

Teacher Communication Group (Elementary)

10/26/23

The Safety and Health team delivered an update.

- Emily Bowers talked with employees about the new exterior door requirements
- It is a new law, it went into effect July first
- Essentially requires all exterior doors to be locked at all times. This is not a change for CMCSS procedures, but sometimes, at the beginning or end of the school day, some doors are unlocked. Sometimes someone may prop a door, etc.
- Any law enforcement personnel who detect an unlocked door (they're allowed to come at any time) have a list of individuals that they have to report the unlocked door to.
- Lauren discussed the penalties of an unlocked door being found:
 - Upon 2 or more occasions, the school's funding starts getting taken away (2%) initially, with up to 10% upon the 6th violation
- We have some disciplinary penalties in place around this just to ensure that it's clear how important it is, not only for teachers but also for students.
- We have some grant funding available for door/window coverings.

Dr. Doughty opened up the room for the teachers to share about the beginning of the year.

- Rewards are in place for behavior incentives, which feels like a positive step forward.
- From the perspective of being a virtual teacher, laptop distribution is always very efficient, and we really appreciate that.
- 5th math and science – new math curriculum has been good for bringing out thinking and questioning, leading questions; however, there are not enough guided practice problems, which requires us to supplement. Other than that it's great to have a curriculum!
- Some schools are digging in on data already.
- The Bridges curriculum for interventions has gone really well.
- We have enjoyed having MichaelAnn to help our new team (coaching on questioning, etc.). It's great to see her in the building more.
- Picnic tables are wonderful!
- Kindergarten families that attended kindergarten round up came to schools prepared.
- ParentSquare has been great!
 - I have children in the school system, and it's easy to see what they are doing, what I'm posting, etc.
- Thank you for the day after Halloween off!
- There was some conversation about how to enhance kindergarten round-ups in the future.