

## **Institute for Criminal Justice Studies**

## **MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD:**

DATE:

August 31, 2010

TO:

Mr. Billy George Jacobs – Deputy Executive Director Texas School Safety

Center and Mr. Curtis Clay - Director Texas School Safety Center

SUBJECT:

School Safety & Security

Gentlemen, I feel compelled to voice my opinion and go on the record concerning my distain over the failure of the Texas School Safety Center to come to the aid of several of our School District Independent School District - Police Departments, that have been coming under fire to be discontinued (ceased); all with absolutely no help from the Texas School Safety Center fighting to keep them in place due to it being a political matter. What? This is beyond absurd what better school safety & security is there than having school district police officers on all our school campuses within Texas. Teaching the classes that have been provided by this center is not enough and in my opinion and of all people at the Texas School Safety Center, if in fact that is the true mission, i.e. school safety and security should be to be proactive and not go quietly into the night; trying to be politically correct! What is it going to take a major assault on one of our school campuses in Texas to get everyone to see the light and focus? It is going to happen and my prediction is that we are going to have to go through a literal massacre on a school campus before the Texas School Safety Center and Texas State University sees the error of their skewed thinking and Ph.D. logic. Mark my words it is going to happen and my worst case fear it is going to be on an Elementary campus (our most vulnerable) with innocent 6year olds through 10-year olds being sacrificed before people start seriously look at school safety and security.

Look at the white paper I submitted, the federal grant ICJS attempted to submit earlier this year to Texas State University only to be shot down by Dr. Billy C. Covington and David H. Williams, because they had another political agenda. They said it cost too much at a mere \$15,000,000.00, over a 10-year period, but none of them or the so-called committee looked at the fact this was approximately \$300,000.00 per state to implement the first of its kind in law enforcement (more especially school-based law enforcement) holistic school safety concept and training plan. In addition \$300,000.00 per state is the most cost-advantageous training ever presented.

We need to get real here. Someone within the Texas School Safety Center that truly understands school safety and security needs to speak up. Or we will pay a price one day in the near future.

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