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The Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) is finalizing its review of applications for the 2018-19 Safe Schools Targeted Grants for Equipment, Programs, and School Resource and Police Officers. There was a remarkable response to the grant announcement this year, doubling the number of submissions from previous years. PDE will announce the grant recipients at the beginning of October.

In addition to PDE's Targeted Grants, this year school districts also have an opportunity to apply for additional funding through the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) School Safety and Security Grant Program. Established by Act 44 of 2018, this new grant program guarantees school districts a minimum grant allocation of \$25,000 for submitting a meritorious application (Part A) and the ability to receive additional funding through a competitive application process (Part B). A list of eligible programs and expenses is found in Section 1306-B (j) School Safety and Security Grant Program of Act 44. (See

<http://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/legis/li/uconsCheck.cfm?yr=2018&sessInd=0&act=44>)

The meritorious application is to be submitted as Part A on the PCCD eGrants portal by Friday, October 12, 2018.

PDE and PCCD are working together to provide a smooth transition for your grant application process. PDE will provide PCCD with the information on the grant awards made by PDE to avoid duplication. Schools may choose to submit the same, or a similar, grant application to both PDE and PCCD in case they are not awarded a PDE grant. PDE grant award notifications will be made so that schools will have time to alter grant applications with PCCD prior to the October 12, 2018 submission deadline.

Both PCCD and PDE have been receiving many inquiries from LEAs. To aid you in determining which agency to contact with your inquiry, please see the attached list.

Sincerely,

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Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency

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Director Office for Safe Schools
Pennsylvania Department of Education

Contact Listing

Attorney General's Office	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Act 44 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Safe2Say Something Program: providing for methods of anonymous reporting concerning unsafe activities in schools 	Contact Phone: 717-705-4447
PCCD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Act 44 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ School Safety and Security Grant Program ○ School Safety and Security Coordinator ○ Survey of school safety and security 	Contact Email: RA-CD-SSSC@pa.gov
PDE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safe Schools Targeted Grants • MOUs with Police Departments • Safe Schools Annual Reports • School Police and Resource Officers • Contracting with a school district • School laws 	Contact Email: RA-EDSAFESCHOOLSREP@pa.gov
Pennsylvania State Police	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Risk and Vulnerability Assessment Teams (RVAT) 	Contact Email: ra-pspoffdomesticsecurity@pa.gov