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Working closely with one another, the Pickens County School District and the Pickens Sheriff's Office conduct regular assessments of the entire school system to evaluate all safety and security measures. We have been in the process of updating these plans for the current school year.

These assessments include a security analysis of all school facilities, review of security plans, and evaluation of all emergency procedures. This ongoing assessment is to provide the students and staff of Pickens County Schools with the safest education experience possible.

Upon completion of this safety analysis, all recommendations for implementation of additional procedures, technology or practices will be reviewed by the Board of Education, the Sheriff of Pickens County, and the School Superintendent. Once these reviews have been completed, we will host a town hall meeting to answer questions and address concerns from parents and other stakeholders regarding school security.

The school district and the Sheriff's Office take every incident seriously and will conduct a thorough investigation of all claims of threat or violence against our students, staff, and schools. If found to be true, we will prosecute to the full extent of the law and/or student code of conduct. This includes student's comments made in a joking manner. Please remember all student discipline is protected under law and cannot be discussed, even with a possible victim.

