



District Security Update

Presentation to the Board Of Education
October 15, 2025



CYCLE OF CONTINUOUS SCHOOL SECURITY IMPROVEMENT

STEP ONE PLAN

Re-evaluate current security measures and identify vulnerabilities and then revise the district security plan that includes policies, emergency procedures, and resource allocation.

STEP FOUR PROTECT

Continuously monitor security systems and personnel for any breaches or threats. Ensure quick and effective response strategies are in place for emergencies.



STEP TWO PRACTICE

Conduct regular training sessions and emergency drills for staff and students. After each drill, gather feedback to identify areas for improvement.

STEP THREE PREVENT

Ensure security protocols, technologies and physical barriers are in place.



At the August 27, 2025 Board of Education Planning Session,
the results of the Spring 2025 Security Survey were
discussed and shared publicly.

At the September 17, 2025 Board of Education meeting, it
was requested that Administration provide a presentation to
the Board on Armed Security.



LI School District with Armed Security- Newsday Article May 13, 2024

<i>Long Island School District</i>	<i>Type of Armed Security</i>	<i>Long Island School District</i>	<i>Type of Armed Security</i>
CENTER MORICHES	Contracted	KINGS PARK	District
COMMACK	Contracted	MASSAPEQUA	Contracted
CONNETQUOT	Contracted	MILLER PLACE	Contracted
EAST ISLIP	District	MONTAUK	District
EAST MORICHES	Contracted	MOUNT SINAI	Contracted
EAST QUOGUE	Contracted	ROCKY POINT	N/A
EASTPORT-SOUTH MANOR	Contracted	SMITHTOWN	Contracted
ELWOOD	N/A	SOUTH HUNTINGTON	Contracted
FARMINGDALE	Contracted	TUCKAHOE	Contracted
HALF HOLLOW HILLS	Contracted	WEST BABYLON	District
HAUPPAUGE	Contracted	WEST ISLIP	District

Note: Additional Long Island schools have added armed security since then but have not released a statement. To preserve their anonymity, they are not listed above.



Armed Security Options:

- Private Contracted Vendors: \$750,000-\$1,000,000 per year. Generally remains outside building in an unmarked vehicle. Only enters building in case of active shooter.
- Current District Security Staff: \$350,000-\$750,000 (depending on the number of armed guards and additional salary differential). Armed security staff members are trained, typically former law enforcement, and usually not identified to others as being armed.



Potential Benefits

- **Immediate Response to Threats**

Armed personnel could potentially deter or stop an active threat more quickly than waiting for police response.

- **Possible Deterrent**

The presence of armed security may discourage potential acts of violence.

- **Community Reassurance**

Some parents and staff may feel safer knowing there is an armed presence on campus, especially in the wake of national school violence events.



Potential Drawbacks

- **Effectiveness Debate**

Research is mixed on whether armed security actually prevents school violence.

- **School Climate**

Some students and families may feel more anxious.

- **Cost and Sustainability**

Hiring, training, and maintaining armed security can be very costly.

- **Escalation Risks**

Introducing weapons into a school could increase the risk of accidents or misuse.

Districts may face liability if an armed guard makes a mistake or fails to act effectively during an incident.



Frequently Asked Questions

Q: If the district employs its own staff as armed security, would additional insurance be required?

A: *No*

Q: Would contracted security enter the school for any other reason other than responding to an active shooter? (ex: to use the restroom, etc.)

A: *No*

Q: If the district hires current district staff as armed security, will weapons be visible in the building?

A: *No*



Frequently Asked Questions

Q: If the district employs its own staff as armed security, would all security staff be armed?

A: *That would be a Board of Education decision. In some districts only certain security staff members are armed and they are not identified to others. There would need to be a thorough selection process.*

Q: If the district hires its own staff members as armed security, would the district have to provide annual training?

A: *Yes*



Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Would the district still maintain close collaboration with the Nassau County Police Department if it adds armed security personnel?

A: *Yes, we would still coordinate security matters with NCPD and Altaris.*

Q: What does the research show about the use of armed guards in schools?

A: *Research on the effectiveness of armed security in schools is limited.*

Q: What percentage of school have armed security?

A: *Nationwide, the percentage of school that have armed security has risen from 31% in 2005 to 43% in 2016. While there is not a single reliable source on data since 2016, some estimates put the number now at closer to 50-60%.*



Discussion

