



Texas City Independent School District

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To Whom It May Concern,

At Texas City ISD, we have the Gold Standard safety and security program in our district. Santa Fe ISD is a neighboring district, and they had an active shooter on May 18, 2018, I was there to assist the superintendent during this horrific time. In late May 2018, we began striving to have the best safety and security program in Texas, if not the entire US. We, in fact, have the Gold Standard safety and security program. We spent months vetting products that purport to prevent, inhibit or detect active shooters. One of the products that we vetted and chose is the RFID badge. The RFID is worn by every employee and every student. Students can be tracked throughout the school day at their campus. Some believe that we use RFID badges to track students every move. This is not true as we have no need to track their every move, nor do we have the personnel and time to do such. Should a school have an active shooter, hostage situation, etc. we can determine where everyone is located. We can determine if they have been evacuated if they are hiding in a classroom if they are in a restroom or if they are in the location of the hostile act. In studying previous school violence situations, I find that is of the utmost importance to be able to track where students are and to be able to communicate this to their parents and get them back to their parents. When school violence occurs, parents are coming to the campus, and they will demand to know where their son or daughter is. In addition to other safety and security technology, the RFID is an absolute must!

School districts are going to have their students, staff wear the proper identification, and having them wear the RFID badge takes security to the next level. After studying School Safety and Security for the last 30 years, I know that the RFID system is one of the most important pieces in an effective Safety and Security Program. The RFID badge comes with extremely high praise from my Executive Director of Safety and Security, Mr. Mike Matranga, a former Secret Service Agent, Presidential Detail, Counter Assault Team member and security expert. Without reservation, I fully recommend the RFID to you and your organization, as any safety and security plan is not complete without it. I will certainly answer any questions that you may have.

Best Wishes,

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