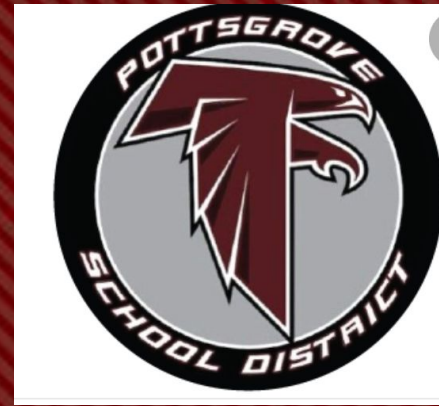




Pottsgrove Safe Schools Partnership Teaming June 2025



Mission Statement

The Pottsgrove Safe Schools Partnership endeavors to bring together all of our stakeholders and community partners with the goal of creating a safe, supportive and productive educational environment for the students and staff of the Pottsgrove School District.

Agenda

Welcome and Introductions
Safe Schools Report-Act 44
2025 Initiatives and Next Steps
Round Table/Wrap-up

WELCOME



Introductions

Safe Schools Report 2024-2025



2024-2025 School Security Officers

- 3 full time Security Officers at PGHS
- 1 full time SRO (School Resource Officer) at PGMS
- **Events** - Over 100 different extracurricular, sporting or school events with 1 or more security agents contracted from Advanced Protective. There are over 20 security agents that work within the District at the different events.

Partnerships

- Updated MOU in place with all 3 law enforcement groups.
- Job Alike Safe Schools County-wide panel group with PCCD and PDE.
- Montgomery County Office of Mental Health and Human Services
- Department of Public Safety-Montgomery County, PA
- Child Guidance Resource Center trauma trainings for all staff this year and coaching
- Devereux and Center for Effective Schools Partnership grant for Second Step and ReThinkEd
- MCIU-Project AWARE grant for a tier 1 mental health screener and other mental health services at PGMS.
- Pottstown HUB monthly teamings
- Caron Group providing trainings and programs at PGHS
- Victims Services
- Creative Health-SAP/ESAP Services
- Springfield Psychological provided REACH tier 3 services K-8
- Lincoln Counseling provided IEP counseling services
- Peter's Place-provided grief counseling
- Hopewell Psychology for 2025.

Threat Assessment Requirements

District Level Team Members

- Casey Blankenbiller- Director of Facilities/School Safety and Security Coordinator
- Ann Marie Lucas- Director of Pupil Services
- Becky Pappano-Coordinator of Special Services
- Chris Stein -Assistant Principal-Pottsgrove High School
- Paige Petrillo- Special Education Supervisor 6-12
- Wendy Kiley -Elementary School Counselor
- Kristin Heaney -Secondary Social Worker
- Tiffany Wagner- Elementary Social Worker
- Kim Emery- District Lead Nurse
- Stephen Kincaid- High School Guidance Counselor

Threat Assessment Requirements

○ Identification and assessment of behavior, which may constitute a threat of harm to self or others.

○ Inform staff how to report concerning student behavior (including Safe2Say)

2024-2025—Up to 35 team members across district buildings being trained by Navigate 360 and Center for Safe Schools in C-STAG (Comprehensive School Threat Assessment Guidelines), and Columbia Suicide Risk assessment process.

If this is an emergency, call 911!

Follow-up on a tip

Submit an anonymous tip online

SAFE2SAY
SOMETHING

WHAT IS
SAFE2SAY
SOMETHING?

FOR
STUDENTS

FOR
PARENTS &
EDUCATORS

FREQUENTLY
ASKED
QUESTIONS

1-844-SAF2SAY

GET THE APP

TO KEEP YOUR SCHOOL SAFE...WE NEED YOUR HELP

2024-2025 Safety and Security Improvement Strategies



Navigate 360 Emergency Suite 2024-2025

- Allows easy account access in an app for students anywhere and at any time without the need to have a hard copy student roster.
 - Includes student and parent reunification with Student Information System (SIS)
 - Immediate access to District Hazard/Emergency plans, including Rally Points and Information Centers during reunification and initial recovery operations.
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- **Building tabletop and practice sessions occurred throughout the 2024-2025 school year with the app.**
 - **Drill entry occurred throughout the app this year.**

Strategies to Improve Safety/Security

Physical Improvements to the Building	-Updated site assessments were completed by the county. -Review will occur this summer with the building teams.
Safety/Threat/Trauma Trainings	-Continued use of the C-STAG and Columbia Suicide Risk assessment protocols will be used into the 2025 school year including use of the Nav360 platform. We also now have an in-house Level 2 trained trainer to build our capacity of training for the teams. -Continued trauma training for all staff. -SAP/ESAP education and awareness training and outreach for guardians and the community. -Required safety and fire drill trainings district-wide at required reporting periods -Incorporate all students in our safety planning including through the IEP process as well as generally through additional purchase of EVACchairs and considering sensory friendly approaches.
Tabletops and Partnerships	Monthly HUB meetings, Continued Teamings of the Safe Schools Partnership, Montgomery County Department of Public Safety Site Assessments .

Strategies to Improve Safety/Security (cont.)

Counseling Services	Continued partnership and offerings of counseling services. This includes: Hopewell Learning providing tier 2 and 3 MTSS counseling services; Lincoln Counseling Services for students with an IEP; Creative Health SAP/ESAP continued partnership; Drug and Alcohol Counselor-5 days a week at PGHS;
Continued Bureau of Justice Assistance Project Work	Devereux, Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services; Center for Effective Schools research consultation and tech assistance; Research for Action. Supporting with: Second Step; SAP/ESAP maintenance training district-wide
PAYS-PA Youth Survey	Administering the survey again in the 2025 school year including grades 4; Comprehensive School Mental Health Systems Improvement Plan is complete and updated with the 2023 data review.

PAYS-Comprehensive Prevention Planning Action Plan From Start to Finish

- PAYS Community Sharing of the Action Plan
- Updated 2024 Action Plan given PAYS results of 2023.
- Administration of PAYS in 2025 school year to students in grades 4, 6, 8, 10, and 12.
- Check it out on the [website as well in this link.](#)

Elementary



ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PREVENTION PROGRAMS AND SERVICES ADDRESSING GOALS



Tier 1

(all students receive)

- Book of the Month
- PBIS Lessons
- Second Step Social Emotional Lessons
- Second Step Bullying Prevention Lessons
- Character Counts
- Too Good for Drugs
- Extra-curricular sports and clubs
- Child Guidance Resource Center Parent Training Programs
- CGRC Strengthening Families
- Guiding Good Choices
- Victims Services Lessons on Boundaries and Safe Touching
- Handle with Care
- Victims Services Groups

Tier 2

(10–25% of students receive)

- Check-in/Check-Out
- Friendship Groups
- Coping Skills Group
- Grief Support Group
- Mentoring Program
- Guidance Lunch Groups
- Breakfast Group
- Peers Place-Grief Counseling
- GRIT groups
- Student Leadership
- Trauma Training/Coaching
- YWCA Club Connect After School

Tier 3

(3–5% of students receive)

- Individual Guidance Groups
- Springfield Psych Counseling and Crisis Support
- Elementary Student Assistance Program and Mental Health 3 Groups
- Lincoln Counseling as a Related Service in IEP

Pottsgrove Middle School



MIDDLE SCHOOL PREVENTION PROGRAMS AND SERVICES ADDRESSING GOALS



Tier 1

(all students receive)

- Guiding Good Choices Program Lessons
- Second Step Lessons
- Too Good For Drugs
- Suicide Awareness Training
- Teen Intervene Program
- Child Guidance Resource Center Parent Training Programs
- Clubs
- Handle with Care

Tier 2

(10-25% of students receive)

- InDEPTH Vaping Cessation Program via American Lung Association
- Check In-Check-Out
- Social Emotional Advisory Groups
- InDepth Program
- Counseling Services
- Springfield Psych Counseling and Crisis Support
- YWCA Youth Empowerment
- Boys to Mentors Program
- Girls Lead
- Avedium Suicide Prevention Program

Tier 3

(3-5% of students receive)

- Individual Guidance Groups
- REACH Counseling and Crisis Support
- Student Assistance Program and Mental Health 3 Groups
- Lincoln Counseling as a Related Service in IEP
- Project AWARE
- GROVE Academy

Pottsgrove High School



HIGH SCHOOL PREVENTION PROGRAMS AND SERVICES ADDRESSING GOALS



Tier 1

(all students receive)

- ACCESS Services Question Persuade Response Suicide Model
- ReThinkEd Social Emotional Learning Lessons
- Comprehensive School Threat Assessment Guidelines Approach
- Suicide Awareness Training
- Staff Positive Student Acknowledgements
- YWCA Youth Empowerment Program
- Child Guidance Resource Center Parent Training Programs
- Handle with Care
- Vape Buy Back Program
- Keeping It Safe Prom Program

Tier 2

(10–25% of students receive)

- INDEPTH Vaping Cessation Program via American Lung Association
- Lincoln Crisis Counselors
- Lincoln Drug and Alcohol Counselor
- Counseling Services
- Truancy Intervention
- Office of Child/Youth Assessment Truancy Prevention Programs
- Trauma Coaching
- Caron Group-Role Models for Change
- Avedium Suicide Prevention Club

Tier 3

(3–5% of students receive)

- Individual Guidance Groups
- Student Assistance Program and Mental Health 3 Groups
- Lincoln Counseling as a Related Service In IEP
- Drug and Alcohol Counselor
- Evening Academy

Group Activity

Enhancing and Developing School Safety and Security

- Within your group consider the different topic areas on the chart paper and reflect on questions and topic areas.
 - Building Security; Safety Procedures and Processes; Threat Assessment; Mental Health; Social and Emotional Learning
- Consider the following questions or reflect in any other way on these topic areas.
 - How can we further develop/support the area?
 - What can you share from your expertise?
 - Are there ways we can enhance communications in this area and consider what that communication might look like for the different groups ie-guardians; students; staff; community; first responders; community partners; etc.
 - Other partners or groups we should consider to support us in this area?



Share Out from Group Activity

Share your Input



Click here
and complete a brief survey.