Meeting Safety and Security Needs of Students, Teachers, and Staff
Panel Session 3 - March 2, 2021

PANELISTS
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• Mr. David Lewis, Principal, Northwood Hills Elementary, Richardson ISD
• Dr. Catherine Robert, Moderator
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Welcome message from Dr. Dan Robinson, Associate Dean of Research.

DISCUSSION HIGHLIGHTS

Safety & Security Concerns in the Post-Covid Environment
• Safety and security in 2020-2021 are more about emotional and physical needs instead of about risk of physical violence.
• 6-feet distance and sanitation stations in classrooms
• Emotional safety of students
• Self-harm threats from students
• Lower student attendance
  - schools looking for students
  - students’ self-arranged ‘early vacation’
  - students have to work
• Economically-disadvantaged kids stay at home, thus lack nutrition, internet access, & thus education
• How to keep in contact:
  - Access to Internet -> hot spots set up
  - Provision of technology to teachers and students
• Food distribution: curbside meals, set-up food sites across the city, food deliveries
• *Time used to enhance physical building safety

Successes & Innovations

Arlington:
• Impressive work of teachers working with special populations (to whom social distance and mask-wearing don’t apply)
• Support to kids with social emotional needs

Richardson:
• Grouping students into cohorts & keeping seating charts
• Clear schedules and expectations of elementary kids for recess times

Lampasas:
• Improving wi-fi on every campus
• Making tough decisions concerning safety of kids when little guidance is available

Question from the audience: “Will the remote model be offered next year?” – It depends, but students are encouraged to come back to school.