

Act 44 of 2018: *School Safety and Security*

School Safety and Security Coordinator

The following is a brief summary of the components of Act 44 of 2018:

School Safety and Security Assessment

- Physical Assessment
- Policy and Training Assessment
- Student Assistance and Behavioral Health Support Assessment
- Survey will be distributed to schools no later than October 31, 2018.
- Schools shall complete the survey no later than November 30, 2018.
- The Committee shall complete a review of the survey no later than January 31, 2019 then notify school of its findings.

School Safety and Security Training

- Training shall address the following:
 - Situational awareness.
 - Trauma-informed education awareness.
 - Behavioral health awareness.
 - Suicide and bullying awareness.
 - Substance use awareness.
 - Emergency training drills, including fire, natural disaster, active shooter, hostage situation and bomb threat.
 - Employees shall complete a minimum of three hours of training every five years.

School Police Officers, School Resource Officers, and School Security Guards

- Addresses security personnel in schools
- School Police - employed by District
- School Resource Officers - contracted
- School Security Guards

- Appointed by Superintendent - Susan Green, Chief Financial and Operations Officer
- Oversee all police officers, school resource officers, school security guards, and policies and procedures
- Reports directly to Superintendent
- Review the school district's policies and procedures relative to school safety and security and compliance with federal and state laws regarding school safety and security.
- Coordinate training and resources for students and school entity staff in matters relating to situational awareness, trauma-informed education awareness, behavioral health awareness, suicide and bullying awareness, substance abuse awareness and emergency procedures and training drills, including fire, natural disaster, active shooter, hostage situation and bomb threat.
- Coordinate school safety and security assessments as necessary.
- Serve as the school entity liaison with the committee, the department, law enforcement and other organizations on matters of school safety and security.
- Report to school board in executive session by June 30th each year on the district's current safety and security practices that identify strategies to improve school safety and security. The report shall be submitted to the committee and shall not be subject to the Right-to-Know Law.
- Coordinate a tour of District buildings and grounds biennially with the law enforcement agencies and first responders that are primarily responsible for protecting and securing the school entity to discuss and coordinate school safety and security matters.

School Safety and Security Grant Program

- \$52.5 million in state school safety and security funds
- 32 categories – Social emotional learning, counseling, emergency preparedness, facility upgrades,...
- Due October 12, 2018
- Minimum \$25,000 for meritorious applications

