Tragedies like what occurred in Uvalde are troubling and serve as a reminder to reassure students and the community that the Plano Police Department and Plano ISD work in partnership to keep students, staff and facilities safe.

Please visit the [Campus Safety & Security web page](#) for more detailed information about campus safety protocols.

About Plano Independent School District

The Plano Independent School District (Plano ISD) (www.pisd.edu) endeavors to foster the highest level of student learning. Plano ISD is located 20 miles north of Dallas, Texas and serves the residents of approximately 100 square miles in southwest Collin County, including 66 square miles in the city of Plano, northern portions of the cities of Dallas and Richardson and parts of the cities of Allen, Parker and Murphy. Plano ISD employs more than 6,900 staff members who serve nearly 50,000 students in 73 schools and 11 service facilities. Mission: Our Plano ISD learning community will educate, inspire and empower every student to activate their unique potential in a dynamic world.

About the Plano Police Department

The Plano Police Department is the largest law enforcement agency in the northern Dallas metropolitan area. Serving more than 286,980 citizens, the Plano Police Department is nationally known for its highly trained officers, outstanding salaries and benefits, and first-class equipment. Since its formation on January 1, 1958, the Plano Police Department has emphasized professionalism, integrity, and progress in providing traditional law enforcement services to our growing community, as well as innovative approaches to community issues. The Plano Police Department has been a nationally accredited law enforcement agency since 1992. Please visit planopolice.org.

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