

**FROM THE DESK OF DR. RICK BREWER**

August 8, 2025

**MEMORANDUM**

Dear Parents,

Join me in praying today for the Annunciation Catholic School in Minneapolis and the horrific event they experienced yesterday, an act of domestic terrorism that will forever impact the Annunciation Catholic School family.

During chapel or other larger group gatherings, our concealed carry weapons personnel work in tandem to cover the indoor and outdoor premises of the affected area.

At Master's Academy, our top priority is to provide a safe and secure environment for students, teachers, and staff. This commitment contributes to our continued emphasis on enhancing security measures for the school. Here is an overview of current and future security initiatives:

**Recent Security Enhancements**

- **Electronic Locks:** All exterior doors now have electronic locks, and visitors must be buzzed in for access. Additional locked doors restrict direct access to students.
- **Window Tinting:** Reflective tint has been added to the outside of school windows, significantly reducing visibility from the outside.
- **Emergency Training:** Faculty and staff have received training in emergency procedures.
- **Security Cameras:** We currently have over 30 security cameras covering both the interior and exterior of both campuses. Additional cameras are being added to ensure complete coverage. **Our camera system is linked to the Indian River County Sheriff's Office** crisis center for immediate situational awareness, with an estimated on-site response time of 3 minutes.
- **Locked Doors:** All classroom and hallway doors remain locked when students are present.
- **Suspicious Activity Reporting:** Teachers and staff have been trained to report all suspicious activities.
- **Daily Inspections:** School grounds, gates, and locks are inspected before school starts each day. All doors are closed and locked each morning before school begins, with periodic checks throughout the day.
- **Campus Surveillance:** The perimeter of the campus has been cleared of scrub and bushes to allow for better surveillance.
- **Lock Now** app added to all teacher and staff phones enabling immediate activation.
- **RAPTOR System** instantly notifies key Master's staff of a registered offender visiting the campus.
- **FortifyFL** enables teachers and staff to immediately contact 911.

**Future Measures:** Plans include adding more 3M security film to all exterior access doors (which will add an additional layer of difficulty to breach) and installing additional cameras. We are in the tabletop stage with the Indian River County Sheriff's Department for conducting Active Shooter Training for teachers and staff. Furthermore, we are researching panic buttons for teachers to use in case of an emergency. Panic buttons will communicate with 911 and the MA staff in real time.

**Security Officer Profile:** Our school is fortunate to have a highly experienced security officer on staff. With nearly 40 years of service as a federal officer, Mr. Harris has lived and worked in hazardous conditions in various foreign countries. For the last 14 years of his career, he spent 8-9 months each year conducting counter-terrorism operations in war zones before retiring in 2020. Mr. Harris is licensed to carry a concealed weapon on campus and is prepared to respond immediately to any situation that arises.

We have a total of five certified concealed carry personnel: three at the main campus, one permanently at the Early Childhood Center, and Mr. Harris who moves back and forth between campuses daily.

Please feel free to contact me, Eric Lantrip, Kim Gillette, or David Harris with any questions or thoughts you may have. During my 37 years as a Christian higher education administrator, I led the effort to provide significant security enhancements including campus lighting, surveillance cameras, additional security staff, sirens, communication systems, parking lot panic buttons, card access to all buildings, and active shooter training.

Press On!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rick", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Rick Brewer, PhD, MBA  
Head of School