Building Security Measures
We continue to keep our students and staff secure and safe.

Last week you received a letter from the Superintendent in response to the Texas shooting. Click here to read Dr. Moloney’s message. In light of the recent events, we would like to share more information about security in our buildings.

Keeping our staff and students safe and secure is our top priority. With the building of two new schools in recent years, security at Lintott and Smith has seen substantial improvements. Although our middle and high school buildings are more dated, there are ways we are improving security today.

We are proud to have Todd Thornburg on staff as our District Security and Safety Officer. With roots right here in Chehalis, Todd spent over 26 years with the Washington State Patrol prior to his current role. He spends his days in our schools building relationships with students and ensuring everyone’s safety.

We are excited to announce that, starting July 1, Troy Thornburg, Todd’s brother, will be the newest addition to our security team adding a second District Security and Safety Officer to our district. Troy is a retired Chehalis Police Officer, and he, too, has a solid connection to our community. Having both Todd and Troy means they both can have more time in our buildings, allowing them to build stronger relationships with students and staff.

In addition to added staff, the district piloted a new K-12 visitor system aiding in the transparency of visitors in our buildings. Chehalis Middle School and W.F. West participated in the See Something Say Something campaign, and the distinct just adopted a new program that will help train staff and students on safety practices and protocols.

Building administrators continue to work with staff and district leadership to identify solutions to security concerns. We continue to work with the Chehalis Police department to be inclusive of our procedures and receive valuable feedback from them on areas we can improve.

We have seen security improvements in our elementary buildings thanks to the technology
and infrastructure of new construction. Although our secondary facilities are not new, we continue to adapt and improve our systems and practices to ensure a secure and safe environment for our staff and students.