



September 5, 2018

Dear Lake Travis ISD Parents and Guardians,

In the aftermath of the Santa Fe High School shooting in May, Governor Greg Abbott directed the Texas Department of Public Safety to enhance campus safety and security by working closely with local law enforcement partners and school officials. As a result of this directive, I am pleased to report that beginning this fall DPS troopers will have an increased presence throughout our district.

Specifically, parents and other visitors may witness DPS troopers parked in front of our schools or occupying space inside our campuses to produce reports and complete other assignments. Troopers may also be seen performing routine patrols, campus walkthroughs and even attending school events. The visibility of DPS troopers in and around our schools will serve to further support ongoing efforts by the City of Bee Cave Police Department, the City of Lakeway Police Department, and the Travis County Sheriff's Office. Ultimately, this concerted and multi-jurisdictional partnership will serve to familiarize local first responders with our campus administrators, school site plans and emergency procedures.

Community support is critical to school safety. Furthermore, our local law enforcement partners are an integral part of our school community, and the presence of DPS troopers on our campuses will allow us to strengthen rapport and build positive relationships as we continue to work together to improve school safety. As you visit our schools, I ask that you please take a moment to thank our local law enforcement partners and first responders for their commitment to student safety across our district.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Brad Lancaster'.

Brad Lancaster, Ed.D.

Superintendent of Schools