



**Delaware Emergency Management Agency**  
State of Delaware, Department of Safety and Homeland Security

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To: Nathaniel McQueen, Secretary  
Department of Safety & Homeland Security

CC: Kimberly H. Chandler, Deputy Secretary

From: A. J. Schall, Director  
Delaware Emergency Management Agency

Date: December 1, 2024

Re: 2024 School Safety Report

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As required by the 2014 Omnibus School Safety Act, below is the annual report for distribution to the General Assembly.

**Annual School Compliance**

The Comprehensive School Safety Program (CSSP) oversees Omnibus School Safety Act compliance. This team oversees 233 Public and Charter Schools, and 5 voluntary alternative schools, totaling 238 schools. Such oversight, in addition to the Omnibus requirements of two annual lockdowns and one annual table-top, consists of training on active threat situations, mental health topics, prevention strategies, mitigation strategies, conducting in depth school assessments, and assisting with lockdowns and tabletop exercises. In February 2020, CSSP was also tasked with approving school plans in accordance with House Bill 49 (HB 49) wherein the team reviews all new construction or renovation of \$1,000,000.00 or more to determine if school safety requirements have been fulfilled. In 2022, the team was also tasked with joint approval of House Bill 388 (HB388) applications for schools. This bill is intended to supply schools with additional funds to improve school safety or security.

The Comprehensive School Safety Program is proud to report the following accomplishments and completion rates to meet the school safety requirements from July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024:

**Legal Compliance:**

- Achieved **100%** Lockdown Drill Compliance from all schools
- Achieved **100%** Table-Top Compliance from all schools
- Achieved **100%** Infrastructure Assessment Compliance from all schools
- Achieved **100%** plan completion

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### **Accomplishments:**

- Trained 2,097 for the year on various school safety topics
  - ALICE; 230
  - NAVIGATE EMS portal; 16
  - Standard Reunification Method, Standard Response Protocol, Safety and Wellness Suite; 1,851
- Mapping of all schools has been completed and maps are shared with all Police/Fire, 911 centers and emergency management agencies
- Currently have 207 trained in Standard Reunification Method statewide
- Approved 10 HB49 plans
- Approved 124 HB388 applications
- Public Consulting Group is ready to introduce virtual refresher training for threat assessment program
- Implemented quarterly safety meetings to include DOE, DIAC, DEMA and safety leads from school districts

### **Future goals and initiatives:**

- Mandate annual infrastructure facility assessments
- Mandate standardized lockdown language
- Mandate standard reunification methodology
- Mandate evidence based threat assessment and case tracking program
- Require schools to validate maps on a tri-annual basis or within 90 days of any floor plan modifications (e.g., moving a classroom)
- Require training for all school employees to include NIMS, de-escalation, and mental health topics
- Continue implementation of CSSP's Safety and Wellness Suite
- Continue to train schools in the Standard Reunification Method and safety plan updates
- Collaborate and partner with the Department of Education and DIAC to work seamlessly on all facets of school safety to include funding, resources, and training
- Implement standardized numbering system for exterior doors and windows of schools
- Implement reoccurring training for CSTAG/BTAM and the Standard Reunification Method
- Consider a school safety conference/workshop
- Develop planning guidance for schools with shared campuses
- Develop planning guidance for extracurricular events on school campuses

### **Safety and Wellness Suite Onboarding as of 11/1/2024 :**

- Academia Antonia Alonso
- Appoquinimink School District

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- Brandywine School District
- Bryan Allen Stevenson School of Ex-BASSE
- Caesar Rodney School District
- Capital School District
- Christina School District
- Colonial School District
- Early College DSU School
- East Side Charter School
- First State Montessori Academy
- Freire Charter School
- Gateway Charter
- Great Oaks-The Community Education Building
- Kuumba- The Community Education Building
- Milford School District
- MOT Charter School (2) High and K-8
- Odyssey Charter School
- Positive Outcomes Charter School
- Providence Creek Academy
- Seaford School District
- Smyrna School District
- Meeting held with Sussex Academy of Art and Science

**Schools/districts that have declined to use any components of the suite:**

- Red Clay
- Indian River