

School Safety and Security Committee

2024-25 School Safety & Mental Health Grants

Fiscal Year 2024-25 Solicitation

Please Note: Applications are <u>only</u> accepted through PCCD's Egrants system. Applicants must register in Egrants prior to submitting an application. Applicants are strongly encouraged to familiarize themselves with the Egrants system and allow adequate time to prepare and submit an application.

NEW THIS YEAR: Applications must be electronically signed within Egrants. At least one person from your organization must register for the E-signature role. Please review the Submission Information section (page 16) of this document for more information and links to registration instructions.

Recommended Egrants User Registration Date:

Thursday, September 12, 2024

Mandatory Egrants Application Deadline:

Thursday, September 26, 2024

This funding guideline contains information not appearing in the Egrants application. Applicants are advised to print and review this document and refer to it while completing your Egrants application.

Applicants are strongly encouraged to utilize PCCD's GENERAL APPLICATION GRANT GUIDES on our website for assistance in navigating the Egrants registration and application process.

If you have a question seeking clarification of the funding announcement, questions should be sent via email to <u>RA-CD-SSSC@pa.gov</u> with "2024-25 School Safety & Mental Health Grants" in the subject line. PCCD staff will post responses to the questions, as they are received, on <u>PCCD's Funding Announcement Q&A webpage</u>. Select the appropriate funding announcement to view questions and answers.

For any technical or system questions, contact and ask for the Egrants Help Desk at (717) 787-5887 or (800) 692-7292, or by emailing <u>RA-eGrantsSupport@pa.gov</u>.

PENNSYLVANIA COMMISSION ON CRIME AND DELINQUENCY School Safety & Security Committee

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Funding Stream: State School Safety and Security Fund

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Funding Announcement Title: 2024-25 School Safety & Mental Health Grants

Funding Stream: State School Safety and Security Grant Fund

Submission Requirements for Applications:

- **Due Date** Applications must be submitted electronically through PCCD's Egrants system no later than 11:59 PM on September 26, 2024.
- <u>Technical Assistance</u> Grant application and administrative guides can be accessed on <u>PCCD's website</u> under the Funding section. Applicants are strongly encouraged to review the application and administrative guides before calling the Egrants Help Desk for assistance. The Egrants Help Desk is available to assist with technical or system questions Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM, and may be reached by calling (717) 787-5887 or (800) 692-7292, or by emailing <u>RA-eGrantsSupport@pa.gov</u>.
- Egrants Submission An application submitted in Egrants by the deadline is not considered complete until PCCD has received the executed signature page, as well as any other required documents.
- <u>Administrative Rejection</u> An application that does not meet all the listed requirements in this noncompetitive funding announcement may be administratively rejected. If necessary, PCCD staff will contact school entities whose applications do not meet all the listed requirements in this funding announcement.
- <u>Corrections</u> If PCCD returns an application for corrections, the final application (including all corrections and required documents) must be returned to and approved by PCCD for the requested funding to be awarded.
- <u>Non-supplantation</u> Funding must not be used to supplant/replace state, federal, or local funds that would otherwise be available to provide for program-related services.
 PCCD funding is to be used in addition to other funds that are made available for services.
- **Keywords** Applicants are required to select "Keywords" from the dropdown menu located on the Main Summary screen in Egrants. The required keywords are below. Applicants may also select other keywords that apply specifically to their application.

Keywords: School Safety

PENNSYLVANIA COMMISSION ON CRIME AND DELINQUENCY School Safety and Security Committee (SSSC)

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1. Overview:

The School Safety and Security Committee (SSSC) within the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) is now accepting applications under the 2024-25 School Safety & Mental Health Grants solicitation, which is a noncompetitive, formula-based funding announcement to provide grants to eligible school entities to support physical security enhancements and/or mental health initiatives.

This noncompetitive, formula-based solicitation is specifically for eligible <u>school</u> <u>entities</u> as defined under 24 P.S. §13-1314.1-B of the PA Public School Code (i.e., a school district, area career and technical school, intermediate unit, charter school, regional charter school, and cyber charter school).¹

The objective of the 2024-25 School Safety & Mental Health Grants solicitation is to offer an opportunity for school entities to use funding to address school safety needs. To assist schools in guiding decisions about their behavioral health and physical security needs, the SSSC convened experts across Pennsylvania to develop <u>Baseline Criteria Standards</u> to organize policies, programs, activities, equipment, and trainings into a multi-leveled chart from Level 1, which are the most basic elements a school entity should have in place, to Level 3, which are the most advanced elements. A priority focus of the SSSC is to ensure that all school entities, at a minimum, meet a basic, Level 1 standard of safety for students and staff.

School entities are strongly encouraged to review the <u>Baseline Criteria</u> in advance of submitting their grant application under this solicitation to determine what criteria their school entity currently meets and where additional investments may be needed. **Per 24 P.S. §13-1314.1-B, Level 1 criteria must be satisfied prior to school entities utilizing these funds for other Eligible Program Activities and Expenses within each respective physical security or mental health sections.**

2. Funding Availability:

A total of \$100 million is available in FY24-25 state School Safety and Security Grant Program funding. Funding is based on the formula included in 24 P.S. §13-1314.1-B, which stipulates school districts are to receive a \$100,000 base amount for their grant, and an additional amount based on their 2022-23 Adjusted Average Daily Membership (AADM). All other eligible school entities (i.e., intermediate units, area career and technical centers, charter schools, regional charter schools, and cyber charter schools) are to receive \$70,000. Funding can be spent on physical security enhancements, mental health improvements, or both – at the school entity's discretion.

PCCD expects to fund 779 grants with budgets not to exceed the funding allocations detailed in Appendix A.

¹ Nonpublic schools (including approved private schools and PRRIs) seeking funding to support school security and mental health enhancements, and municipalities, law enforcement agencies, and approved vendors seeking funding to support school security personnel services, should refer to the <u>FY24-25 Targeted School Safety Grant Program solicitation</u>.

Award letters will be available in Egrants as soon as possible after applications are approved.

PCCD is not liable for costs incurred prior to the official start date of the award.

3. Project Dates:

As these are noncompetitive funds, applications will be approved by PCCD as they meet the criteria of this solicitation for 24-month projects and will have a start date of July 1, 2024, and an end date of June 30, 2026. Actual project dates may vary dependent upon timeliness of the application submitted, the length of PCCD staff review, and the responsiveness of the applicant to staff inquiries. **Please be cognizant that any expenditures made prior to the official award notice from PCCD may be deemed ineligible during the application review.** Extensions of the project period will be allowable if necessary and may be requested through the submission of a project modification request (PMR).

4. Eligible Applicants:

Per 24 P.S. §13-1314.1-B, eligibility of these funds is limited to School Districts, Intermediate Units, Area Career and Technical Schools, Charter Schools, Regional Charter Schools, and Cyber Charter Schools. All eligible applicants and the amount they are eligible to apply for can be found in Appendix A of this solicitation.

5. Eligible Program Activities and Expenses:

Under this solicitation, school entities may apply for funding for physical security enhancements, behavioral health improvements, or both. Unlike previous school safety solicitations, school entities only need to submit a single application for funds, and only need to create one budget (i.e., there is no need to create separate budgets for physical security or behavioral health needs).

If a school entity opts to apply funding for physical security activities, and they have met the <u>Level 1 baseline criteria</u> for physical security, the school entity shall be eligible to expend funding for activities outlined in Section 1306-B(j)(1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (7), (8), (9), (11), (12), (13), (14), (16), (18), (22), and (23) (see listing below for corresponding activity/item). If a school entity does NOT meet all Level 1 Baseline Criteria for physical security, they may request funding to meet their Level 1 gaps or expend funding on other Level 1 eligible items. Once, or if, a school entity has met the Level 1 Baseline Criteria, they shall be eligible to use funding to support any, all, or one of the previously listed activities.

Similarly, if a school entity opts to apply funding for mental/behavioral health activities, and they have met the <u>Level 1 baseline criteria</u> for behavioral health and school climate, the school entity shall be eligible to expend funding for activities outlined in Section 1306-B(j)(6), (10), (15), (17), (19), (20), (21), (23), (24), (25), (26), (27), (28), (29), (30), and (31). If a school entity does NOT meet all Level 1 Baseline Criteria for Behavioral Health, they may request funding to meet their Level 1 gaps or expend funding on other Level 1 eligible items. Once, or if, a school entity has met the Level 1 Baseline Criteria for behavioral health and school climate, they shall be eligible to use funding to support any, all, or one of the previously listed activities.

The full listing of eligible activities under Section 1306-B(J) as amended by Act 55 of 2024 is as follows:

(j) Specific purposes.--The committee shall provide grants to school entities for programs that address safety and security, including:

(1) Safety and security assessments that meet the committee's criteria.²

(2) Conflict resolution or dispute management, including restorative justice strategies.

(3) School-wide positive behavior support³ that includes primary or universal, secondary and tertiary supports and interventions in school entities.

(4) School-based diversion programs as defined in section 1301-A⁴, including costs associated with the hiring of qualified professional staff members to provide assistance and services related to the programs.

(5) Peer helper programs.

(6) Risk assessment, safety-related, violence prevention curricula, including dating violence curricula, restorative justice strategies, mental health early

intervention, self-care and suicide awareness and prevention curricula.

- (7) Classroom management.
- (8) Student codes of conduct.

(9) Training to undertake a districtwide assessment of risk factors that increase the likelihood of problem behaviors among students.

(10) Development and implementation of research-based violence prevention programs that address risk factors to reduce incidents of problem behaviors among students, including, but not limited to, mental health early intervention, self-care, bullying and suicide awareness and prevention.

(11) Thorough, districtwide school safety, violence prevention, emergency preparedness and all-hazards plans, including revisions or updates to such plans and conducting emergency preparedness drills and related activities with local emergency responders.

(12) Security planning and purchase of security-related technology, which may include metal detectors, protective lighting, specialty trained canines,

surveillance equipment, special emergency communications equipment, automated external defibrillators, electronic locksets, deadbolts, trauma kits and theft control devices and training in the use of security-related technology.⁵

(13) Institution of student, staff and visitor identification systems, including criminal background check software.

(14) Provision of specialized staff and student training programs, including training

² School entities seeking funding to perform safety and security assessments must utilize the criteria adopted by the SSSC. Further, the SSSC has developed a registry of vendors recognized as performing safety and security assessments utilizing the SSSC's criteria. The criteria and registry can both be found online at PCCD's website at https://www.pccd.pa.gov/schoolsafety/Pages/default.aspx.

³ Act 33 of 2023 revised the definition of "school-wide positive behavior support" to mean a school-wide, evidence-based tiered framework for supporting students' behavioral, academic, social, emotional and mental health.

⁴ Act 33 of 2023 revised the definition of "school-based diversion programs" to mean programs and interventions designed to redirect youth who commit minor offenses in school from exclusionary disciplinary practices or formal processing in the juvenile justice system, while still holding the student accountable for the student's actions. These programs include, but are not limited to, youth aid panels, positive youth development programming, teen/youth courts, restorative justice interventions, truancy prevention and intervention programs, mentoring programs, and intervention programs and educational practices to assist students with persistent disruptive and serious problem behaviors.

⁵ Act 33 of 2023 eliminated a provision within Activity 12 that required applicants to provide a letter of support from the school entity's board of school directors to support security planning and purchase of security-related technology. This letter of support, board minutes, or other documentation are no longer needed to justify these purchases under this Activity section.

for Student Assistance Program team members in the referral of students at risk of violent behavior to appropriate community-based services and behavioral health services and training related to prevention and early intervention.

(15) Counseling services for students, including costs associated with the training and compensation of mental health staff or expanding contracts with mental health providers that provide support to students in a school setting.

(16) A system for the management of student discipline, including misconduct and criminal offenses.

(17) Staff training programs in the use of positive behavior supports, de-escalation techniques, appropriate responses to student behavior that may require immediate intervention and trauma-informed treatment for mental health providers in schools.
(18) Costs associated with the training and compensation of school security personnel.

(19) Costs associated with the training and compensation of certified school counselors, licensed professional counselors, licensed social workers, licensed clinical social workers, and school psychologists.

(20) Administration of evidence-based screenings for adverse childhood experiences that are proven to be determinants of physical, social, and behavioral health and provide trauma-informed counseling services as necessary to students based upon the screening results.

(21) Trauma-informed approaches to education⁶, including:

(i) Increasing student and school employee access to quality trauma support services and behavioral health care, including the following:

(A) Hiring or contracting with certified school counselors, licensed professional counselors, licensed social workers, licensed clinical social workers, school psychologists and other professional health personnel to provide services to students and school employees.

(B) Developing collaborative efforts between the school entity and behavioral health professionals to identify students in need of trauma support and to provide prevention, screening, referral, and treatment services to students potentially in need of services.

(C) Partnering with community-based organizations for peer or family support.

(D) Training on youth-focused mental health first aid for school employees to help recognize signs of mental health distress in students.
(E) Providing activities to improve mental health in a school entity and after-school programming.

(ii) Programs providing:

(A) Trauma-informed approaches to education in the curriculum, including training of school employees, school directors and behavioral health professionals to develop safe, stable, and nurturing learning environments that prevent and mitigate the effects of trauma.
(B) Services for children and their families, as appropriate, who have experienced or are at risk of experiencing trauma, including those who are low-income, homeless, involved in the child welfare system or involved in the juvenile justice system.

(22) Programs designed to reduce community violence, including:

⁶ The PA Public School Code requires that any school entity applying for a grant under 24 P.S. §13-1306-B(j)(21) (i.e., trauma-informed approaches to education) utilize a trauma-informed approach plan that meets the criteria established in statute and through a <u>Model Trauma-Informed Approach Plan</u> adopted by the SSSC on August 28, 2019. Applicants may utilize their own existing plan, provided that it meets the SSSC's Model Plan criteria, or may seek funding to support the development of their own plan.

(i) Increasing access to quality trauma-informed support services and behavioral health care by linking the community with local trauma support and behavioral health systems.

(ii) Providing health services and intervention strategies by coordinating the services provided by eligible applicants and coordinated care organizations, public health entities, nonprofit youth service providers and community-based organizations.

(iii) Providing mentoring and other intervention models to children and their families who have experienced trauma or are at risk of experiencing trauma, including those who are low-income, homeless, in foster care, involved in the criminal justice system, unemployed, experiencing a mental illness or substance abuse disorder or not enrolled in or at risk of dropping out of an educational institution.

(iv) Fostering and promoting communication between the school entity, community, and law enforcement.

(v) Any other program or model designed to reduce community violence and approved by the committee.

(23) The implementation of <u>Article XIII-E (relating to threat assessment)</u>.⁷

(24) Expanding telemedicine delivery of school-based mental health services, including equipment.

(25) Providing technical assistance for a school entity related to billing insurance providers in order to better provide mental health services in a school setting.
(26) Creating or expanding Statewide programs and intervention frameworks, such as school assistance programs, positive behavioral intervention and supports and multitiered systems of support.

(27) Training and related materials for school employees or students that are evidence based and focus on identifying the signs and signals of anxiety, depression, suicide or self-harm in students and best practices for seeking appropriate mental health assistance.

(28) Providing, increasing, or enhancing partnerships between a school entity and a community-based nonprofit organization, a Statewide youth-serving nonprofit or a library for out-of-school programming for at-risk school-age students.

(29) Coordinating and integrating local and county mental health services and programs for school employees or students.

(30) Providing online programs, educational materials, and applications to provide supplemental mental health services to students that may include peer support, self-guided evidenced-based therapeutic tools and clinical interactions.

(31) Purchase of cell phone lockable bags. A school entity that applies for funding under this paragraph must adopt a policy relating to prohibiting the use of cell phones during the school day.^{8 9}

All expenses must be described in the Justification box located in the Egrants Budget Detail section. Please note that PCCD has approval of all final budgets. <u>PCCD may also randomly audit and monitor grant recipients to ensure the appropriate use of grant funds and compliance with provisions of the grant program, which includes satisfying Level 1 Baseline Criteria.</u>

⁷ For more information about Threat Assessment Teams, please see PCCD's <u>Threat Assessment (pa.gov)</u> webpage for resources and training opportunities.

⁸ Activity #31 is a new mental health activity added by Act 55 of 2024. Please note that school entities will need to meet all other Level 1 behavioral health criteria prior to being eligible to select this activity for grant funding.

⁹ NOTE: In the PCCD Egrants system, certain items/activities on this list are summarized and will appear truncated.

6. Ineligible Program Activities and Expenses:

Eligibility of items or activities may be dependent on whether the applicant meets Level 1 of the Baseline Criteria Guidance developed by the SSSC. Applicants are also limited to selecting appropriate, eligible activities as allowed for by law if they already meet Level 1 criteria.

Any item or activity outside the scope of 24 P.S. §13-1306-B or §13-1314.1-B may be deemed ineligible. The SSSC has also previously determined that retractable safety batons for classroom staff, "Framework for Understanding Poverty" book and workbooks, tactical handcuffs and nylon restraints, and school safety hotlines are ineligible expenses.

7. Required Egrants Sections/Documents:

- a. <u>Required Egrants Sections</u> All sections identified in Egrants are required. Applicants will not be able to submit their grant application in Egrants until all sections are marked as complete.
- b. <u>Required Signed Documents</u> A successful application must be accompanied by the following:
 - The executed Signature Page (page 2 of the application) see Submission Information section on page 12 of this document.

8. Application Procedures:

Applicants must submit the requested information for each section specified below within the defined response fields provided in Egrants. Responses should not be duplicated in multiple sections.

a. Executive Summary

All applicants should fill out the following script and paste into the executive summary section:

The <u>name of applicant</u> is requesting \$_____ to [provide a single sentence or two of what you are seeking to implement with your grant funding].

These funds will be used for the following: [*provide bullet points of what the funds will be used for*].

Please note that responses in this section may be used in SSSC grant summaries or be posted publicly. Plain language that clearly describes the intent of the project is most effective. **NOTE:** Per the Right-to-Know Law and 24 P.S. §13-1306-B(g.3), PCCD will redact any information submitted by school entities as part of the grant application the disclosure of which would be reasonably likely to result in a substantial and demonstrable risk of physical harm or the personal security of students or staff.

b. Behavioral Health and School Climate Section

School entities opting to use funding to support behavioral health or mental health activities (i.e., eligible activities under Section 1306-B(j)(6), (10), (15), (17), (19), (20), (21), (23), (24), (25), (26), (27), (28), (29), (30), and (31)) will be required to fill out this section.

Under this section, school entities will be asked to certify if their entity meets Level 1 Baseline Criteria. School entities are **strongly encouraged** to carefully review the <u>Revised Behavioral Health Baseline Criteria standards</u> document and utilize available resources, including an interactive Behavioral Health Baseline Criteria Self-Assessment Checklist Tool prior to completing their application to see if they meet Level 1. <u>Please</u> <u>note that per the PA Public School Code, PCCD staff have the authority to randomly</u> <u>audit and monitor grant recipients to ensure the appropriate use of grant funds and</u> <u>compliance with provisions of the grant program, which includes verifying and satisfying</u> <u>Level 1 Criteria. School entities that falsify information in this section may be subject to</u> <u>returning grant funding or other penalties allowed for by law.</u>

School entities not meeting one or more of the Level 1 Behavioral Health and School Climate Baseline Criteria below will be asked clarifying questions about each standard:

- A Student Assistance and Behavioral Health Support Assessment (aligned with standards and guidance adopted by the SSSC) has been conducted that is representative of the school entity.¹⁰
- School entity has a process in place for coordination of services and referrals as part of a Student Assistance Program.
- School entity has met statutory requirements related to the provision of certified school nursing services.¹¹
- School entity has a school counseling program¹² in place to ensure all students have access to qualified services, when needed.
- School entity has a student services plan in place that includes access to a qualified school psychologist.
- School entity has a student services plan that includes access to qualified social work services.
- School entity conducts a survey that includes or addresses school climate-related questions at least every two years.
- School entity has policies and/or procedures in place that comply with state and federal civil rights requirements to respond to discrimination and promote a safe and supportive learning environment for all.¹³
- School entity has policies and/or procedures in place that address the appropriate student use of technology and social media.
- School entity provides age-appropriate prevention education for students aligned with state and federal requirements (e.g., youth suicide awareness and prevention, opioid misuse prevention, threat assessment, etc.).
- Professional training provided to school entity employees pursuant to state and federal requirements.¹⁴

¹³ This criterion applies for students, staff, and others supported by the school environment.

¹⁰ NOTE: For the purposes of grant funding use, school entities may use funding from this solicitation to address gaps identified as part of a recent <u>Student Assistance and Behavioral</u> <u>Health Assessment</u> conducted by an individual recognized to perform such assessments on the <u>PCCD School Safety and Security Assessor Registry</u>. This means that if a school entity does not meet all of their Level 1 requirements, but has a valid Assessment conducted by a recognized Assessor, they are eligible to utilize grant funding to meet that identified gap. Assessments conducted by any individual not recognized on the PCCD Assessor Registry will not be allowed.

¹¹ 24 P.S. §14-1402(a.1) requires that every child of school age shall be provided with school nurse services and establishes that the number of students under the care of each school nurse shall not exceed 1,500. Further, PA Department of Health regulations contained in Chapter 23 of Title 28 of the PA Code list required school health services and required school health personnel.

¹² As defined in Chapter 4 (Academic Standards), Chapter 12 (Student Services Plan, §12.41), and Chapter 339 (Vocational Education) of the PA Code, Title 22.

¹⁴ See 24 P.S. §§ 1310-B (school safety and security training), 1517 (fire and emergency evacuation drills), 1518 (test books and instruction on fire dangers and prevention drills); 24 P.S. §1205.6 (child abuse recognition and reporting); 24 P.S.§§ 102, 1205.7 (trauma-informed approaches); 24. P.S. §1526 (suicide awareness and prevention training); 34 CFR 106.45 (Title IX sexual harassment training); 24 P.S. §1303-D (Safe2Say Something training); and 24 P.S. §§1205.4, 1410, 1424 (CPR/AED training).

- School entity has policies and strategies in place to address incidents of bullying and has made that information available as required.¹⁵
- Where required by state or federal law, school entity has specialized staff training programs in place in the use of de-escalation techniques, and appropriate responses to student behavior that may require immediate intervention (e.g., training aligned with 22 PA Code Chapter 10 (Safe Schools), Chapter 14 (Special Education Services and Programs), Chapter 711 (Charter School and Cyber Charter School Services and Programs for Children with Disabilities); 24 P.S. §13-§1310-B (relating to school safety and security training), etc.).
- School entity develops a trauma-informed approach plan.
- School entity has established at least one threat assessment team and developed policies and/or procedures for assessing and intervening with students whose behavior may indicate a threat.

c. Physical Security Section

School entities opting to use funding to support physical security enhancements (i.e., eligible activities under Section 1306-B(j)(1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (7), (8), (9), (11), (12), (13), (14), (16), (18), (22), and (23)) will be required to fill out this section.

Under this section, school entities will be asked to certify if their entity meets Level 1 Baseline Criteria. School entities are **strongly encouraged** to carefully review the Physical Security Baseline Criteria document and utilize available resources, including an interactive Physical Security Criteria Self-Assessment Checklist Tool prior to completing their application. Again, PCCD staff have the authority to randomly audit and monitor grant recipients to ensure the appropriate use of grant funds and compliance with provisions of the grant program, which includes verifying and satisfying Level 1 Criteria. School entities that falsify information in this section may be subject to returning grant funding or other penalties allowed for by law.

School entities not meeting one or more of the Level 1 Physical Security Baseline Criteria below will be asked clarifying questions about each standard:

- Physical Security Assessment (aligned with standards and guidance adopted by the SSSC has been conducted of a school building representative of the school entity.¹⁶
- Has vehicle barriers and /or fencing of entrances and/or critical areas (as identified in a physical security assessment conducted in alignment with guidance and standards adopted by the SSSC for each school facility).
- School entity has exterior lighting of all entrances and critical areas (as identified in a physical security assessment conducted in alignment with guidance and standards adopted by the SSSC for each school facility.
- School entity has external, protective doors with viewing pane.
- School entity has door handles that cannot be barred.
- School entity has a school visitor buzz-in entry system that allows for visual observation, including a documented log of school visitors and packages.
- School entity's interior doors are capable of being locked from within each room.
- All exterior doors have working locks.

¹⁵ Note: 24.P.S. §1303.1-A

¹⁶ NOTE: For the purposes of grant funding use, school entities may use funding from this solicitation to address gaps identified as part of a recent <u>physical security assessment</u> conducted by the PA State Police RVAT individual recognized to perform such assessments on the <u>PCCD School Safety and Security Assessor Registry</u>. This means that if a school entity does not meet all of their Level 1 requirements, but has a valid Assessment conducted by a recognized Assessor, they are eligible to utilize grant funding to meet that identified gap. Assessments conducted by any individual not recognized on the PCCD Assessor Registry will not be allowed.

- School entity has policies and/or procedures for handling school visitors and packages and designated staff are trained on this. This should include procedures related to flagging immediate security concerns/risks/persons of concern to prevent entry.
- School entity has cameras in blind spot areas.
- School entity has policies, procedures, and/or communications in place to educate students, staff, school visitors, and any other individual authorized to be in the facility on the importance of keeping exterior doors closed and secured.
- There is a single entry in and out of each school building during school hours.
- School entity has an active memorandum of understanding (MOU) with each law enforcement agency with jurisdiction and associated policies and/or procedures in place.
- If school security personnel are present, they have been hired/contracted and trained according to requirements in Pennsylvania state law.¹⁷
- School entity has working mechanisms in place to communicate quickly to potentially affected individuals within and outside the building when necessary.
- School entity has adopted an emergency preparedness or emergency operations plan (EOP) (consistent with Title 35 Pa.C.S. Chapter 77, Subchapter B § 7701), including a communication and reunification plan.
- School entity has coordinated with and shared their updated emergency preparedness plan or EOP with the county Emergency Management Agency per 35 Pa.C.S. § 7701(g).
- All school entity employees have received annual training on school safety related topics as required by Act 55 of 2022, 24 P.S. §1310-B.

d. (NEW) School Security Personnel Survey for School Districts ONLY

Act 55 of 2024 added a new Section 1316-C of the PA Public School Code, which requires all school districts to have at least one full-time school security personnel who has completed their requisite training on duty during the school day beginning with the 2024-25 school year unless the district has been granted a waiver from the SSSC. This section within Egrants is designed to survey the level of need for waivers from school districts. Information collected in this section will be treated confidentially. <u>An official waiver process will be adopted on September 11, 2024, at the Commission's quarterly meeting, and information will be conveyed to school districts following this meeting about the waiver process.</u>

The following questions will be required for school districts (NOTE: Other school entities are NOT required to fill out this section and should mark this section as complete within Egrants):

- 1. Prior to the start of the 2024-25 school year, does your school district have at least one full-time school security personnel who has completed their requisite training on duty during the school day (see Appendix B for School Security Personnel Guidance for more information about school security personnel training requirements)? [YES/NO/OTHER]
 - 1a. If NO or OTHER, does your school district intend to seek a waiver from this requirement? [YES/NO/OTHER]
 - 1b. If OTHER, please provide information about your circumstances (e.g., position is currently vacant, and you intend to hire during the 2024-25 school year; personnel is awaiting training; etc.).

¹⁷ Act 55 of 2024 requires all school districts to have at least one full-time school security personnel who has completed their requisite training on duty during the school day beginning with the 2024-25 school year unless the district has been granted a waiver from the SSSC. See subsection (d) for more details about this new requirement.

- 2. If you have school security personnel, please provide the total number of FULL-TIME school security personnel your district utilizes:
 - 2a. Total # of Full-Time School Resource Officers
 - 2b. Total # of Full-Time School Police Officers
 - 2c. Total # of Full-Time Unarmed School Security Guards
 - 2d. Total # of Full-Time Armed School Security Guards
- 3. If you have school security personnel, please provide the total number of PART-TIME school security personnel your district utilizes:
 - 3a. Total # of Part-Time School Resource Officers
 - 3b. Total # of Part-Time School Police Officers
 - 3c. Total # of Part-Time Unarmed School Security Guards
 - 3d. Total # of Part-Time Armed School Security Guards

e. Program Activities

This section is a checklist included in the Egrants application process. Applicants will be required to select the eligible <u>Section 1306-B(j)</u> activity or activities that directly relate to their application. Applicants should determine which eligible program or expense best fits their project. Once an application is submitted, PCCD will review each project and activity section(s) selected for accuracy. For your convenience, PCCD program staff may adjust the Program Activities section to better reflect the activities you are seeking to fund through your application.

f. Budget Detail

School entities shall create a single budget that includes all expenses equaling up to the allocation allowed (see allocation listing in Appendix A). Budgets cannot exceed the allocation for the school entity and should be limited to the items allowed under this solicitation.

Each line-item requires an explanation in the Budget Detail justification section which is found under each budgetary category (e.g., Personnel, Employee Benefits, Travel (Including Training), etc.). The explanation should provide the reviewer with a clear understanding of each line item in that budgetary category, the purpose of the item, and what is included in the cost. Please refer to the <u>Budget Detail Walkthrough</u> for a full description of how to navigate and fill out this section.

For salary and benefits, the applicant shall provide a clear description of all costs for which grant funds will be utilized. Each benefit must be listed as a separate line item. If budgeting for benefits, please take into consideration the state-issued rebates for FICA and retirement if your school entity participates in this rebate program.

Per the PA Public School Code, grant funds shall be used to supplement and not supplant existing spending on school safety and security and/or school mental health. Requested funds should be used to enhance and add to security and/or improve school mental health supports within each school entity. The following provides examples to assist in determining whether the requested activities are considered supplantation.

Supplantation is NOT:

- Requesting school safety funding in a subsequent year for the same purpose and amount awarded in a previous PCCD school safety grant.
- Requesting items/personnel that are currently funded but not currently included/reoccurring in the school entities budget (e.g., other grant funds, temporary funds, etc.).
- Requesting additional funding to increase the hours of personnel currently part-time or increase program/activity capacity (e.g., adding additional cameras above and beyond what is currently budgeted).

Supplantation is:

- Requesting funding for activities/personnel/items currently included in the school entity's yearly budget.
- Utilizing grant funds to retroactively support expenses already procured (e.g., using grant funds to pay ongoing expenses as part of a previously executed contract or purchase order).

Please note that PCCD has approval of all final budgets. Also, the SSSC may randomly audit and monitor grant recipients to ensure the appropriate use of grant funds and compliance with provisions of the grant program, which includes satisfying Level 1 Baseline Criteria.

9. Performance Measures:

Under this funding announcement, applicants are required to comply with all reporting, data collection and evaluation requirements, as prescribed by PCCD or state guidelines.

10. Competitive Bidding/Sole Source Procurement:

All procurement transactions shall be conducted in a manner that provides open and free competition. Grant recipients must follow all applicable Commonwealth of Pennsylvania procurement guidelines applicable to school entities or the entity's own procurement guidelines if those are more restrictive. School entities must maintain documentation to support all procurement transactions and adherence to all applicable guidelines. Supporting documentation must be provided when requested.

Current thresholds are:

- Less than \$12,600 is a considered a micro-purchase and there are no requirements.
- \$12,600-\$23,200: price/rate quotes must be obtained from at least three qualified sources.
- \$23,200 or more, public solicitation of bids. Firm fixed price contract awarded to the responsible bidder lowest in price.

Procurements by noncompetitive proposal are strongly discouraged and must demonstrate an economic benefit or lack of alternate resources to be justified. If a request is made, the prospective applicant must identify the request as a procurement by noncompetitive proposal and provide a substantial justification for the request within their funding request (See PCCD's <u>Applicant's Manual</u> for Procurement by Noncompetitive Proposal Approval Procedure).

Please note that using a cooperative purchasing mechanism does not, itself, comply with bid requirements. It is the responsibility of the school entity to retrieve the minimum number of quotes or solicited bids required. Documentation must be maintained and made available upon request to support compliance.

11. Administrative Requirements:

a. Egrants Agency and User Registration:

Prior to submitting a grant application, both the applicant agency and at least two users from the applicant agency must be registered in Egrants. All individuals that will use Egrants for a particular application or project must register and obtain their unique user ID and password by <u>registering online</u>. Applicants are strongly advised to allow adequate time to work on application documents in Egrants prior to the submission

deadline. Please go to the <u>Registering in Egrants</u> page on PCCD's website for further information.

b. <u>Fiscal Accountability</u>:

See the <u>Fiscal Accountability</u> page on PCCD's website for further information.

- c. <u>Time and Effort Reporting</u>: See the <u>Time and Effort Reports</u> page on PCCD's website for further information.
- d. Grant Payments:
 - Payments will not be released until all applicable special conditions on the grant award have been satisfied.
 - All grantees are required, at a minimum, to submit quarterly fiscal reports. PCCD will only make payments to reimburse actual expenditures reported on the fiscal reports. An agency experiencing cash flow problems may submit fiscal reports monthly and PCCD will reimburse reported expenditures. Non-submission or late submission of the required reports will result in payment delays.
 - <u>ACH Payments</u>:
 - ° All payments to grant recipients will be made through ACH.
 - Either before or at the time an application is submitted to PCCD, the applicant agency must <u>register as a Non-Procurement Vendor</u> with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
- e. <u>Federal Transparency Act Certification</u>:

This section is required for both state and federal funding streams. See the <u>Federal</u> <u>Application Requirements</u> page on PCCD's website for further information.

- f. <u>Reporting Requirements</u>:
 - Programmatic reports are due quarterly.
 - Fiscal reports are due quarterly.
 - Late submission of programmatic and fiscal reports may delay payments.
 - All reports must be submitted through the Egrants system.
- g. Incident Reporting and Memorandum of Understanding:

If a school entity or law enforcement agency fails to comply with the provisions of 24 P.S. §13-1319-B (relating to reporting and memorandum of understanding), the school entity or law enforcement agency may not be awarded any grant administered by the SSSC until such time as the school entity or law enforcement agency has complied with this section.

12. PCCD Contact Information and Resources:

a. Staff Contacts:

Questions regarding this funding announcement should be directed as follows:

- E-mail funding announcement questions to <u>RA-CD-SSSC@pa.gov</u> with "2024-25 School Safety & Mental Health Grants" in the subject line.
- All questions and answers will be posted under this funding announcement title on the <u>Funding Announcement Q&A page</u> of the PCCD website.

Questions should be received by close of business on **Monday, September 23, 2024**. All questions and answers will be posted under this funding announcement title on the <u>Funding Announcement Q&A page</u> of the PCCD website.

- b. Egrants Funding Announcement: Log into the Egrants system and search under the "Funding Announcement" tab for 2024-25 School Safety & Mental Health Grants.
- c. PCCD Guidelines and Documents:

Applicants should be familiar with the <u>Applicant's Manual</u>, Standard Subgrant Conditions, and other documents common to PCCD's grant application process, all of which are available on the <u>Grant Information</u> page of the PCCD website. Additionally, grant application and administrative guides can be accessed on <u>PCCD's website</u> under the Funding link.

- d. <u>Egrants Technical Questions</u>: For any technical or system questions, contact and ask for the Egrants Help Desk at (717) 787-5887 or (800) 692-7292, or by emailing <u>RA-eGrantsSupport@pa.gov</u>.
- e. PCCD Webmaster:

Please address any technical problems you may have with the website or online forms to the <u>PCCD Web Master</u>.

f. <u>Reporting Potential Fraud, Waste and Abuse:</u> Information about waste, fraud, abuse, conflict of interest, bribery, gratuity, or other similar misconduct, or whistleblower reprisal relating to a PCCD employee, program, contract or grant, may be reported to the PCCD Fraud Hotline at (717) 525-5031. For more information, visit the <u>Reporting Fraud</u>, <u>Waste and Abuse</u> page on PCCD's website.

13. Submission Information:

The application should be entered into Egrants **no later than Thursday, September 26, 2024, by 11:59 PM.**

NEW The Egrants system has been enhanced to now allow for the use of electronic signature. This year's grant application must be electronically signed using that feature. To electronically sign the application, at least one person from your organization must have the E-signature role in Egrants. Please use the links below to access instructions which explain how to request the E-signature role.

E-signature Access Request Instructions

<u>E-signature Access Request Form</u> (This must be attached to your access request in Egrants)

<u>Appendix A:</u> <u>School Entity School Safety & Mental Health Grant Allocations</u> *Organized alphabetically by county, then alphabetically by name

| School Entity Name | School Entity Type | County | Amount |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------|---------------|
| Adams County Technical Institute | Career and Technical Center | Adams | \$ 70,000 |
| Bermudian Springs SD | School District | Adams | \$ 134,090 |
| Conewago Valley SD | School District | Adams | \$ 173,161 |
| Fairfield Area SD | School District | Adams | \$ 118,635 |
| Gettysburg Area SD | School District | Adams | \$ 157,455 |
| Gettysburg Montessori CS | Charter School | Adams | \$ 70,000 |
| Lincoln IU 12 | Intermediate Unit | Adams | \$ 70,000 |
| Littlestown Area SD | School District | Adams | \$ 135,553 |
| Upper Adams SD | School District | Adams | \$ 130,905 |
| Vida CS | Charter School | Adams | \$ 70,000 |
| A W Beattie Career Center | Career and Technical Center | Allegheny | \$ 70,000 |
| Allegheny IU 3 | Intermediate Unit | Allegheny | \$ 70,000 |
| Allegheny Valley SD | School District | Allegheny | \$ 116,487 |
| Avonworth SD | School District | Allegheny | \$ 135,206 |
| Baldwin-Whitehall SD | School District | Allegheny | \$ 184,806 |
| Bethel Park SD | School District | Allegheny | \$ 171,585 |
| Brentwood Borough SD | School District | Allegheny | \$ 122,244 |
| Carlynton SD | School District | Allegheny | \$ 124,425 |
| Catalyst Academy CS | Charter School | Allegheny | \$ 70,000 |
| Chartiers Valley SD | School District | Allegheny | \$ 164,061 |
| City CHS | Charter School | Allegheny | \$ 70,000 |
| Clairton City SD | School District | Allegheny | \$ 118,148 |
| Cornell SD | School District | Allegheny | \$ 110,503 |
| Deer Lakes SD | School District | Allegheny | \$ 132,704 |
| Dogwood CS | Charter School | Allegheny | \$ 70,000 |
| Duquesne City SD | School District | Allegheny | \$ 116,719 |
| East Allegheny SD | School District | Allegheny | \$ 129,379 |
| Elizabeth Forward SD | School District | Allegheny | \$ 143,361 |
| Environmental CS at Frick Park | Charter School | Allegheny | \$ 70,000 |
| Forbes Road CTC | Career and Technical Center | Allegheny | \$ 70,000 |
| Fox Chapel Area SD | School District | Allegheny | \$ 176,675 |
| Gateway SD | School District | Allegheny | \$ 165,825 |
| Hampton Township SD | School District | Allegheny | \$ 147,525 |
| Highlands SD | School District | Allegheny | \$ 140,746 |
| Keystone Oaks SD | School District | Allegheny | \$ 135,008 |
| Life Male STEAM Academy CS | Charter School | Allegheny | \$ 70,000 |
| Manchester Academic CS | Charter School | Allegheny | \$ 70,000 |
| McKeesport Area SD | School District | Allegheny | \$ 168,570 |
| McKeesport Area Tech Ctr | Career and Technical Center | Allegheny | \$ 70,000 |
| Montour SD | School District | Allegheny | \$ 157,272 |

| Moon Area SD | School District | Allegheny | \$ 175,321 |
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| Mt Lebanon SD | School District | Allegheny | \$ 197,522 |
| North Allegheny SD | School District | Allegheny | \$ 250,133 |
| North Hills SD | School District | Allegheny | \$ 185,419 |
| Northgate SD | School District | Allegheny | \$ 120,208 |
| Parkway West CTC | Career and Technical Center | Allegheny | \$ 70,000 |
| Passport Academy CS | Charter School | Allegheny | \$ 70,000 |
| Penn Hills CS of Entrepreneurship | Charter School | Allegheny | \$ 70,000 |
| Penn Hills SD | School District | Allegheny | \$ 173,758 |
| Pennsylvania Distance Learning CS | Charter School | Allegheny | \$ 70,000 |
| Pine-Richland SD | School District | Allegheny | \$ 180,695 |
| Pittsburgh AVTS | Career and Technical Center | Allegheny | \$ 70,000 |
| Pittsburgh SD | School District | Allegheny | \$ 528,221 |
| Pittsburgh-Mt Oliver IU 2 | Intermediate Unit | Allegheny | \$ 70,000 |
| Plum Borough SD | School District | Allegheny | \$ 164,343 |
| Propel CS-Braddock Hills | Charter School | Allegheny | \$ 70,000 |
| Propel CS-East | Charter School | Allegheny | \$ 70,000 |
| Propel CS-Hazelwood | Charter School | Allegheny | \$ 70,000 |
| Propel CS-Homestead | Charter School | Allegheny | \$ 70,000 |
| Propel CS-McKeesport | Charter School | Allegheny | \$ 70,000 |
| Propel CS-Montour | Charter School | Allegheny | \$ 70,000 |
| Propel CS-Northside | Charter School | Allegheny | \$ 70,000 |
| Propel CS-Pitcairn | Charter School | Allegheny | \$ 70,000 |
| Provident CS | Charter School | Allegheny | \$ 70,000 |
| Quaker Valley SD | School District | Allegheny | \$ 133,241 |
| Riverview SD | School District | Allegheny | \$ 118,254 |
| Shaler Area SD | School District | Allegheny | \$ 173,102 |
| South Allegheny SD | School District | Allegheny | \$ 128,117 |
| South Fayette Township SD | School District | Allegheny | \$ 160,920 |
| South Park SD | School District | Allegheny | \$ 133,486 |
| Spectrum CS | Charter School | Allegheny | \$ 70,000 |
| Steel Center for Career and Technical | | | |
| Education | Career and Technical Center | Allegheny | \$ 70,000 |
| Steel Valley SD | School District | Allegheny | \$ 130,619 |
| Sto-Rox SD | School District | Allegheny | \$ 130,488 |
| The New Academy CS | Charter School | Allegheny | \$ 70,000 |
| Upper Saint Clair SD | School District | Allegheny | \$ 170,162 |
| Urban Academy of Greater Pittsburgh CS | Charter School | Allegheny | \$ 70,000 |
| Urban Pathways 6-12 CS | Charter School | Allegheny | \$ 70,000 |
| Urban Pathways K-5 College CS | Charter School | Allegheny | \$ 70,000 |
| West Allegheny SD | School District | Allegheny | \$ 162,020 |
| West Jefferson Hills SD | School District | Allegheny | \$ 161,541 |
| West Mifflin Area SD | School District | Allegheny | \$ 143,005 |
| Westinghouse Arts Academy CS | Charter School | Allegheny | \$ 70,000 |
| Wilkinsburg Borough SD | School District | Allegheny | \$ 120,054 |

| Woodland Hills SD | School District | Allegheny | \$ 178,029 |
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| Young Scholars of Greater Allegheny CS | Charter School | Allegheny | \$ 70,000 |
| Young Scholars of Western Pennsylvania | | | |
| CS | Charter School | Allegheny | \$ 70,000 |
| Apollo-Ridge SD | School District | Armstrong | \$ 121,616 |
| Armstrong SD | School District | Armstrong | \$ 193,425 |
| Freeport Area SD | School District | Armstrong | \$ 134,292 |
| Leechburg Area SD | School District | Armstrong | \$ 112,850 |
| Lenape Tech | Career and Technical Center | Armstrong | \$ 70,000 |
| Aliquippa SD | School District | Beaver | \$ 122,772 |
| Ambridge Area SD | School District | Beaver | \$ 147,195 |
| Baden Academy CS | Charter School | Beaver | \$ 70,000 |
| Beaver Area SD | School District | Beaver | \$ 137,298 |
| Beaver County CTC | Career and Technical Center | Beaver | \$ 70,000 |
| Beaver Valley IU 27 | Intermediate Unit | Beaver | \$ 70,000 |
| Big Beaver Falls Area SD | School District | Beaver | \$ 131,957 |
| Blackhawk SD | School District | Beaver | \$ 144,294 |
| Central Valley SD | School District | Beaver | \$ 141,117 |
| Freedom Area SD | School District | Beaver | \$ 123,809 |
| Hopewell Area SD | School District | Beaver | \$ 139,024 |
| Lincoln Park Performing Arts CS | Charter School | Beaver | \$ 70,000 |
| Midland Borough SD | School District | Beaver | \$ 106,353 |
| Midland Innovation & Technology CS | Charter School | Beaver | \$ 70,000 |
| New Brighton Area SD | School District | Beaver | \$ 125,150 |
| Pennsylvania Cyber CS | Charter School | Beaver | \$ 70,000 |
| Provident CS - West | Charter School | Beaver | \$ 70,000 |
| Riverside Beaver County SD | School District | Beaver | \$ 126,256 |
| Rochester Area SD | School District | Beaver | \$ 114,790 |
| South Side Area SD | School District | Beaver | \$ 118,298 |
| Western Beaver County SD | School District | Beaver | \$ 113,620 |
| Bedford Area SD | School District | Bedford | \$ 134,301 |
| Bedford County Technical Center | Career and Technical Center | Bedford | \$ 70,000 |
| Chestnut Ridge SD | School District | Bedford | \$ 122,859 |
| Everett Area SD | School District | Bedford | \$ 121,837 |
| HOPE for Hyndman CS | Charter School | Bedford | \$ 70,000 |
| Northern Bedford County SD | School District | Bedford | \$ 115,922 |
| Tussey Mountain SD | School District | Bedford | \$ 117,089 |
| Antietam SD | School District | Berks | \$ 122,024 |
| Berks County IU 14 | Intermediate Unit | Berks | \$ 70,000 |
| Berks CTC | Career and Technical Center | Berks | \$ 70,000 |
| Boyertown Area SD | School District | Berks | \$ 221,273 |
| Brandywine Heights Area SD | School District | Berks | \$ 124,089 |
| Conrad Weiser Area SD | School District | Berks | \$ 145,862 |
| Daniel Boone Area SD | School District | Berks | \$ 157,677 |
| Exeter Township SD | School District | Berks | \$ 172,886 |

| Fleetwood Area SD | School District | Berks | \$ 142,262 |
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| Governor Mifflin SD | School District | Berks | \$ 176,729 |
| Hamburg Area SD | School District | Berks | \$ 140,211 |
| Kutztown Area SD | School District | Berks | \$ 126,097 |
| Muhlenberg SD | School District | Berks | \$ 178,661 |
| Oley Valley SD | School District | Berks | \$ 127,651 |
| Reading Muhlenberg CTC | Career and Technical Center | Berks | \$ 70,000 |
| Reading SD | School District | Berks | \$ 427,824 |
| Schuylkill Valley SD | School District | Berks | \$ 139,246 |
| Tulpehocken Area SD | School District | Berks | \$ 124,654 |
| Twin Valley SD | School District | Berks | \$ 157,303 |
| Wilson SD | School District | Berks | \$ 217,917 |
| Wyomissing Area SD | School District | Berks | \$ 134,197 |
| Altoona Area SD | School District | Blair | \$ 235,815 |
| Appalachia IU 8 | Intermediate Unit | Blair | \$ 70,000 |
| Bellwood-Antis SD | School District | Blair | \$ 121,741 |
| Central PA Digital Learning Foundation | | | |
| CS | Charter School | Blair | \$ 70,000 |
| Claysburg-Kimmel SD | School District | Blair | \$ 114,103 |
| Greater Altoona CTC | Career and Technical Center | Blair | \$ 70,000 |
| Hollidaysburg Area SD | School District | Blair | \$ 158,048 |
| Spring Cove SD | School District | Blair | \$ 130,445 |
| Tyrone Area SD | School District | Blair | \$ 131,554 |
| Williamsburg Community SD | School District | Blair | \$ 108,884 |
| Athens Area SD | School District | Bradford | \$ 138,237 |
| Canton Area SD | School District | Bradford | \$ 115,730 |
| Northeast Bradford SD | School District | Bradford | \$ 112,760 |
| Northern Tier Career Center | Career and Technical Center | Bradford | \$ 70,000 |
| Sayre Area SD | School District | Bradford | \$ 117,241 |
| Towanda Area SD | School District | Bradford | \$ 128,238 |
| Troy Area SD | School District | Bradford | \$ 126,374 |
| Wyalusing Area SD | School District | Bradford | \$ 123,445 |
| Bensalem Township SD | School District | Bucks | \$ 243,796 |
| Bristol Borough SD | School District | Bucks | \$ 123,719 |
| Bristol Township SD | School District | Bucks | \$ 229,490 |
| Bucks County IU 22 | Intermediate Unit | Bucks | \$ 70,000 |
| Bucks County Montessori CS | Charter School | Bucks | \$ 70,000 |
| Bucks County Technical High School | Career and Technical Center | Bucks | \$ 70,000 |
| Centennial SD | School District | Bucks | \$ 200,468 |
| Center for Student Learning CS at | | | |
| Pennsbury | Charter School | Bucks | \$ 70,000 |
| Central Bucks SD | School District | Bucks | \$ 416,233 |
| Council Rock SD | School District | Bucks | \$ 287,653 |
| Middle Bucks Institute of Technology | Career and Technical Center | Bucks | \$ 70,000 |
| Morrisville Borough SD | School District | Bucks | \$ 116,967 |

| Neshaminy SD | School District | Bucks | \$ 282,852 |
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| New Hope-Solebury SD | School District | Bucks | \$ 123,612 |
| Palisades SD | School District | Bucks | \$ 126,306 |
| Pennridge SD | School District | Bucks | \$ 217,307 |
| Pennsbury SD | School District | Bucks | \$ 286,611 |
| Quakertown Community SD | School District | Bucks | \$ 190,436 |
| School Lane CS | Charter School | Bucks | \$ 70,000 |
| Upper Bucks County Technical School | Career and Technical Center | Bucks | \$ 70,000 |
| Butler Area SD | School District | Butler | \$ 214,860 |
| Butler County AVTS | Career and Technical Center | Butler | \$ 70,000 |
| Karns City Area SD | School District | Butler | \$ 124,420 |
| Knoch SD | School District | Butler | \$ 136,835 |
| Mars Area SD | School District | Butler | \$ 164,093 |
| Moniteau SD | School District | Butler | \$ 121,577 |
| Seneca Valley SD | School District | Butler | \$ 232,668 |
| Slippery Rock Area SD | School District | Butler | \$ 135,722 |
| Admiral Peary AVTS | Career and Technical Center | Cambria | \$ 70,000 |
| Blacklick Valley SD | School District | Cambria | \$ 111,349 |
| Cambria Heights SD | School District | Cambria | \$ 123,830 |
| Central Cambria SD | School District | Cambria | \$ 129,591 |
| Conemaugh Valley SD | School District | Cambria | \$ 113,320 |
| Ferndale Area SD | School District | Cambria | \$ 111,948 |
| Forest Hills SD | School District | Cambria | \$ 131,391 |
| Greater Johnstown CTC | Career and Technical Center | Cambria | \$ 70,000 |
| Greater Johnstown SD | School District | Cambria | \$ 156,302 |
| Northern Cambria SD | School District | Cambria | \$ 116,158 |
| Penn Cambria SD | School District | Cambria | \$ 128,208 |
| Portage Area SD | School District | Cambria | \$ 115,160 |
| Richland SD | School District | Cambria | \$ 128,517 |
| Westmont Hilltop SD | School District | Cambria | \$ 127,819 |
| Cameron County SD | School District | Cameron | \$ 110,212 |
| Carbon Career & Technical Institute | Career and Technical Center | Carbon | \$ 70,000 |
| Jim Thorpe Area SD | School District | Carbon | \$ 136,702 |
| Lehighton Area SD | School District | Carbon | \$ 143,573 |
| Palmerton Area SD | School District | Carbon | \$ 133,622 |
| Panther Valley SD | School District | Carbon | \$ 138,251 |
| Weatherly Area SD | School District | Carbon | \$ 112,088 |
| Bald Eagle Area SD | School District | Centre | \$ 128,948 |
| Bellefonte Area SD | School District | Centre | \$ 150,709 |
| Central PA Institute of Science & | | | |
| Technology | Career and Technical Center | Centre | \$ 70,000 |
| Centre Learning Community CS | Charter School | Centre | \$ 70,000 |
| Nittany Valley CS | Charter School | Centre | \$ 70,000 |
| Penns Valley Area SD | School District | Centre | \$ 126,069 |
| State College Area SD | School District | Centre | \$ 228,146 |

| Young Scholars of Central PA CS | Charter School | Centre | \$ 70,000 |
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| 21st Century Cyber CS | Charter School | Chester | \$ 70,000 |
| Achievement House CS | Charter School | Chester | \$ 70,000 |
| Avon Grove CS | Charter School | Chester | \$ 70,000 |
| Avon Grove SD | School District | Chester | \$ 203,894 |
| Chester County IU 24 | Intermediate Unit | Chester | \$ 70,000 |
| Chester County Technical College HS | Career and Technical Center | Chester | \$ 70,000 |
| Coatesville Area SD | School District | Chester | \$ 254,386 |
| Collegium CS | Charter School | Chester | \$ 70,000 |
| Downingtown Area SD | School District | Chester | \$ 343,807 |
| Great Valley SD | School District | Chester | \$ 188,649 |
| Insight PA Cyber CS | Charter School | Chester | \$ 70,000 |
| Kennett Consolidated SD | School District | Chester | \$ 173,814 |
| Octorara Area SD | School District | Chester | \$ 140,492 |
| Owen J Roberts SD | School District | Chester | \$ 199,401 |
| Oxford Area SD | School District | Chester | \$ 170,211 |
| Pennsylvania Leadership CS | Charter School | Chester | \$ 70,000 |
| Phoenixville Area SD | School District | Chester | \$ 179,183 |
| Renaissance Academy CS | Charter School | Chester | \$ 70,000 |
| Tredyffrin-Easttown SD | School District | Chester | \$ 224,828 |
| Unionville-Chadds Ford SD | School District | Chester | \$ 170,665 |
| West Chester Area SD | School District | Chester | \$ 330,694 |
| Allegheny-Clarion Valley SD | School District | Clarion | \$ 111,520 |
| Clarion Area SD | School District | Clarion | \$ 114,488 |
| Clarion County Career Center | Career and Technical Center | Clarion | \$ 70,000 |
| Clarion-Limestone Area SD | School District | Clarion | \$ 114,687 |
| Keystone SD | School District | Clarion | \$ 116,257 |
| North Clarion County SD | School District | Clarion | \$ 110,586 |
| Redbank Valley SD | School District | Clarion | \$ 119,345 |
| Riverview IU 6 | Intermediate Unit | Clarion | \$ 70,000 |
| Union SD | School District | Clarion | \$ 110,788 |
| Central IU 10 | Intermediate Unit | Clearfield | \$ 70,000 |
| Clearfield Area SD | School District | Clearfield | \$ 139,623 |
| Clearfield County CTC | Career and Technical Center | Clearfield | \$ 70,000 |
| Curwensville Area SD | School District | Clearfield | \$ 118,933 |
| Dubois Area SD | School District | Clearfield | \$ 165,595 |
| Glendale SD | School District | Clearfield | \$ 112,709 |
| Harmony Area SD | School District | Clearfield | \$ 104,456 |
| Moshannon Valley SD | School District | Clearfield | \$ 115,235 |
| Philipsburg-Osceola Area SD | School District | Clearfield | \$ 130,786 |
| West Branch Area SD | School District | Clearfield | \$ 116,915 |
| Keystone Central CTC | Career and Technical Center | Clinton | \$ 70,000 |
| Keystone Central SD | School District | Clinton | \$ 173,618 |
| Sugar Valley Rural CS | Charter School | Clinton | \$ 70,000 |
| Benton Area SD | School District | Columbia | \$ 111,663 |

| Berwick Area SD | School District | Columbia | \$ 154,052 |
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| Bloomsburg Area SD | School District | Columbia | \$ 130,927 |
| Central Columbia SD | School District | Columbia | \$ 135,767 |
| Columbia-Montour AVTS | Career and Technical Center | Columbia | \$ 70,000 |
| Millville Area SD | School District | Columbia | \$ 111,009 |
| Southern Columbia Area SD | School District | Columbia | \$ 123,590 |
| Conneaut SD | School District | Crawford | \$ 134,161 |
| Crawford Central SD | School District | Crawford | \$ 162,025 |
| Crawford County CTC | Career and Technical Center | Crawford | \$ 70,000 |
| Penncrest SD | School District | Crawford | \$ 148,097 |
| Big Spring SD | School District | Cumberland | \$ 146,220 |
| Camp Hill SD | School District | Cumberland | \$ 121,756 |
| Capital Area IU 15 | Intermediate Unit | Cumberland | \$ 70,000 |
| Carlisle Area SD | School District | Cumberland | \$ 195,904 |
| Cumberland Perry Area Career & | | | |
| Technical Center | Career and Technical Center | Cumberland | \$ 70,000 |
| Cumberland Valley SD | School District | Cumberland | \$ 285,395 |
| East Pennsboro Area SD | School District | Cumberland | \$ 149,323 |
| Mechanicsburg Area SD | School District | Cumberland | \$ 185,568 |
| Shippensburg Area SD | School District | Cumberland | \$ 167,986 |
| South Middleton SD | School District | Cumberland | \$ 141,384 |
| Capital Area School for the Arts CS | Charter School | Dauphin | \$ 70,000 |
| Central Dauphin SD | School District | Dauphin | \$ 345,357 |
| Commonwealth Charter Academy CS | Charter School | Dauphin | \$ 70,000 |
| Dauphin County Technical School | Career and Technical Center | Dauphin | \$ 70,000 |
| Derry Township SD | School District | Dauphin | \$ 160,430 |
| Halifax Area SD | School District | Dauphin | \$ 117,677 |
| Harrisburg City SD | School District | Dauphin | \$ 245,840 |
| Infinity CS | Charter School | Dauphin | \$ 70,000 |
| Lower Dauphin SD | School District | Dauphin | \$ 166,985 |
| Middletown Area SD | School District | Dauphin | \$ 147,047 |
| Millersburg Area SD | School District | Dauphin | \$ 114,390 |
| Pennsylvania STEAM Academy CS | Charter School | Dauphin | \$ 70,000 |
| Reach Cyber CS | Charter School | Dauphin | \$ 70,000 |
| Steelton-Highspire SD | School District | Dauphin | \$ 130,244 |
| Susquehanna Township SD | School District | Dauphin | \$ 163,868 |
| Sylvan Heights Science CS | Charter School | Dauphin | \$ 70,000 |
| Upper Dauphin Area SD | School District | Dauphin | \$ 120,783 |
| Chester Charter Scholars Academy CS | Charter School | Delaware | \$ 70,000 |
| Chester Community CS | Charter School | Delaware | \$ 70,000 |
| Chester-Upland SD | School District | Delaware | \$ 221,880 |
| Chichester SD | School District | Delaware | \$ 160,680 |
| Delaware County IU 25 | Intermediate Unit | Delaware | \$ 70,000 |
| Delaware County Technical High School | Career and Technical Center | Delaware | \$ 70,000 |
| Garnet Valley SD | School District | Delaware | \$ 182,916 |

| Haverford Township SD | School District | Delaware | \$ 218,899 |
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| Interboro SD | School District | Delaware | \$ 161,186 |
| Marple Newtown SD | School District | Delaware | \$ 168,272 |
| Penn-Delco SD | School District | Delaware | \$ 159,397 |
| Radnor Township SD | School District | Delaware | \$ 165,383 |
| Ridley SD | School District | Delaware | \$ 205,182 |
| Rose Tree Media SD | School District | Delaware | \$ 174,035 |
| Southeast Delco SD | School District | Delaware | \$ 186,102 |
| Springfield SD | School District | Delaware | \$ 178,478 |
| Upper Darby SD | School District | Delaware | \$ 337,426 |
| Vision Academy CS | Charter School | Delaware | \$ 70,000 |
| Vision Academy CS of Excellence | Charter School | Delaware | \$ 70,000 |
| Wallingford-Swarthmore SD | School District | Delaware | \$ 165,400 |
| William Penn SD | School District | Delaware | \$ 201,831 |
| Johnsonburg Area SD | School District | Elk | \$ 109,904 |
| Ridgway Area SD | School District | Elk | \$ 114,684 |
| Saint Marys Area SD | School District | Elk | \$ 135,062 |
| City of Erie Regional Career & Technical | | | |
| School | Career and Technical Center | Erie | \$ 70,000 |
| Corry Area SD | School District | Erie | \$ 134,632 |
| Erie City SD | School District | Erie | \$ 325,232 |
| Erie County Technical School | Career and Technical Center | Erie | \$ 70,000 |
| Fairview SD | School District | Erie | \$ 134,132 |
| Fort LeBoeuf SD | School District | Erie | \$ 136,955 |
| General McLane SD | School District | Erie | \$ 138,909 |
| Girard SD | School District | Erie | \$ 127,938 |
| Harbor Creek SD | School District | Erie | \$ 138,737 |
| Iroquois SD | School District | Erie | \$ 120,204 |
| Millcreek Township SD | School District | Erie | \$ 217,592 |
| Montessori Regional CS | Charter School | Erie | \$ 70,000 |
| North East SD | School District | Erie | \$ 128,907 |
| Northwest Tri-County IU 5 | Intermediate Unit | Erie | \$ 70,000 |
| Northwestern SD | School District | Erie | \$ 123,422 |
| Perseus House CS of Excellence | Charter School | Erie | \$ 70,000 |
| Robert Benjamin Wiley Community CS | Charter School | Erie | \$ 70,000 |
| Union City Area SD | School District | Erie | \$ 117,641 |
| Wattsburg Area SD | School District | Erie | \$ 123,701 |
| Albert Gallatin Area SD | School District | Fayette | \$ 157,473 |
| Brownsville Area SD | School District | Fayette | \$ 129,803 |
| Connellsville Area Career & Technical | | - | |
| Center | Career and Technical Center | Fayette | \$ 70,000 |
| Connellsville Area SD | School District | Fayette | \$ 176,870 |
| Fayette County Career & Technical | | | |
| Institute | Career and Technical Center | Fayette | \$ 70,000 |
| Frazier SD | School District | Fayette | \$ 118,883 |

| Laurel Highlands SD | School District | Fayette | \$ 151,974 |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------|---------------|
| Uniontown Area SD | School District | Fayette | \$ 148,229 |
| Forest Area SD | School District | Forest | \$ 107,107 |
| Chambersburg Area SD | School District | Franklin | \$ 277,971 |
| Fannett-Metal SD | School District | Franklin | \$ 107,564 |
| Franklin County CTC | Career and Technical Center | Franklin | \$ 70,000 |
| Greencastle-Antrim SD | School District | Franklin | \$ 155,401 |
| Tuscarora SD | School District | Franklin | \$ 143,922 |
| Waynesboro Area SD | School District | Franklin | \$ 183,301 |
| Central Fulton SD | School District | Fulton | \$ 117,525 |
| Forbes Road SD | School District | Fulton | \$ 106,999 |
| Fulton County Center for Career and | | | |
| Technology | Career and Technical Center | Fulton | \$ 70,000 |
| Southern Fulton SD | School District | Fulton | \$ 113,182 |
| Carmichaels Area SD | School District | Greene | \$ 118,731 |
| Central Greene SD | School District | Greene | \$ 125,717 |
| Greene County CTC | Career and Technical Center | Greene | \$ 70,000 |
| Jefferson-Morgan SD | School District | Greene | \$ 114,596 |
| Southeastern Greene SD | School District | Greene | \$ 111,079 |
| West Greene SD | School District | Greene | \$ 112,518 |
| Huntingdon Area SD | School District | Huntingdon | \$ 134,083 |
| Huntingdon County CTC | Career and Technical Center | Huntingdon | \$ 70,000 |
| Juniata Valley SD | School District | Huntingdon | \$ 113,039 |
| Mount Union Area SD | School District | Huntingdon | \$ 123,730 |
| New Day CS | Charter School | Huntingdon | \$ 70,000 |
| Southern Huntingdon County SD | School District | Huntingdon | \$ 119,986 |
| Stone Valley Community CS | Charter School | Huntingdon | \$ 70,000 |
| ARIN IU 28 | Intermediate Unit | Indiana | \$ 70,000 |
| Homer-Center SD | School District | Indiana | \$ 114,887 |
| Indiana Area SD | School District | Indiana | \$ 151,987 |
| Indiana County Technology Center | Career and Technical Center | Indiana | \$ 70,000 |
| Marion Center Area SD | School District | Indiana | \$ 122,100 |
| Penns Manor Area SD | School District | Indiana | \$ 113,389 |
| Purchase Line SD | School District | Indiana | \$ 114,625 |
| River Valley SD | School District | Indiana | \$ 126,631 |
| United SD | School District | Indiana | \$ 116,579 |
| Brockway Area SD | School District | Jefferson | \$ 117,138 |
| Brookville Area SD | School District | Jefferson | \$ 126,972 |
| Jefferson County-DuBois AVTS | Career and Technical Center | Jefferson | \$ 70,000 |
| Punxsutawney Area SD | School District | Jefferson | \$ 139,102 |
| Juniata County SD | School District | Juniata | \$ 145,625 |
| Abington Heights SD | School District | Lackawanna | \$ 163,049 |
| Carbondale Area SD | School District | Lackawanna | \$ 130,716 |
| CTC of Lackawanna County | Career and Technical Center | Lackawanna | \$ 70,000 |
| Dunmore SD | School District | Lackawanna | \$ 127,544 |

| Fell CS | Charter School | Lackawanna | \$ 70,000 |
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| Howard Gardner Multiple Intelligence CS | Charter School | Lackawanna | \$ 70,000 |
| Lakeland SD | School District | Lackawanna | \$ 127,821 |
| Mid Valley SD | School District | Lackawanna | \$ 136,971 |
| North Pocono SD | School District | Lackawanna | \$ 154,002 |
| Northeastern Educational IU 19 | Intermediate Unit | Lackawanna | \$ 70,000 |
| Old Forge SD | School District | Lackawanna | \$ 118,270 |
| Riverside SD | School District | Lackawanna | \$ 129,048 |
| Scranton SD | School District | Lackawanna | \$ 284,002 |
| Valley View SD | School District | Lackawanna | \$ 144,139 |
| Cocalico SD | School District | Lancaster | \$ 153,135 |
| Columbia Borough SD | School District | Lancaster | \$ 124,316 |
| Conestoga Valley SD | School District | Lancaster | \$ 173,808 |
| Donegal SD | School District | Lancaster | \$ 151,985 |
| Eastern Lancaster County SD | School District | Lancaster | \$ 151,895 |
| Elizabethtown Area SD | School District | Lancaster | \$ 166,397 |
| Ephrata Area SD | School District | Lancaster | \$ 170,706 |
| Hempfield SD | School District | Lancaster | \$ 227,630 |
| La Academia Partnership CS | Charter School | Lancaster | \$ 70,000 |
| Lampeter-Strasburg SD | School District | Lancaster | \$ 150,698 |
| Lancaster County CTC | Career and Technical Center | Lancaster | \$ 70,000 |
| Lancaster SD | School District | Lancaster | \$ 282,613 |
| Lancaster-Lebanon IU 13 | Intermediate Unit | Lancaster | \$ 70,000 |
| Manheim Central SD | School District | Lancaster | \$ 153,213 |
| Manheim Township SD | School District | Lancaster | \$ 210,909 |
| Penn Manor SD | School District | Lancaster | \$ 200,850 |
| Pequea Valley SD | School District | Lancaster | \$ 125,851 |
| Solanco SD | School District | Lancaster | \$ 157,285 |
| Warwick SD | School District | Lancaster | \$ 169,414 |
| Ellwood City Area SD | School District | Lawrence | \$ 130,425 |
| Laurel SD | School District | Lawrence | \$ 118,590 |
| Lawrence County CTC | Career and Technical Center | Lawrence | \$ 70,000 |
| Mohawk Area SD | School District | Lawrence | \$ 127,479 |
| Neshannock Township SD | School District | Lawrence | \$ 123,140 |
| New Castle Area SD | School District | Lawrence | \$ 160,539 |
| Shenango Area SD | School District | Lawrence | \$ 119,334 |
| Union Area SD | School District | Lawrence | \$ 113,708 |
| Wilmington Area SD | School District | Lawrence | \$ 118,345 |
| Annville-Cleona SD | School District | Lebanon | \$ 126,890 |
| Cornwall-Lebanon SD | School District | Lebanon | \$ 191,911 |
| Eastern Lebanon County SD | School District | Lebanon | \$ 143,868 |
| Lebanon County CTC | Career and Technical Center | Lebanon | \$ 70,000 |
| Lebanon SD | School District | Lebanon | \$ 194,607 |
| Northern Lebanon SD | School District | Lebanon | \$ 140,225 |
| Palmyra Area SD | School District | Lebanon | \$ 165,341 |

| Allentown City SD | School District | Lehigh | \$ 478,047 |
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| Arts Academy CS | Charter School | Lehigh | \$ 70,000 |
| Arts Academy Elementary CS | Charter School | Lehigh | \$ 70,000 |
| Carbon-Lehigh IU 21 | Intermediate Unit | Lehigh | \$ 70,000 |
| Catasauqua Area SD | School District | Lehigh | \$ 130,126 |
| Circle of Seasons CS | Charter School | Lehigh | \$ 70,000 |
| East Penn SD | School District | Lehigh | \$ 254,145 |
| Executive Education Academy CS | Charter School | Lehigh | \$ 70,000 |
| Innovative Arts Academy CS | Charter School | Lehigh | \$ 70,000 |
| Lehigh Career & Technical Institute | Career and Technical Center | Lehigh | \$ 70,000 |
| Lincoln Leadership Academy CS | Charter School | Lehigh | \$ 70,000 |
| Northern Lehigh SD | School District | Lehigh | \$ 130,921 |
| Northwestern Lehigh SD | School District | Lehigh | \$ 137,677 |
| Parkland SD | School District | Lehigh | \$ 286,767 |
| Roberto Clemente CS | Charter School | Lehigh | \$ 70,000 |
| Salisbury Township SD | School District | Lehigh | \$ 129,320 |
| Seven Generations CS | Charter School | Lehigh | \$ 70,000 |
| Southern Lehigh SD | School District | Lehigh | \$ 157,491 |
| Whitehall-Coplay SD | School District | Lehigh | \$ 181,514 |
| Bear Creek Community CS | Charter School | Luzerne | \$ 70,000 |
| Crestwood SD | School District | Luzerne | \$ 152,609 |
| Dallas SD | School District | Luzerne | \$ 146,969 |
| Greater Nanticoke Area SD | School District | Luzerne | \$ 145,503 |
| Hanover Area SD | School District | Luzerne | \$ 139,480 |
| Hazleton Area Career Center | Career and Technical Center | Luzerne | \$ 70,000 |
| Hazleton Area SD | School District | Luzerne | \$ 331,036 |
| Lake-Lehman SD | School District | Luzerne | \$ 130,547 |
| Luzerne IU 18 | Intermediate Unit | Luzerne | \$ 70,000 |
| Northwest Area SD | School District | Luzerne | \$ 117,092 |
| Pittston Area SD | School District | Luzerne | \$ 158,765 |
| West Side CTC | Career and Technical Center | Luzerne | \$ 70,000 |
| Wilkes-Barre Area CTC | Career and Technical Center | Luzerne | \$ 70,000 |
| Wilkes-Barre Area SD | School District | Luzerne | \$ 262,873 |
| Wyoming Area SD | School District | Luzerne | \$ 140,018 |
| Wyoming Valley West SD | School District | Luzerne | \$ 200,960 |
| BLaST IU 17 | Intermediate Unit | Lycoming | \$ 70,000 |
| East Lycoming SD | School District | Lycoming | \$ 129,922 |
| Jersey Shore Area SD | School District | Lycoming | \$ 142,202 |
| Loyalsock Township SD | School District | Lycoming | \$ 129,051 |
| Lycoming CTC | Career and Technical Center | Lycoming | \$ 70,000 |
| Montgomery Area SD | School District | Lycoming | \$ 116,640 |
| Montoursville Area SD | School District | Lycoming | \$ 132,972 |
| Muncy SD | School District | Lycoming | \$ 118,043 |
| South Williamsport Area SD | School District | Lycoming | \$ 122,651 |
| Williamsport Area SD | School District | Lycoming | \$ 191,195 |

| Bradford Area SD | School District | McKean | \$ 143,679 |
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| Kane Area SD | School District | McKean | \$ 118,592 |
| Otto-Eldred SD | School District | McKean | \$ 109,620 |
| Port Allegany SD | School District | McKean | \$ 116,442 |
| Seneca Highlands Career and Technical | | | |
| Center | Career and Technical Center | McKean | \$ 70,000 |
| Seneca Highlands IU 9 | Intermediate Unit | McKean | \$ 70,000 |
| Smethport Area SD | School District | McKean | \$ 113,281 |
| Commodore Perry SD | School District | Mercer | \$ 107,630 |
| Farrell Area SD | School District | Mercer | \$ 113,132 |
| Greenville Area SD | School District | Mercer | \$ 123,542 |
| Grove City Area SD | School District | Mercer | \$ 133,282 |
| Hermitage SD | School District | Mercer | \$ 138,319 |
| Jamestown Area SD | School District | Mercer | \$ 107,099 |
| Keystone Education Center CS | Charter School | Mercer | \$ 70,000 |
| Lakeview SD | School District | Mercer | \$ 116,056 |
| Mercer Area SD | School District | Mercer | \$ 119,676 |
| Mercer County Career Center | Career and Technical Center | Mercer | \$ 70,000 |
| Midwestern IU 4 | Intermediate Unit | Mercer | \$ 70,000 |
| Reynolds SD | School District | Mercer | \$ 118,043 |
| Sharon City SD | School District | Mercer | \$ 136,906 |
| Sharpsville Area SD | School District | Mercer | \$ 118,724 |
| West Middlesex Area SD | School District | Mercer | \$ 113,232 |
| Mifflin County Academy of Science and | | | |
| Technology | Career and Technical Center | Mifflin | \$ 70,000 |
| Mifflin County SD | School District | Mifflin | \$ 189,112 |
| Tuscarora IU 11 | Intermediate Unit | Mifflin | \$ 70,000 |
| East Stroudsburg Area SD | School District | Monroe | \$ 224,613 |
| Evergreen Community CS | Charter School | Monroe | \$ 70,000 |
| Monroe Career & Tech Inst | Career and Technical Center | Monroe | \$ 70,000 |
| Pleasant Valley SD | School District | Monroe | \$ 183,539 |
| Pocono Mountain SD | School District | Monroe | \$ 261,801 |
| Stroudsburg Area SD | School District | Monroe | \$ 189,487 |
| Abington SD | School District | Montgomery | \$ 257,690 |
| Agora Cyber CS | Charter School | Montgomery | \$ 70,000 |
| Bryn Athyn SD | School District | Montgomery | \$ 100,089 |
| Central Montco Technical High School | Career and Technical Center | Montgomery | \$ 70,000 |
| Cheltenham SD | School District | Montgomery | \$ 178,976 |
| Colonial SD | School District | Montgomery | \$ 199,569 |
| Eastern Center for Arts & Technology | Career and Technical Center | Montgomery | \$ 70,000 |
| Hatboro-Horsham SD | School District | Montgomery | \$ 178,474 |
| Jenkintown SD | School District | Montgomery | \$ 113,077 |
| Lower Merion SD | School District | Montgomery | \$ 253,590 |
| Lower Moreland Township SD | School District | Montgomery | \$ 148,312 |
| Methacton SD | School District | Montgomery | \$ 184,114 |

| Montgomery County IU 23 | Intermediate Unit | Montgomery | \$ 70,000 |
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| Norristown Area SD | School District | Montgomery | \$ 255,519 |
| North Montco Tech Career Center | Career and Technical Center | Montgomery | \$ 70,000 |
| North Penn SD | School District | Montgomery | \$ 340,190 |
| Pennsylvania Virtual CS | Charter School | Montgomery | \$ 70,000 |
| Perkiomen Valley SD | School District | Montgomery | \$ 190,233 |
| Pottsgrove SD | School District | Montgomery | \$ 157,577 |
| Pottstown SD | School District | Montgomery | \$ 161,447 |
| Souderton Area SD | School District | Montgomery | \$ 217,929 |
| Souderton CS Collaborative | Charter School | Montgomery | \$ 70,000 |
| Springfield Township SD | School District | Montgomery | \$ 147,217 |
| Spring-Ford Area SD | School District | Montgomery | \$ 246,578 |
| Upper Dublin SD | School District | Montgomery | \$ 175,452 |
| Upper Merion Area SD | School District | Montgomery | \$ 181,435 |
| Upper Moreland Township SD | School District | Montgomery | \$ 163,356 |
| Upper Perkiomen SD | School District | Montgomery | \$ 161,096 |
| Western Montgomery CTC | Career and Technical Center | Montgomery | \$ 70,000 |
| Wissahickon SD | School District | Montgomery | \$ 193,395 |
| Danville Area SD | School District | Montour | \$ 141,806 |
| Bangor Area SD | School District | Northampton | \$ 154,465 |
| Bethlehem Area SD | School District | Northampton | \$ 377,604 |
| Bethlehem AVTS | Career and Technical Center | Northampton | \$ 70,000 |
| Career Institute of Technology | Career and Technical Center | Northampton | \$ 70,000 |
| Colonial IU 20 | Intermediate Unit | Northampton | \$ 70,000 |
| Easton Area SD | School District | Northampton | \$ 262,917 |
| Easton Arts Academy Elementary CS | Charter School | Northampton | \$ 70,000 |
| Lehigh Valley Academy Regional CS | Charter School | Northampton | \$ 70,000 |
| Lehigh Valley Charter High School for the Arts | Charter School | Northampton | \$ 70,000 |
| Lehigh Valley Dual Language CS | Charter School | Northampton | \$ 70,000 |
| Nazareth Area SD | School District | Northampton | \$ 191,223 |
| Northampton Area SD | School District | Northampton | \$ 202,248 |
| Pen Argyl Area SD | School District | Northampton | \$ 128,367 |
| Saucon Valley SD | School District | Northampton | \$ 137,920 |
| Wilson Area SD | School District | Northampton | \$ 142,639 |
| Central Susquehanna IU 16 | Intermediate Unit | Northumberland | \$ 70,000 |
| Line Mountain SD | School District | Northumberland | \$ 119,524 |
| Milton Area SD | School District | Northumberland | \$ 136,053 |
| Mount Carmel Area SD | School District | Northumberland | \$ 128,843 |
| Northumberland County CTC | Career and Technical Center | Northumberland | \$ 70,000 |
| Shamokin Area SD | School District | Northumberland | \$ 143,657 |
| Shikellamy SD | School District | Northumberland | \$ 153,900 |
| Warrior Run SD | School District | Northumberland | \$ 127,450 |
| Greenwood SD | School District | Perry | \$ 114,316 |
| Newport SD | School District | Perry | \$ 119,381 |

| Susquenita SD | School District | Perry | \$ | 135,713 |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------|---------|
| West Perry SD | School District | Perry | \$ | 142,784 |
| Ad Prima CS | Charter School | Philadelphia | \$ | 70,000 |
| Alliance for Progress CS | Charter School | Philadelphia | \$ | 70,000 |
| Antonia Pantoja Community CS | Charter School | Philadelphia | \$ | 70,000 |
| ASPIRA Bilingual Cyber CS | Charter School | Philadelphia | \$ | 70,000 |
| Belmont CS | Charter School | Philadelphia | \$ | 70,000 |
| Boys Latin of Philadelphia CS | Charter School | Philadelphia | \$ | 70,000 |
| Christopher Columbus CS | Charter School | Philadelphia | \$ | 70,000 |
| Community Academy of Philadelphia CS | Charter School | Philadelphia | \$ | 70,000 |
| Deep Roots CS | Charter School | Philadelphia | \$ | 70,000 |
| Discovery CS | Charter School | Philadelphia | \$ | 70,000 |
| Esperanza Academy CS | Charter School | Philadelphia | \$ | 70,000 |
| Esperanza Cyber CS | Charter School | Philadelphia | \$ | 70,000 |
| Eugenio Maria De Hostos CS | Charter School | Philadelphia | \$ | 70,000 |
| First Philadelphia Preparatory CS | Charter School | Philadelphia | \$ | 70,000 |
| Folk Arts-Cultural Treasures CS | Charter School | Philadelphia | \$ | 70,000 |
| Franklin Towne Charter Elementary | | | | |
| School | Charter School | Philadelphia | \$ | 70,000 |
| Franklin Towne CHS | Charter School | Philadelphia | \$ | 70,000 |
| Frederick Douglass Mastery CS | Charter School | Philadelphia | \$ | 70,000 |
| Freire CS | Charter School | Philadelphia | \$ | 70,000 |
| Global Leadership Academy CS | Charter School | Philadelphia | \$ | 70,000 |
| Global Leadership Academy CS | | | | |
| Southwest at Huey | Charter School | Philadelphia | \$ | 70,000 |
| Green Woods CS | Charter School | Philadelphia | \$ | 70,000 |
| Harambee Institute of Science and | | | • | 70.000 |
| Technology CS | Charter School | Philadelphia | \$ | 70,000 |
| Imhotep Institute CHS | Charter School | Philadelphia | \$ | 70,000 |
| Independence CS | Charter School | Philadelphia | \$ | 70,000 |
| Independence CS West | Charter School | Philadelphia | \$ | 70,000 |
| Inquiry CS | Charter School | Philadelphia | \$ | 70,000 |
| Keystone Academy CS | Charter School | Philadelphia | \$ | 70,000 |
| KIPP DuBois CS | Charter School | Philadelphia | \$ | 70,000 |
| KIPP North Philadelphia CS | Charter School | Philadelphia | \$ | 70,000 |
| KIPP Philadelphia CS | Charter School | Philadelphia | \$ | 70,000 |
| KIPP Philadelphia Octavius Catto CS | Charter School | Philadelphia | \$ | 70,000 |
| KIPP West Philadelphia CS | Charter School | Philadelphia | \$ | 70,000 |
| Laboratory CS | Charter School | Philadelphia | \$ | 70,000 |
| Lindley Academy CS at Birney | Charter School | Philadelphia | \$ | 70,000 |
| Mariana Bracetti Academy CS | Charter School | Philadelphia | \$ | 70,000 |
| Maritime Academy CS | Charter School | Philadelphia | \$ | 70,000 |
| MAST Community CS | Charter School | Philadelphia | \$ | 70,000 |
| MaST Community CS II | Charter School | Philadelphia | \$ | 70,000 |
| MaST Community CS III | Charter School | Philadelphia | \$ | 70,000 |

| Mastery CHS-Lenfest Campus | Charter School | Philadelphia | \$ 70,000 |
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| Mastery CS John Wister Elementary | Charter School | Philadelphia | \$ 70,000 |
| Mastery CS-Cleveland Elementary | Charter School | Philadelphia | \$ 70,000 |
| Mastery CS-Clymer Elementary | Charter School | Philadelphia | \$ 70,000 |
| Mastery CS-Francis D. Pastorius | | | |
| Elementary | Charter School | Philadelphia | \$ 70,000 |
| Mastery CS-Gratz Campus | Charter School | Philadelphia | \$ 70,000 |
| Mastery CS-Hardy Williams | Charter School | Philadelphia | \$ 70,000 |
| Mastery CS-Harrity Campus | Charter School | Philadelphia | \$ 70,000 |
| Mastery CS-Mann Campus | Charter School | Philadelphia | \$ 70,000 |
| Mastery CS-Pickett Campus | Charter School | Philadelphia | \$ 70,000 |
| Mastery CS-Shoemaker Campus | Charter School | Philadelphia | \$ 70,000 |
| Mastery CS-Smedley Campus | Charter School | Philadelphia | \$ 70,000 |
| Mastery CS-Thomas Campus | Charter School | Philadelphia | \$ 70,000 |
| Mastery Prep Elementary CS | Charter School | Philadelphia | \$ 70,000 |
| Memphis Street Academy CS @ JP Jones | Charter School | Philadelphia | \$ 70,000 |
| Multicultural Academy CS | Charter School | Philadelphia | \$ 70,000 |
| New Foundations CS | Charter School | Philadelphia | \$ 70,000 |
| Northwood Academy CS | Charter School | Philadelphia | \$ 70,000 |
| Pan American Academy CS | Charter School | Philadelphia | \$ 70,000 |
| People for People CS | Charter School | Philadelphia | \$ 70,000 |
| Philadelphia Academy CS | Charter School | Philadelphia | \$ 70,000 |
| Philadelphia AVTS | Career and Technical Center | Philadelphia | \$ 70,000 |
| Philadelphia City SD | School District | Philadelphia | \$ 3,666,983 |
| Philadelphia Electrical & Tech CHS | Charter School | Philadelphia | \$ 70,000 |
| Philadelphia Hebrew Public CS | Charter School | Philadelphia | \$ 70,000 |
| Philadelphia IU 26 | Intermediate Unit | Philadelphia | \$ 70,000 |
| Philadelphia Montessori CS | Charter School | Philadelphia | \$ 70,000 |
| Philadelphia Performing Arts CS | Charter School | Philadelphia | \$ 70,000 |
| Preparatory CS of Mathematics Science | | | |
| Tech and Careers | Charter School | Philadelphia | \$ 70,000 |
| Richard Allen Preparatory CS | Charter School | Philadelphia | \$ 70,000 |
| Russell Byers CS | Charter School | Philadelphia | \$ 70,000 |
| Sankofa Freedom Academy CS | Charter School | Philadelphia | \$ 70,000 |
| Southwest Leadership Academy CS | Charter School | Philadelphia | \$ 70,000 |
| Tacony Academy CS | Charter School | Philadelphia | \$ 70,000 |
| TECH Freire CS | Charter School | Philadelphia | \$ 70,000 |
| The Philadelphia CS for Arts and | | | |
| Sciences at HR Edmunds | Charter School | Philadelphia | \$ 70,000 |
| Universal Alcorn CS | Charter School | Philadelphia | \$ 70,000 |
| Universal Audenried CS | Charter School | Philadelphia | \$ 70,000 |
| Universal Creighton CS | Charter School | Philadelphia | \$ 70,000 |
| Universal Institute CS | Charter School | Philadelphia | \$ 70,000 |
| Universal Vare CS | Charter School | Philadelphia | \$ 70,000 |
| West Oak Lane CS | Charter School | Philadelphia | \$ 70,000 |

| West Phila. Achievement CES | Charter School | Philadelphia | \$ 70,000 |
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| Wissahickon CS | Charter School | Philadelphia | \$ 70,000 |
| Young Scholars CS | Charter School | Philadelphia | \$ 70,000 |
| Youth Build Phila CS | Charter School | Philadelphia | \$ 70,000 |
| Delaware Valley SD | School District | Pike | \$ 179,970 |
| Wallenpaupack Area SD | School District | Pike | \$ 152,477 |
| Austin Area SD | School District | Potter | \$ 102,638 |
| Coudersport Area SD | School District | Potter | \$ 112,784 |
| Galeton Area SD | School District | Potter | \$ 106,303 |
| Northern Potter SD | School District | Potter | \$ 109,403 |
| Oswayo Valley SD | School District | Potter | \$ 107,425 |
| Blue Mountain SD | School District | Schuylkill | \$ 146,514 |
| Gillingham Charter School | Charter School | Schuylkill | \$ 70,000 |
| Mahanoy Area SD | School District | Schuylkill | \$ 121,155 |
| Minersville Area SD | School District | Schuylkill | \$ 121,533 |
| North Schuylkill SD | School District | Schuylkill | \$ 140,139 |
| Pine Grove Area SD | School District | Schuylkill | \$ 128,753 |
| Pottsville Area SD | School District | Schuylkill | \$ 145,139 |
| Saint Clair Area SD | School District | Schuylkill | \$ 114,608 |
| Schuylkill Haven Area SD | School District | Schuylkill | \$ 121,324 |
| Schuylkill IU 29 | Intermediate Unit | Schuylkill | \$ 70,000 |
| Schuylkill Technology Centers | Career and Technical Center | Schuylkill | \$ 70,000 |
| Shenandoah Valley SD | School District | Schuylkill | \$ 123,289 |
| Tamaqua Area SD | School District | Schuylkill | \$ 140,062 |
| Tri-Valley SD | School District | Schuylkill | \$ 116,442 |
| Williams Valley SD | School District | Schuylkill | \$ 119,637 |
| Midd-West SD | School District | Snyder | \$ 137,629 |
| Selinsgrove Area SD | School District | Snyder | \$ 145,453 |
| Berlin Brothersvalley SD | School District | Somerset | \$ 113,215 |
| Conemaugh Township Area SD | School District | Somerset | \$ 116,318 |
| Meyersdale Area SD | School District | Somerset | \$ 114,638 |
| North Star SD | School District | Somerset | \$ 118,725 |
| Rockwood Area SD | School District | Somerset | \$ 111,753 |
| Salisbury-Elk Lick SD | School District | Somerset | \$ 104,734 |
| Shade-Central City SD | School District | Somerset | \$ 106,151 |
| Shanksville-Stonycreek SD | School District | Somerset | \$ 105,033 |
| Somerset Area SD | School District | Somerset | \$ 137,681 |
| Somerset County Technology Center | Career and Technical Center | Somerset | \$ 70,000 |
| Turkeyfoot Valley Area SD | School District | Somerset | \$ 105,197 |
| Windber Area SD | School District | Somerset | \$ 122,764 |
| Sullivan County SD | School District | Sullivan | \$ 112,032 |
| Blue Ridge SD | School District | Susquehanna | \$ 118,211 |
| Elk Lake SD | School District | Susquehanna | \$ 120,627 |
| Forest City Regional SD | School District | Susquehanna | \$ 114,939 |
| Montrose Area SD | School District | Susquehanna | \$ 123,000 |

| Mountain View SD | School District | Susquehanna | \$ 117,370 |
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| Susquehanna Community SD | School District | Susquehanna | \$ 114,178 |
| Susquehanna County CTC | Career and Technical Center | Susquehanna | \$ 70,000 |
| Northern Tioga SD | School District | Tioga | \$ 137,012 |
| Southern Tioga SD | School District | Tioga | \$ 132,542 |
| Wellsboro Area SD | School District | Tioga | \$ 126,580 |
| Lewisburg Area SD | School District | Union | \$ 134,072 |
| Mifflinburg Area SD | School District | Union | \$ 135,152 |
| SUN Area Technical Institute | Career and Technical Center | Union | \$ 70,000 |
| Cranberry Area SD | School District | Venango | \$ 121,413 |
| Franklin Area SD | School District | Venango | \$ 133,618 |
| Oil City Area SD | School District | Venango | \$ 134,626 |
| Titusville Area SD | School District | Venango | \$ 134,081 |
| Valley Grove SD | School District | Venango | \$ 115,134 |
| Venango Technology Center | Career and Technical Center | Venango | \$ 70,000 |
| Tidioute Community CS | Charter School | Warren | \$ 70,000 |
| Warren County AVTS | Career and Technical Center | Warren | \$ 70,000 |
| Warren County SD | School District | Warren | \$ 177,380 |
| Avella Area SD | School District | Washington | \$ 108,845 |
| Bentworth SD | School District | Washington | \$ 119,891 |
| Bethlehem-Center SD | School District | Washington | \$ 119,175 |
| Burgettstown Area SD | School District | Washington | \$ 119,248 |
| California Academy of Learning CS | Charter School | Washington | \$ 70,000 |
| California Area SD | School District | Washington | \$ 117,752 |
| Canon-McMillan SD | School District | Washington | \$ 197,814 |
| Charleroi SD | School District | Washington | \$ 125,591 |
| Chartiers-Houston SD | School District | Washington | \$ 122,871 |
| Fort Cherry SD | School District | Washington | \$ 116,924 |
| Intermediate Unit 1 | Intermediate Unit | Washington | \$ 70,000 |
| McGuffey SD | School District | Washington | \$ 129,288 |
| Mon Valley CTC | Career and Technical Center | Washington | \$ 70,000 |
| Peters Township SD | School District | Washington | \$ 170,130 |
| Ringgold SD | School District | Washington | \$ 150,412 |
| Trinity Area SD | School District | Washington | \$ 160,768 |
| Washington SD | School District | Washington | \$ 128,584 |
| Western Area CTC | Career and Technical Center | Washington | \$ 70,000 |
| Wayne Highlands SD | School District | Wayne | \$ 145,219 |
| Western Wayne SD | School District | Wayne | \$ 133,262 |
| Belle Vernon Area SD | School District | Westmoreland | \$ 144,957 |
| Burrell SD | School District | Westmoreland | \$ 131,533 |
| Central Westmoreland CTC | Career and Technical Center | Westmoreland | \$ 70,000 |
| Derry Area SD | School District | Westmoreland | \$ 134,301 |
| Dr Robert Ketterer CS Inc | Charter School | Westmoreland | \$ 70,000 |
| Eastern Westmoreland CTC | Career and Technical Center | Westmoreland | \$ 70,000 |
| Franklin Regional SD | School District | Westmoreland | \$ 162,807 |

| Greater Latrobe SD | School District | Westmoreland | \$ 164,631 |
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| Greensburg Salem SD | School District | Westmoreland | \$ 148,180 |
| Hempfield Area SD | School District | Westmoreland | \$ 197,477 |
| Jeannette City SD | School District | Westmoreland | \$ 117,321 |
| Kiski Area SD | School District | Westmoreland | \$ 163,653 |
| Ligonier Valley SD | School District | Westmoreland | \$ 126,094 |
| Monessen City SD | School District | Westmoreland | \$ 112,317 |
| Mount Pleasant Area SD | School District | Westmoreland | \$ 136,510 |
| New Kensington-Arnold SD | School District | Westmoreland | \$ 136,104 |
| Northern Westmoreland CTC | Career and Technical Center | Westmoreland | \$ 70,000 |
| Norwin SD | School District | Westmoreland | \$ 192,672 |
| Penn-Trafford SD | School District | Westmoreland | \$ 170,062 |
| Southmoreland SD | School District | Westmoreland | \$ 134,858 |
| Westmoreland IU 7 | Intermediate Unit | Westmoreland | \$ 70,000 |
| Yough SD | School District | Westmoreland | \$ 134,008 |
| Lackawanna Trail SD | School District | Wyoming | \$ 118,721 |
| Tunkhannock Area SD | School District | Wyoming | \$ 140,075 |
| Central York SD | School District | York | \$ 206,900 |
| Crispus Attucks CS | Charter School | York | \$ 70,000 |
| Dallastown Area SD | School District | York | \$ 222,008 |
| Dover Area SD | School District | York | \$ 163,069 |
| Eastern York SD | School District | York | \$ 145,055 |
| Hanover Public SD | School District | York | \$ 138,399 |
| Lincoln CS | Charter School | York | \$ 70,000 |
| Northeastern York SD | School District | York | \$ 177,986 |
| Northern York County SD | School District | York | \$ 164,974 |
| Pennwood Cyber CS | Charter School | York | \$ 70,000 |
| Red Lion Area SD | School District | York | \$ 196,674 |
| South Eastern SD | School District | York | \$ 148,208 |
| South Western SD | School District | York | \$ 185,864 |
| Southern York County SD | School District | York | \$ 154,782 |
| Spring Grove Area SD | School District | York | \$ 177,165 |
| West Shore SD | School District | York | \$ 240,457 |
| West York Area SD | School District | York | \$ 157,701 |
| York Academy Regional CS | Charter School | York | \$ 70,000 |
| York City SD | School District | York | \$ 244,490 |
| York Co School of Technology | Career and Technical Center | York | \$ 70,000 |
| York Suburban SD | School District | York | \$ 160,253 |

2024 School Security Personnel Guidance August 8, 2024





Dear Superintendents,

As you may be aware, on July 11, 2024, <u>Senate Bill 700</u> was signed into law as Act 55 of 2024. It amended Article XIII-C of the Pennsylvania Public School Code by adding section 1316-C (relating to school security personnel). The following guidance explains the new requirements in this section:

New Requirements for School Districts (Act 55 of 2024)

Section 1316-C of the Pennsylvania Public School Code requires all school districts to have at least one full-time school security personnel who has completed their requisite training on duty during the school day beginning with the 2024-25 school year unless the district has been granted a waiver from the School Safety and Security Committee (SSSC) at the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD).¹ Please note that the new law applies only to school districts.

School districts must certify to the SSSC that they have hired or contracted with a school security personnel that satisfies the requirements of Article XIII-C. To ascertain the level of need for waivers, PCCD intends to ask school districts about their personnel status within the FY24-25 School Safety and Mental Health Grant application. An official waiver process will be adopted on September 11, 2024, at the Commission's quarterly meeting, and information will be conveyed to school districts following this meeting about the waiver process.

Per the law, if a school district does not meet the personnel requirement, they will have the option of requesting a waiver from the SSSC, which will ask the district to provide an attestation that it acted in good faith and met at least one of the following criteria under section 1315-C(5):

- Documentation that the school district does not have a municipal police department or law enforcement agency that can provide a school resource officer.
- Documentation that the school district has been unable to hire or contract with a school police officer.
- Documentation that the school district has been unable to hire or contract with a school security guard.
- Documentation that the school district has been unable to hire or contract with a police officer from an accredited police force.

Waivers approved by the SSSC shall expire one year after its approval.

Please note that Section 1316-C also allows for the district's school board to decide to have school security personnel on duty in a school building (i.e., a building owned or under the control of the school district where classes are taught or extracurricular activities are

¹ School districts are not required to have school security personnel in place PRIOR to the start of the 2024-25 school year to meet this requirement; however, at some point during the 2024-2025 school year, it is expected that they meet this requirement and/or apply and receive a waiver.

conducted on a regular basis) or on school premises during extracurricular activities that occur outside of the school day (i.e., the hours between the morning opening of a school building and the afternoon dismissal of students on a day which classes are in session), or assign other duties to those personnel in addition to their powers granted under Article XIII-C.

School districts may use School Safety and Security Grant Program funding to pay for costs associated with the training and compensation of school security personnel. Please note that while Act 55 of 2024 did establish a School Security Personnel Restricted Account for the purpose of making reimbursements to school districts for the costs associated with school security (at an amount not to exceed \$50,000 per school district to support one school security personnel that has completed their requisite training), this fund is subject to the availability of funds – which have not yet been appropriated – and does not begin until July 1, 2025. More information about the reimbursement process will be provided in 2025 if allocations are made to that account during FY25-26.

Requirements for School Security Personnel Training & Other Considerations

Per Act 55 of 2024, all school security personnel employed or contracted by school entities in Pennsylvania must meet the following training requirements depending on the category of personnel they fall under²:

- School Police Officers (SPOs) must meet training requirements under <u>section</u> <u>1305-C</u>, including:
 - Successful completion of basic training as required by the Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission (MPOETC) or graduation from the Pennsylvania State Police Academy, have been employed as a state trooper with the Pennsylvania State Police (PSP) and have separated from that service in good standing;
 - Successful completion of the Basic School Resource Officer (Basic SRO) course offered by the National Association of School Resource Officers (NASRO) or an <u>equivalent training approved by PCCD</u>; and
 - Attended annual in-service training approved by MPOETC.
- School Resource Officers (SROs) must meet training requirements under <u>section</u> <u>1313-C(A.1)</u>, including:
 - Successful competition of the Basic SRO course offered by NASRO or an equivalent course approved by PCCD.
- School Security Guards must meet training requirements under <u>section 1314-C</u>, including:
 - Successful competition of the Basic SRO course offered by NASRO or an equivalent course approved by PCCD; and
 - o If armed, meet the following:

² While the trainings mentioned in this section are specifically referenced in Act 55 in 2024, school districts should be mindful that whomever they hire or employ as a school resource officer, school police officer, or school security guard should meet all requirements of Article XIII-C and any prerequisite background or training requirements those individuals should meet if appointed or employed in those respective positions (e.g., an SRO is first and foremost a law enforcement officer, and should meet all background or training requirements to be a law enforcement officer prior to consideration as an SRO).

- Be licensed under <u>18 Pa.C.S. Ch. 61</u>, the Uniform Firearms Act;
- Complete and hold a certification under <u>Act 235 of 1974</u>, the Lethal Weapons Training Act³; and

All individuals must meet requirements under <u>Section 111</u> (relating to Criminal History of Employees and Prospective Employees), <u>Section 111.1</u> (relating to Employment History Review), and <u>23 Pa.C.S. §6344</u> (relating to employees having contact with children; adoptive and foster parents).

On behalf of our agencies, thank you for the work you do to support Pennsylvania's students, school employees, and communities.

If you have any questions regarding these new or existing requirements related to school security personnel, please contact PCCD's School Safety team at <u>RA-CD-SSSC@pa.gov</u>.

Sincerely,

Michael D. Pennington Executive Director PCCD

Khalid N. Mumin, Ed.D. Secretary PA Department of Education

³ NOTE: Active law enforcement officers are not required to be licensed under the Uniform Firearms Act and be certified under the Lethal Weapons Training Act if they can present evidence of their successful completion of training requirements under <u>53 Pa.C.S. Ch. 21 Subchap. D</u> (relating to municipal police education and training). Retired law enforcement officers are not required to be licensed under the Uniform Firearms Act and be certified under the Lethal Weapons Training Act if they comply with <u>section</u> <u>8.1 of Act 235 of 1974</u> or have been issued a firearm training and qualification card under section 5 of the act of December 13, 2005, known as the <u>Retired Law Enforcement Identification Act</u>.