



FACILITY – Macon R-1 School District

SUBJECT – Security Assessment

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I have conducted a physical security assessment of the Macon R-I school District. I was able to conduct this assessment through an in-person tour of the facility, both guided by staff and individual inspection. The Macon R-I staff answered questions and administration was provided with a Security Survey which included questions pertaining to staff policy, training and general knowledge of the facility.

As a result of my assessment, this shall serve as my official report.

FACILITY

Windows

Macon R-I has an abundance of windows that are accessible from ground level. There are numerous options for security film to be installed on existing windows that provide different levels of security. I would recommend a level of window film which would prevent entry, even in the event the window would be shattered or broken. The protective film can also include a tint preventing the ability to observe movement inside the facility.

Main office entrances

Access control to the main facility is restricted by the locking doors at the vestibule. One point of weakness would be the reception window. Staff would be better served with a solid piece of protective glass or locking window, along with a



speaker system for communication. This would prevent this window from being utilized as an entry point beyond the office and offers a level of protection to the office staff.

Exit Points

With the layout of the Macon R-1 considered, there are a large number of exits leading out of the building. Creating a policy to guide staff when these exits are allowed to be utilized and prohibiting them from being propped open for any reason. If a certain exit is strictly to be used in emergency situations it should be equipped with a push bar and alarm.

During my assessment of the exterior of the facility, I found number of doors leading into the MACTEC facility were unlocked or unsecured. It appears to be common practice to leave the large drive through door open.

Access Control

Adding an electronic access control system to the entire facility would be a very large and taxing project. Currently access to the majority of the facility is through a “lock and key” system. A certain level of accountability is needed for the current system. Documentation, along with a return policy needs to be put in place.

CCTV

Adjustments / Upgrade

After reviewing the CCTV system, I would recommend adjustments to the existing coverage and potentially an upgrade to the software system. A number of existing cameras can be adjusted allowing for a better field of view, providing better coverage. I found very few blind spots with the existing system, however near the Middle School entrance and hallway needs some attention.



The majority of the modern systems include remote monitoring. This would allow you to give access of selected cameras to individual staff members who are able to observe live camera footage through their phones or a tablet. A viewing station can be added to certain offices providing staff access to live camera footage on the exterior and/or key locations. Careful consideration to the placement of the viewing stations should be taken. Viewing stations shouldn't be visible to the public from outside the office. If these cameras are capable of being viewed anytime a staff member was present in the office, this offers a new level of detection and hopefully prevention.

POLICY AND/OR TRAINING

After questioning a number of employees and reviewing the Administrations Security Survey responses, I believe there is a need for additional policies and/or training.

Active Shooter Training (scheduled for August of 2024)

Communications Capability – emergency notification (with SRO and emergency services)

Communicating necessary information about possible threats – i.e. Orders of Protection, Child Custody

Visitor and non-visitor access and how to manage

Recognizing a potential threat and how to respond

Evacuation when students are outside the facility but still on the campus.

CCTV usage