



About Robert Boyd

To say that the mission of the Secure Schools Alliance is in Robert Boyd's blood, would be an understatement: his mother was a NYC Public School Teacher and his father a Detective for the NYPD. All of Robert's aunts were teachers and his godfather was a cop.

Though born in Harlem and raised in the Bronx, Boyd relates more to the 21 years he lived and raised his children in Texas, where he chaired the Public Safety Committee of the City of University Park. Robert's other government experience includes service as Chief of Staff to Congressman Harold Ford Sr., a stint in the NYC Mayor's Office of Economic Development, and as a paid staffer on numerous local, state and federal campaigns.

For the last decade, as an executive at several national and local education related nonprofits, Robert directed operations for organizations supporting public schools, including Donorschoose.org and the National Alliance of Public Charter Schools.

Robert has led the development and start-up operations for major destination projects including the Beale Street Historic District in Memphis and the West End in Dallas. Having built and managed millions of square feet of commercial and industrial space throughout his career, Robert has significant construction experience.

Most recently, he served as Senior Advisor to the Board for the Community Education Building (CEB), a private operating foundation in Wilmington, Delaware. Engaged, initially, as COO to lead a \$26 million design-build conversion of a half million square foot, 11 story office building, into a state of the art campus for high performing charter schools, he was also tasked with establishing the operating and safety systems, policies and procedures.

Completed on time and budget, while working closely with Wilmington Code Enforcement, Police and Fire officials, and Delaware DHS, the project embraced all of the facility recommendations advocated by the SSA including: electronic access controls with smart ID cards for staff, teachers, students, parents, visitors and contractors, panic alarms, appropriate classroom locks, integrated smart boards and public address system, cameras in all common spaces and exteriors, ballistic rated glass in the main entrance and vestibule, additional radio repeaters to support first responders, and state of the art fire protection and smoke evacuation systems.



Boyd and the CEB also embraced the critical need for staff and teacher training, first responder training and familiarization within the facility, a detailed policy and procedures manual and constant communication and feedback between the building tenants and first responders. Under the guidance of top international safety consultants these processes were enhanced by adding a School Resource Officer, private security and the leasing of basement and garage space to the Special Ops Division of WPD. The facility has been called “the safest building in Downtown Wilmington and one of the safest school buildings in the nation.

A lifelong learner, Robert’s educational credentials include a Bachelor of Arts from Brown University, in American Political Culture, a Master of City and Regional Planning from Harvard University, with a focus on Political Analysis and Economic Development and a Master of Divinity from the Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University. He holds Certificates in Clinical Pastoral Education (Chaplaincy) from Parkland Memorial Hospital and Charter School Leadership from the Harvard Graduate School of Education.

Robert is an Advisor to Domestic Preparedness and serves as Co-Chair of the Homeland Security Task Force of the American Legislative Exchange Council.

Robert lives in Stevensville, MD and has two grown children: his son Jeffrey, a graduate of Brown and Harvard Ed school, is a teacher at Durham Academy in North Carolina and is a doctoral candidate at UNC. His daughter, Lindsey, is a graduate of Wesleyan University and coordinates public arts programs for Bloomberg Philanthropies in New York City. In his free time Robert enjoys golf, tennis, hunting, fishing and being by the water.