



## **Safe School - Site Visit – BG Rein, Austria** **International Safe Schools Certifying Centre, USA**



International Safe Schools Chair, Max Vosskuhler and Vice-Chair, Milt Adamson, arrived in Styria on Sunday 17 May to visit two esteemed schools, VS Lannach and BG Rein. VS Lannach had worked for six years improving safety, health and security of their school and persons in line with the World Health Organization Collaborating Centre on Community Safety Promotion (Stockholm) International Safe School Communities Programme.

By creating a committee of all stakeholders responsible for safety and security in the school and surroundings, who are responsible for all safety policies and procedures for VS Lannach, they began to meet the eight indicators to be designated. Mr. Vosskuhler and Mr. Adamson had reviewed the application to the International Safe School Organization to ensure that the committee had programs for all ages and genders, with specific safety programs for those most at risk for injury. The data and evaluation of VS Lannach on these programs prove that their interventions are effective and use internationally approved methodology. The final piece is that VS Lannach has been effectively sharing their success here and internationally and will continue to do so. Therefore, Mr. Vosskuhler and Adamson lead a ceremony inside of the celebration on Tuesday night to sign formal agreements between International Safe School Communities and VS Lannach to support and lead continued improvement of Lannach's Safe School.

BG Rein has been working on proving their strength as an International Safe School to Mr. Vosskuhler during today's visit. His response to Rein's presentation and tour was that "BG Rein is easily the best example of what International Safe Schools is trying to do. Their faculty students and staff showed clear commitment and understanding. We look forward to seeing the data and evaluation of the various projects that will ensure Certification next year." Additionally, Max Vosskuhler continued to be clearly impressed with Rein's work with the Monastery and the International Safe Children Community, supported by Safe Kids Austria.

Max and Milton closed by stating to all that Rein is ready to be certified as an International Safe School Community, joining the 213 currently certified world-wide.

*Max Vosskuhler, Chairman International Safe Schools*