

**AGENDA**  
**SOUTH BURLINGTON SCHOOL BOARD SPECIAL MEETING**

**SCHOOL DISTRICT SAFETY SUMMIT**

**TUESDAY, MAY 22, 2018 at 6:30-8:00 PM**  
**Frederick H. Tuttle Middle School Cafeteria**  
**500 Dorset Street**  
**South Burlington, VT 05403**

Safety Summit – Three or more South Burlington School Board members may be in attendance (See attached Safety Summit Agenda)

Public Comments

The district mission statement calls for “fostering family and community partnerships” as a means to helping our children achieve “a successful and responsible life.” In that spirit, the school board is working to improve its response to public comments made at board meetings.

Anyone making a comment can expect a response from the board that will fall into one of the following categories:

- a. Thank the person with no further action planned.
- b. Respond immediately by the board chair or administration.
- c. Direct the administration to contact and respond to the person.
- d. Seek clarification from the administration at a specified meeting.
- e. Add the topic to a specified future board agenda.
- f. Refer the matter to an executive session.
- g. Hold a public hearing on the matter.

**MISSION**

The mission of the South Burlington School District, a community committed to excellence in education, is to ensure that each student possesses the knowledge, skills, and character to create a successful and responsible life. We will do this by building safe, caring, and challenging learning environments, fostering family and community partnerships, utilizing global resources, and inspiring life-long learning.

Any person requiring special accommodations to attend this meeting should contact the superintendent’s office at 652-7252 at least 72 hours before the meeting.

# South Burlington School District Safety Summit

May 22, 2018

6:30 – 8:00 PM

F.H. Tuttle Middle School Cafeteria

Refreshments to be served

## **Purpose:**

1. Inform the community about our safety protocols and our continued work to improve school and community safety.
2. Identify the concerns the community may have around safety and security.
3. Generate ideas about how the community can play a role in making our schools and community safe.

## **Agenda**

### **1. Sign In, Receive Name Tag, and Be Seated**

### **2. Welcome – Arnel Husrefovic and Alexandra Escaja-Heiss (School Board Representatives)**

1. Introduction/Welcome

### **3. Overview Safety & Security Presentations**

We acknowledge that there has been a lot of energy around this topic given the issues in the State and Country. This meeting is about how we want to respond as a community to safety concerns. This meeting is the beginning of a conversation that will be ongoing. The issue of school and community safety is complex and it will require the whole community working together to manage our evolving circumstances as wisely as we can.

1. Emergency Planning Slide Presentation – David Young, Superintendent (15 min)
2. Overview of State Efforts to Promote School Safety – Rob Evans (15 min)
3. School Board/Student Representatives – Elizabeth Fitzgerald/Arnel Husrefovic, and Alexandra Escaja-Heiss (15 min)

#### 4. Small Group Dialogue Followed by Panel Discussion

There are 5 questions listed on the chart paper in the center of your table, which we ask you take some time to discuss. Post-it notes are available to write your answers down and place them on the chart paper under the question. After this dialogue takes place, the question(s) of most interest can be asked to the panel and will be responded to appropriately. The focus questions are:

1. When you think about issues of school violence and safety, why do you think things like this happen and what do you think are the factors involved?
2. How do crisis drills in schools prepare us for an actual event?
3. What is the right balance between school climate and school safety and security?
4. What makes you feel safe as a student, parent/guardian, or community member when you're in or around our school or community?
5. Identify things you think schools/community should continue to do or stop doing?

#### 5. Next Action Steps

Feedback from the meeting will be provided at an upcoming Board meeting or by holding another summit. The dialogue discussed at the tables and with the panel will be helpful in Master Planning and Visioning and School Safety and Security Planning.

If you can please help provide us with your feedback to tonight's summit, please go to **[www.menti.com](http://www.menti.com)** to answer a couple questions. Please enter **# 71 99 27** and **vote!**

Questions:

1. Did you find tonight's process helpful?
2. Do you think it would be helpful to do this again for other information?

**It will take all of us working together to have a safer community.**

**Thank you for coming!**