Preparing for a Safe School Year – Back-to-School Safety for K-12 Schools

Tuesday, August 30, 2022
Webinar Agenda

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  • 2022 - 2023 Back-to-School Checklist
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• Center to Improve Social and Emotional Learning and School Safety
  • Reimagining School Safety
• SchoolSafety.gov
  • New Website Feature
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Webinar Objectives

1. Provide an overview of various topics that school personnel should consider when welcoming students back to school while looking to support the safety, security, and well-being of all students.

2. Promote the latest guidance, best practices, and resources for kindergarten through grade 12 (K-12) schools.
Featured Speakers

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Office of Safe and Supportive Schools (OSSS) addresses

• the health and well-being of students

• school safety, security, and emergency management and preparedness.
School Safety And Teaching and Learning

“We must .....make sure that every child and every educator feels safe in our schools."

– Miguel Cardona, Secretary of Education
Examples of Things to Consider

• Physical security of school and district buildings and grounds, cyber/IT systems, transportation systems
• Physical security of students, families, staff, and visitors
• Mental health of students and staff; social emotional supports
• School climate; bullying (social & cyber)
• Public health protection (infectious disease)
• Threat and risk reduction (child exploitation, chemical spill, school violence, severe weather)
Back to School Reflection & Assessment

- What do I have?
- What do I need?
- Where can I get it?
Back to School Reflection & Assessment

• What worked?
• What didn’t work?
• How can we improve?
Back-to-School Checklist
ED & Federal Resources

• Federal School Safety TA Centers at a glance:
  – REMS (ED) – school emergency management
  – NCSSLE (ED) – safe learning environments
  – CISELSS (ED) – social emotional learning
  – PBIS (ED) – school climate
  – Stopbullying.gov
  – Schoolsafety.gov
Coming Soon

• ED grants & Call for Peer Reviewers
  – Project Prevent
  – School-Based Mental Health Services
  – Mental Health Service Professionals

• Peer Reviewers
  – Content area experience
  – Registered in G5

• Webinar Series
  – Mental Health
Preparing for a Safe School Year

Back-to-School Safety for K-12 Schools
August 30, 2022
The Headline

Safe and supportive relationships and environments promote resilience, provide protective factors, and create the conditions in which every person – regardless of our age – can learn, grow, and thrive.
Three Big Ideas

1. **Learning** happens in relationships and environments.

2. Relationships and environments impact **outcomes**.

3. Relationships and environments in **schools** matter.
The Implications

- Personal Self-Care
- School Climate and Environments
- Responsive Interpersonal Relationships
- Youth, Family & Community Partnerships
Guiding Thoughts for the Return to School

1. **Listen first, then develop a plan in partnership with your community – young people, families, and community partners.**

2. **Set up the conditions for healing and success.**

3. **Continue to reflect and refine.**
A New Resource

Reimagining School Safety:
A Guide for Schools and Communities
Lauren Trout, Christina Pate, Krystal Wu, Joe McKenna
Traditional

- Defined as the absence of harm and violence
- Punitive
- Individual
- Top-down

Reimagined

- Defined as the presence of belonging and care
- Restorative
- Relational
- Co-designed at the margins
COMING SOON!

Technical assistance to engage with this guide

selcenter.wested.org
SCHOOLSAFETY.GOV
RESOURCES
Access the latest news and resources for the K-12 community using the SchoolSafety.gov Communications Center.

The Communications Center includes a comprehensive collection of one-pagers, infographics, webinar presentations, newsletter bulletins, and other materials available from SchoolSafety.gov.

You can find the new center on SchoolSafety.gov under the ‘Tools and Resources’ section.
Having the proper school safety plans, procedures, and systems in place is a critical priority for schools as they open their doors to students this fall.

To help schools meet this challenge, the Clearinghouse has published this useful infographic in order to provide strategies to support a safe back-to-school season.
National School Safety Summit | CISA

EVENT DETAILS

November 1-3, 2022  No Cost to Attend  Virtual Format
MISSION
The Summit supports the safety and security of schools by:

- **Fostering a nationwide dialogue** by bringing together stakeholders for exchange, discussion, and connection.

- **Facilitating action** by coordinating and disseminating resources, products, and tools to support schools in implementing and strengthening their security postures.

- **Equipping stakeholders** with training and expertise to apply recognized best practices and research in the context of their specific communities, venues, and schools.

ISSUE AREAS
The Summit program focuses on the safety and security topics of:

- Cybersecurity
- Emergency Planning
- Training, Exercise & Drills
- Reporting Systems
- Physical Security
- Capacity Building
- Targeted Violence
- Threat Assessment

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?
Designed for school safety leaders:

- K-12 Educators
- School and District Administrators
- Principals and Superintendents
- School-Based Law Enforcement
- First Responders
» Registration opened on Wednesday **August 24, 2022**.

» For the most updated information, please visit [https://www.cisa.gov/national-school-safety-summit](https://www.cisa.gov/national-school-safety-summit) or scan the QR code below to sign up for our email list.
Additional Back-to-School Resources

StopBullying.gov
(Dept. of Health and Human Services)

StopRansomware.gov
(Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency)

Sample School Emergency Operations Plan
(FEMA)
Additional Back-to-School Resources

Guidance for COVID-19 Prevention in Kindergarten (K)-12 Schools
(Dept. of Health and Human Services)

National School Mental Health Best Practices: Implementation Guidance Modules
(Dept. of Health and Human Services)

School Climate Improvement Resource Package
(Dept. of Education)
Additional Back-to-School Resources

Enhancing School Safety Using a Threat Assessment Model: An Operational Guide for Preventing Targeted School Violence

Ten Essential Actions to Improve School Safety
(DoJ)
Contact Information and Questions

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Key Resource Links
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• https://oese.ed.gov/
• https://selcenter.wested.org/

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