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Dear colleague,

The Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) and the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) are pleased to announce that registration is open for Act 55 training for School Safety and Security Coordinators ("Coordinators").

Act 55 of 2022 created a *new* training requirement for Coordinators. Located in <u>section 1316-B</u> of the Public School Code of 1949, these new requirements include 7-hours of training on different 11 topics. This training will be eligible for continuing professional education credits under section 1205.2 and section 1205.5 of the public school code and must align with the Coordinator Training Criteria, which was developed and adopted by the School Safety and Security Committee ("Committee") at PCCD. Over the last several months, with the assistance of the Committee's selected vendor, Risk and Strategic Management Corporation (RSM), and many local subject matter experts, the curriculum for this training has been developed and the first in-person course will launch on <u>February 2, 2024</u>.

According to <u>section 1309-B</u>, once the Committee (through PCCD) posts the first training that meets the training criteria, existing coordinators will have one-year to complete the required training. <u>Because the first training will be offered on February 2, 2024 existing Coordinators will have until February 2, 2025 to complete the 7-hour training requirement. Coordinators appointed after February 2, 2024 will have one year from their appointment date to complete the training.</u>

In order to meet the demand for training, PCCD will first offer in-person sessions regionally throughout the Commonwealth. All sessions will be offered free of charge, will be capped at 50 participants and are limited to administrators who are appointed as Coordinators.

To register for one of the scheduled courses, Coordinators should visit the <u>K12 School Safety and</u> <u>Security Training</u> webpage and use the Training Calendar to select a date and location to attend the training. Note that Coordinators may attend any session that is convenient to their schedule and location and are not limited to trainings within their IU region. RSM is in the process of communicating with locations in each IU region to schedule additional trainings, so please check back frequently as dates and locations will continue to be added.

Online training for Coordinators is anticipated to launch in late summer or early fall of 2024 and will be located on the <u>K12 School Safety and Security Training</u> webpage once available. More details will be provided as the online training is developed.

Please contact PCCD at <u>RA-CD-SSSC@pa.gov</u> with any questions or concerns.