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Centegix Crisis Alert Badge System goes live in Troup County Schools

LaGrange, Ga., January 31, 2022 – The Troup County School System is committed to providing a safe learning and work environment. In the past few years, we have made much progress with security enhancements across all of our campuses. This includes securing front entrances, expanded SRO program, additional cameras (externally, common areas, classrooms, buses), additional radios, cyber security protections, vaping sensors etc..

To this end, we have been working on another security solution, the implementation of Centegix Crisis Alert Badge System. **The system is now live as of Monday, January 31, 2022.**

"We are very excited to have this system in Troup County Schools. We believe our schools and staff will feel more safe and secure this way," said Steve Heaton, School Safety Coordinator.

The system works by providing schools with a quick method of notifying others (administrative staff and emergency personnel) of an issue or emergency in their school/building. Everyone who is assigned to work in a building is issued a white Centegix Crisis Alert Security Badge with a button on it. These badges hang on a lanyard around a person's neck and are about the size of a credit card and approximately 1/8" thick.



The badges work in several ways. The button will be pressed three times if assistance is needed in a classroom or work space. The badges have a built-in GPS that identifies the location and allows for a quick response by the school and then district wide. For more serious situations such as a dangerous person in a school or work location, the button is pressed 8 times and the building will be put on immediate lockdown.

The Centegix system is monitored by 911.

About Troup County School System

Troup County School System is an accredited educational system with over 12,100 students in grades K-12. TCSS does offer a free Pre-K program at each elementary school. The system is comprised of eleven elementary schools, three middle schools, three high schools, one college and career academy, and one alternative learning center. Students within the school system are taught a rigorous and relevant curriculum that helps them make college and career choices beyond graduation and succeed in life. The system 2021 graduation rate is 85.9 percent. To learn more about Troup County School System, visit troup.org and the Troup County School System Facebook page.

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