School security starts from the outside in

Protecting staff, students and property is one of the main responsibilities of every school. One of the most important steps in securing a facility is to understand and implement the right approach to perimeter security. Navigating this process starts with a few key steps.

Assess threats and vulnerabilities.

There are a number of free self-assessment tools available to help you prioritize security initiatives based on:

- Criticality
- Vulnerability
- Probability

Consider the security of your facility in totality.

It is common for the majority of available security funds to be focused on the most visible points of entry, leaving secondary doors vulnerable due to cost constraints.

Implement a layered security approach.

Layered security works from the outside in to protect critical assets. As one layer is bypassed, another layer provides an additional level of protection.1

Most primary entrances are equipped with electronic access control, but the remaining 61% of perimeter doors are not connected3, which results in:

- Human error
- Manual lock down process
- Easily bypassed security

6 out of 10 schools use janitorial tours as the primary means of ensuring doors are secure.2

56% of schools with a networked system still manually dog doors.3

55% of schools report the occurrence of unsecured secondary doors.2

A cost effective, scalable solution for secondary doors

The Von Duprin® remote monitoring (RM) and remote undogging (RU) options for exit devices

- Enables remote undogging (to secure the device) and door status monitoring
- Cost effective wireless solution
- Retrofits to existing device
- Managed by alliance member access control software

1PASS Safety and Security Guidelines for K-12 Schools April 2017
2Alegion sponsored 3rd party research by Ducker, 2015, over 100 K-12 respondents
3Alegion sponsored 3rd party research by SMARI, 2016, over 250 K-12 respondents