

# Case In Point



An Access Control Solution featuring HandKey II and Proximity Card Readers

## Florida School District Sharpens Focus on School Safety

For more than 15 years, the Safe Schools Institute (SSI) in Palm Beach County, Florida, has addressed the need for school safety. Today, SSI provides state-of-the-art training and evaluation for school districts across the country, covering every aspect of creating a safe, productive learning environment, from establishing physical safety to developing a climate of academic excellence. The project's evolution has led to the development of a uniform learning climate SSI calls the "Single School Culture<sup>SM</sup>" that can be reproduced virtually anywhere.

Located just next door to SSI is Don Estridge High Tech Middle School, providing a convenient venue where SSI's concepts can be tested and put into practice.



*Don Estridge High Tech Middle School, located adjacent to the Safe Schools Institute, is also a laboratory where concepts can be tested and evaluated in a real-life educational setting.*



*Safe Schools Institute develops programs and training that impact the entire learning environment for the school district of Palm Beach, Florida.*

Many educators and administrators have attended SSI's seminars and training sessions and have taken back to their own schools the concepts proven in this real-world laboratory of 1,200 middle-school students.

### Planning for School Safety

SSI and the school district have partnered with companies that design innovative answers to security

challenges. Ingersoll Rand Security Technologies is one of those.

"With such a broad mix of solutions, IR Security's approach to safety integrated with SSI's perfectly," says Alison Adler, Ed.D.,

Chief of Safety and Learning Environment for the district. "Everything IR Security offers can be 'road tested' in our controlled environment so we can see just how it will work in the real world."

Solutions provided by IR Security include equipping all classroom doors with Schlage Cylindrical VIP locks that feature proximity card readers so teachers can access their classrooms without a key. The locks are monitored at a remote station, and the building can be locked down from a single location in a crisis. The

system eliminates the expense of re-keying, because key cards can be invalidated and reissued if they are lost.

### High-Tech Solutions for Common Safety Challenges

Attendance taking has been automated by installing a Schlage Recognition Systems HandKey II biometric hand reader in every classroom. Students simply scan their hands when they enter each room, which allows teachers to make the most of valuable instructional time.

Some school buses are equipped with IR SMS MVC-4 mobile video communicators which can provide GPS tracking, video recording and transmitting of up to a four-camera view with sound capability. There is also a live video viewing option. Hand readers can be used with the device to allow attendance to be taken on the bus. The data can then be downloaded via Wi-Fi when the

bus pulls into the compound, ensuring the district can easily locate individual students and verify behavioral and safety issues.

“Security and academics are so intertwined that you have to look at them together,” Dr. Adler explains. “You can’t learn if you don’t feel safe, and you can’t teach if you don’t feel safe. That’s why we look at everything we do to ensure that we create a safe, nurturing learning environment.”



Schlage-Recognition Systems HandKey II hand readers in each classroom will allow students to punch in and eliminate the distractions of taking attendance.



Von Duprin 99 Series exit device provides a safe emergency egress path on this interior door, while LCN door closer maintains security by keeping the door closed properly so it latches.



Proximity card readers built into the Schlage Cylindrical VIP locks on each classroom door eliminate the need for teachers to carry keys, and the locks make it easy to lock down the entire school from one location in a crisis.

### **About Ingersoll Rand Security Technologies**

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