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Good afternoon!

As schools across the commonwealth welcome students and staff to a new school year, we know there is no more important time than now to be diligent in our planning efforts around keeping our schools safe. To that end, as indicated in the letter sent August 3, 2018 regarding Act 44 of 2018, chief school administrators of school entities (i.e., school districts, intermediate units, area vocation-technical schools, charter schools and private residential rehabilitative institutions) **must appoint a School Safety and Security Coordinator no later than August 31, 2018.**

Please use the [online form](#) to submit the name and contact information for your school entity's School Safety and Security Coordinator to the Pennsylvania Commission for Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) by Friday, August 31st.

As a reminder, in accordance with Section 1309-B of Act 44, the School Safety and Security Coordinator is tasked with the following duties:

- Reviewing the school entity's policies and procedures;
- Coordinating training and resources for students and staff;
- Coordinating school safety and security assessments;
- Making reports to school board directors on current safety and security practices of schools; and
- Serving as the liaison to the Pennsylvania Commission for Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) School Safety and Security Committee, the Pennsylvania Department of Education, law enforcement and other organizations of matters of school safety and security.

If you have any questions, please email RA-CD-SSSC@pa.gov. An overview of the requirements of Act 44 and FAQs pertaining to the School Safety Security Coordinator is available on the [PCCD School Safety and Security](#) website.

In addition, attached you will find the [School Safety Task Force Report](#) released today in partnership between Governor Wolf and Auditor General DePasquale, as well as the accompanying press release. The report provides details on seven overarching themes to strengthen school security, as heard through the regional School Safety Task Force meetings, and also includes recommendations on how the state, community, and school officials should work collaboratively with each other, as well as students and families, to use all the tools at their disposal to prevent school-based violence from occurring.



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