



## What Are Pittsylvania County Schools Doing To Keep Our Students And Staff Safe?



### Intercom Electronic Door Locks

Grant funds from the Virginia Department of Education have been used to install electronic door locks with video intercom connections at all of our schools. All exterior doors are locked. Visitors must come to the front door, state the purpose for their visit by using the intercom button located on the outside of the building. School staff members inside the school will be able to monitor the video from the intercom, listen to the visitor's purpose, and then grant access to the visitor. *Visitors are asked to come to the front office to complete the visitor check-in process. Your cooperation in this new process is appreciated!*

### Key Swipe Locks

Certain exterior doors at each school have electronic key card activation. This allows teachers to take students in and out of the building, yet still keep the building secure. Key cards are given to teachers as needed and can be deactivated if lost.

### Digital Video Cameras

Grant funds from the Virginia Department of Education have been used to install approximately 250 digital video cameras. All Pittsylvania County Schools have multiple digital video cameras installed in various parts of their buildings. These cameras can be monitored remotely by administrators and central office staff. All School Resource Officers (SRO) can view any building at any time. Additional local funds have been used to offset some of the costs of purchasing and installing these digital video cameras not covered by the grant. These cameras monitor the schools 24 hours a day - 7 days a week.

### Bus Cameras

Digital cameras have been purchased and installed on all but a few of our buses. Buses equipped with digital cameras will monitor the front and rear of each bus. Students will be monitored for their safety through the use of these cameras.

### Visitor Tracking Procedure

All Pittsylvania County Schools now use a driver's license scanner to check in visitors. The system instantly reads their name and performs a sexual offender check. Please help us keep track of visitors to our schools by bringing your driver's license with you when coming into the building.

### School Resource Officers (SRO)

**Eight of Pittsylvania County Schools have full-time SRO coverage by our existing five School Resource Officers at the four high schools and the Alternative School according to the list below:**

- Chatham High
- Dan River High & Kentuck Elementary
- Gretna High & Gretna Elementary
- Tunstall High
- Regional Alternative & Career and Technical Center

**The four middle schools are served by the full-time SROs made available through Sheriff Taylor's grant.**

- Chatham Middle School
- Gretna Middle School
- Dan River Middle School
- Tunstall Middle School

The remaining eight elementary schools (**Brosville Elementary, Chatham Elementary, Hurt Elementary, Mount Airy, Southside Elementary, Stony Mill Elementary, Twin Springs Elementary, and Union Hall Elementary**) will have an ongoing police presence through the continued collaborative relationship with Sheriff Taylor's office.

### Routine Drills

- A lock-down drill is held monthly at each school.
- An unannounced lock down drill is held at each school once a year.
- A fire drill is held monthly at each school.
- A yearly tornado drill is held at each school.
- A yearly earthquake drill is held at each school
- An unannounced use of Pittsylvania County Sheriff's Dogs to sweep buildings and parking lots.

### Safety Audits

- Yearly safety audits are completed at all schools. These audits utilize the *Virginia School Safety Inspection Checklist for Virginia Public Schools*.
- Crisis Management Plan is reviewed yearly and updated accordingly.