

Local schools prepare for shooter threat

(KNZA)--A new tool for student safety is coming to the South Brown County Schools, with the Board of Education this week approving the purchase.

The device, which can help students shelter in place during an active-shooter incident, will be installed in the USD 430 schools.

After hearing a presentation from Todd Milner with Overland Park-based Fire Door Solutions, the Board of Education Monday evening approved the purchase of about 75 door armor devices for the district's three schools at a total cost of around \$26,000, which includes installation and set-up. In addition, there would be an annual maintenance and inspection fee of about \$5,600.

The device attaches to the bottom of a classroom door and can be deployed easily to secure the door. It includes a wireless emergency notification system that can sense activation of the barricade and send out instant mass notification about the location of the threat.

The device has been approved by the Kansas State Fire Marshal's Office. It comes with a special tool allowing it to be breached from the outside, which would prevent people from using it to lock out authorities.

The device was developed following the Parkland, Florida shooting that killed 17 students and was launched earlier this year.

In other business, the Board accepted a bid from Pierce Heating and Cooling, of Bendena, for a new air conditioning unit for the Everest Middle School in the amount of \$38,500.

It was among five bids received.

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