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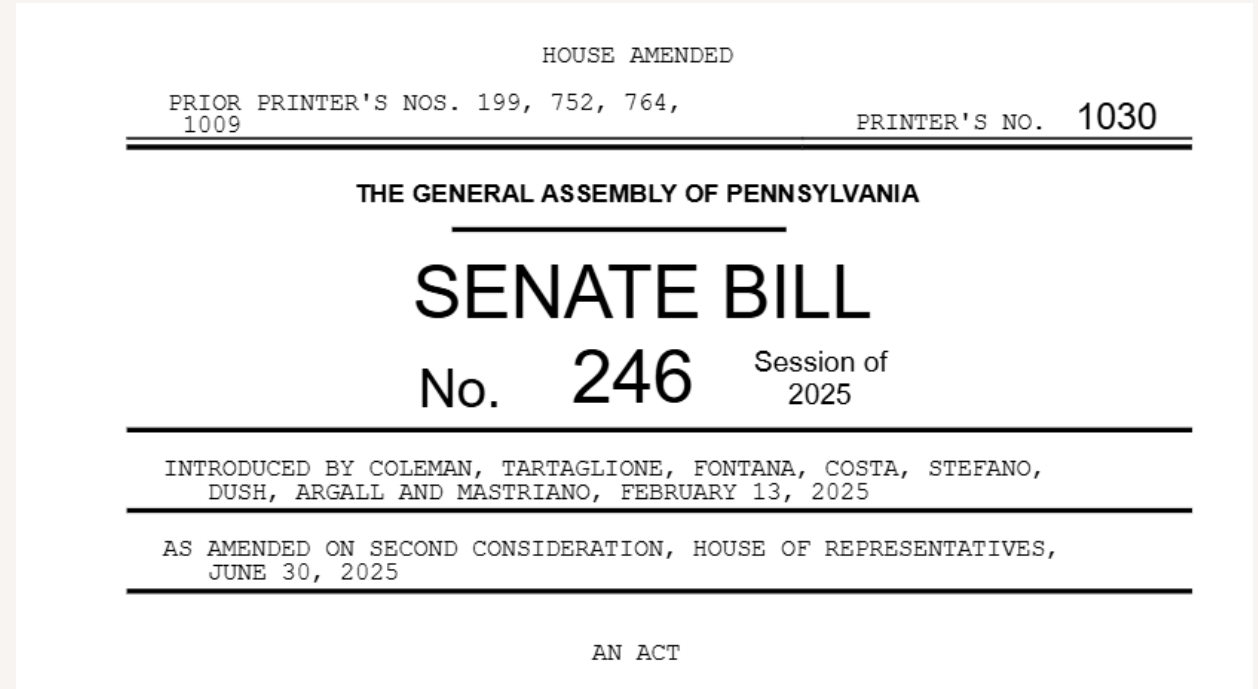
**DECEMBER 10, 2025**

# **Summary of School Safety and Security Updates** — *Acts 44 and 47 of 2025*

Presentation for the School Safety & Security Committee

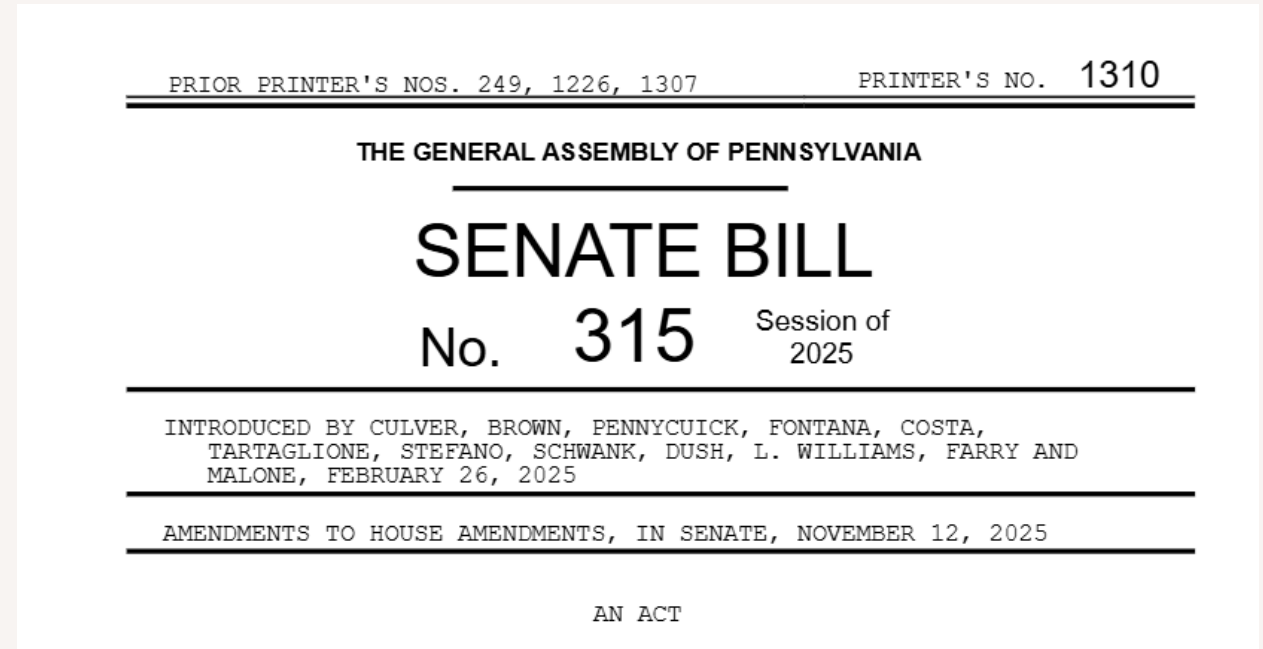
# Act 44 of 2025 – Weapons Notification

- [SB 246](#), signed into law on November 6, 2025
- Created section 1303.2-A of the PA Public School Code
- Requires all school entities and nonpublic schools to notify parents/guardians and employees within 24 hours of an incident involving the possession of a weapon on school property



# Act 47 of 2025 – School Safety & Security Updates

- [SB 315](#), signed into law on November 12, 2025
- Omnibus School Code bill
- Several provisions take effect immediately, provisions related to Safe2Say Something program take effect in 60 days



School Safety and Mental  
Health  
+  
Targeted Nonpublic School  
Safety Grant Programs



# FY25-26 School Safety Grant Funding



\$100 Million for School Safety & Mental Health Grants for school districts, charter schools, area career and technical centers, and intermediate units



\$20.7 Million for Targeted School Safety Grant Program for Nonpublic Schools



# School Safety & Mental Health Grants



\$100M solicitation must be issued within 45 days of School Code passage



Formula-based, noncompetitive solicitation  
School districts - \$100,000+ AADM amount    IUs, CTCs, Charters - \$70,000



School entities can expend funding on physical security enhancements, behavioral health improvements, or both, at their discretion



Grant funding must be spent on Level 1 Baseline Criteria, or Level 1 must be met prior to expending funding on other eligible activities under School Code



# New Eligible Activity for School Safety Grants

Establishing, enhancing or promoting cybersecurity measures, including:

1. Internal and external penetration testing
2. Enhancing programs aimed at cybersecurity and risk management
3. Coordinating or enhancing partnerships with local law enforcement agencies
4. Forming cybersecurity breach reaction plans in accordance with federal, state, and local cybersecurity and data security guidelines
5. Collaboration with approved third-party vendors in conducting cybersecurity protection, internal and external penetration testing and vulnerability assessment
6. Establishment of cybersecurity protocols associated with the use of third-party providers
7. Other recommendations made to remedy cybersecurity vulnerabilities found by third-party providers



# Targeted School Safety Grants for Nonpublic Schools



- No changes to the provisions outlined in School Code 1306.1-B
- Continue to be administered by PCCD based on the framework that the School Safety and Security Committee (SSSC) approves



# New Provisions for School Safety & Security Coordinators



# School Safety & Security Coordinator – Meeting Requirements

- Coordinate school safety and security meetings with school and building leadership at least quarterly
- Include an attendance report of school and building personnel present at school safety and security meetings, including yearly attendance totals, as part of the annual School Safety and Security Coordinator's report to the school board, which is also submitted to the SSSC



# School Safety & Security Coordinator – Continuing Education

- Appointed School Safety and Security Coordinators shall complete 7 hours of training as required under School Code 1316-B within one year of their appointment
  - *Note: this is not a new requirement, and Coordinators who have already completed the 7-hour training do not need to complete another 7 hours*
- Complete any additional continuing education requirements as adopted by the School Safety and Security Committee
  - *The SSSC has not yet approved additional continuing education*



# School Safety & Security Coordinator – Training Input

- School Safety and Security Coordinator shall annually meet with school employees for input on the school entity's Act 55 training
- The school entity shall consult with the School Safety and Security Coordinator in providing the mandatory Act 55 training for school employees



# Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)



# New Memorandum of Understanding Section

MOU is now required to include a procedure for timely coordination between the school entity's threat assessment team and the law enforcement agency, if necessary, pursuant to School Code section 1302-E [on threat assessment teams]

**APPENDIX A**  
**MODEL MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**  
**BETWEEN**

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Law Enforcement Authority)

and

\_\_\_\_\_  
(School Entity)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

**I. Introduction**

A. Parties

The following Law Enforcement Authority or Authorities agree to follow the policies and procedures contained in this Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter "Memorandum"):

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

The following School Entity or Entities agree to follow the policies and procedures contained in this Memorandum:

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\_\_\_\_\_



# School Security Personnel Training



# School Security Personnel Training Updates

- In consultation with PDE and the PA State Police, PCCD shall adopt minimum standards for training of school security personnel in school entities and nonpublic schools
- Training shall incorporate subjects included in the basic School Resource Officer course offered by NASRO and subjects specific to PA law
- PCCD will continue to approve groups and entities to provide the training, and must reassess the training standards periodically



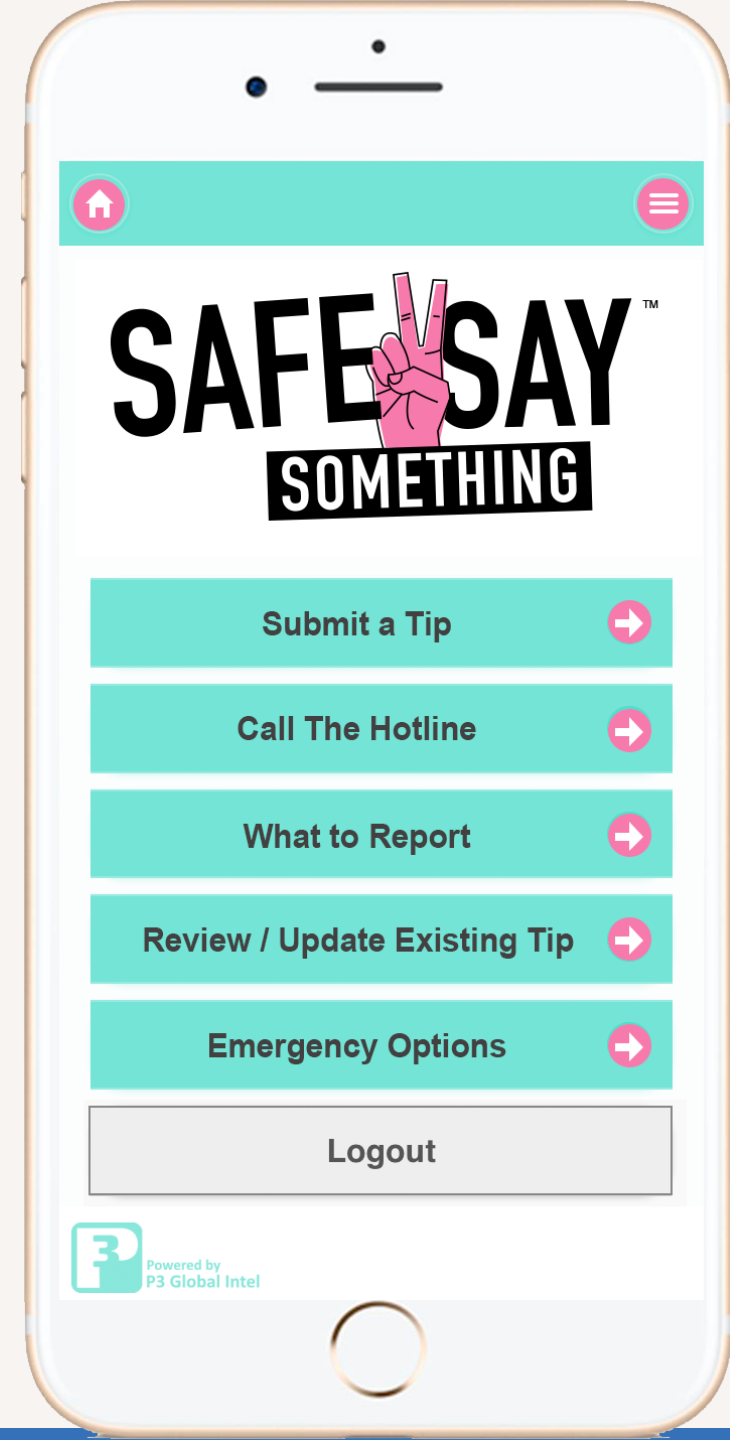
# School Security Personnel Training Updates

- Minor updates to School Code sections 1305-C, 1313-C, and 1314-C
  - School police officers, School Resource Officers, and school security guards, prior to entering upon their duties, must successfully complete training for school security personnel in accordance with the standards approved by PCCD and with an approved provider, in accordance with section 1315-C

*Note: School security personnel who have completed the required training (Act 67) will not need to complete an additional training; new training requirements will apply to individuals who take training after the revised standards are approved by the Commission*



# Safe2Say Something Updates



# Safe2Say Something Program – Updates

- Safe2Say Something program shall develop a training program for school personnel, which includes training on receiving, responding to, and disposing of a report received by the program
- Safe2Say Something training program shall be made available to school entities at no charge
- Safe2Say Something shall provide technical assistance and support, and shall follow up with school entities to determine the outcome of a report, including actions taken on the report



# Safe2Say Something Program – Dispositions

- School entities shall provide a final disposition of each report received through the Safe2Say Something program, in the form and manner determined by the Office of Attorney General:
  - Life safety events – final disposition within 48 hours of receipt
  - Non-life safety events – final disposition within 30 days of receipt
- Safe2Say Something program will include information on school entities that have not submitted final dispositions on a public website, and report to the SSSC – school entities who have not submitted final dispositions for Safe2Say reports may not be awarded school safety grants



# Threat Assessment Team Collaboration



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- Addition to list of individuals who may serve as regular threat assessment team members or be consulted during the threat assessment process, as appropriate, and as determined necessary by the team:
  - An individual who serves on a local or county threat assessment team, if applicable



# Threat Assessment Team Collaboration

- Additional responsibility added to the threat assessment team:
  - Establishing protocols for timely consultation between the team and law enforcement, juvenile justice agencies, county agencies, health care providers or behavioral service providers, as appropriate, to refer students whose behavior indicates a potential threat for additional interventions and supports, including the exchange of relevant information in accordance with federal and state law

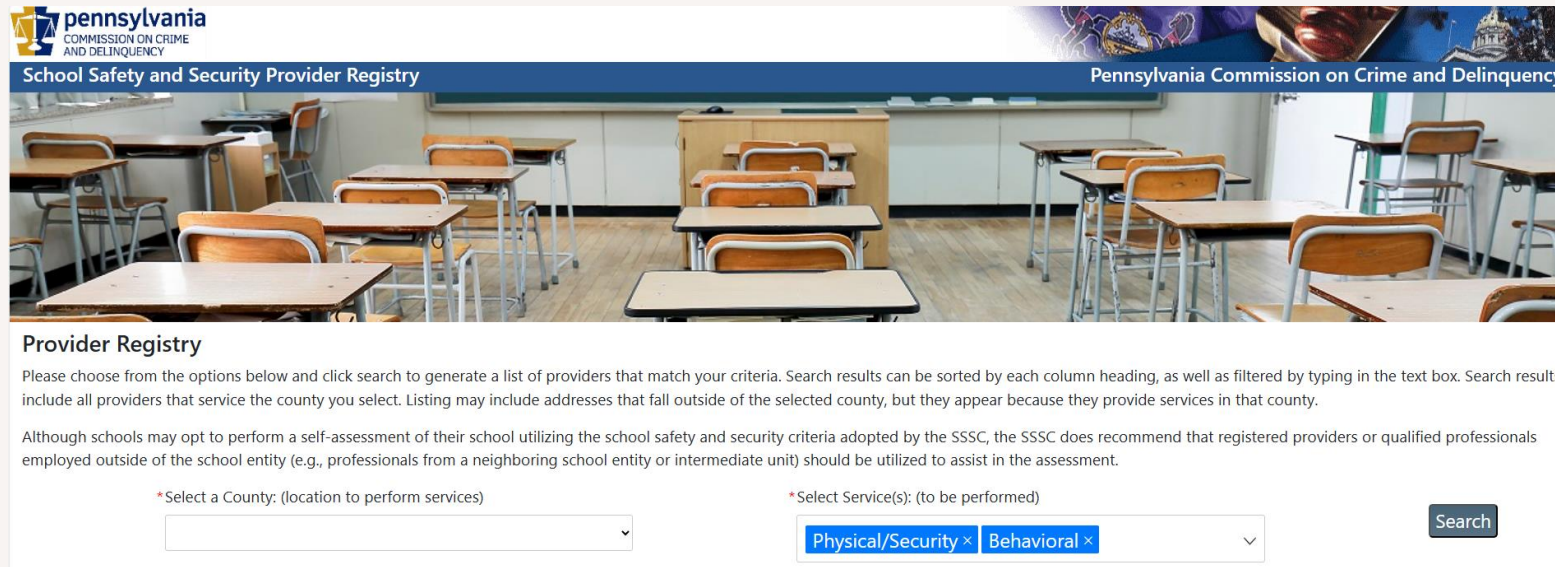


# Registered School Safety and Security Assessors



# Review of School Safety and Security Registered Assessors

- PCCD is required to select a sampling of active registered school safety and security assessment providers and require them to submit a completed assessment for review
- All active registered assessors must be reviewed every 3 years



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School Safety and Security Provider Registry

Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency

### Provider Registry

Please choose from the options below and click search to generate a list of providers that match your criteria. Search results can be sorted by each column heading, as well as filtered by typing in the text box. Search results include all providers that service the county you select. Listing may include addresses that fall outside of the selected county, but they appear because they provide services in that county.

Although schools may opt to perform a self-assessment of their school utilizing the school safety and security criteria adopted by the SSSC, the SSSC does recommend that registered providers or qualified professionals employed outside of the school entity (e.g., professionals from a neighboring school entity or intermediate unit) should be utilized to assist in the assessment.

\*Select a County: (location to perform services)

\*Select Service(s): (to be performed)

Physical/Security × Behavioral ×

Search

# Review of School Safety and Security Registered Assessors

- Registered assessors may be required to correct deficiencies identified in assessment materials, as compared to the SSSC's [approved assessment criteria](#)
- Registered assessors who are unresponsive, inactive, or whose assessment materials are determined to be inconsistent with the approved assessment criteria may be removed from the provider registry

*Student Assistance, Behavioral Health, & School Climate Assessment Criteria*

**School Entity Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Building Being Assessed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of Assessment:** \_\_\_\_\_

## Student Assistance Program (SAP)

As defined in [22 Pa. Code §12.16](#), Pennsylvania's Student Assistance Program (SAP) is designed to assist school personnel in identifying issues including alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs (ATOD) and behavioral/mental health issues which pose a barrier to a student's success. Pennsylvania requires public school entities to have SAP programs, in accordance with [22 Pa. Code §12.42](#).

This criterion represents best practice guidelines for teams to consider, and aligns with existing information provided in key SAP documents (i.e., [SAP Guidelines for Teams](#), [SAP Best Practices by Phase](#), and [SAP FAQ and Best Practice Responses](#)), which should be familiar to school entities. While SAP team composition, roles, and functions vary across schools throughout the Commonwealth, these existing SAP documents were developed by the Pennsylvania Network for Student Assistance Services (PNSAS) to highlight minimum expectations and best practices for teams to work toward.

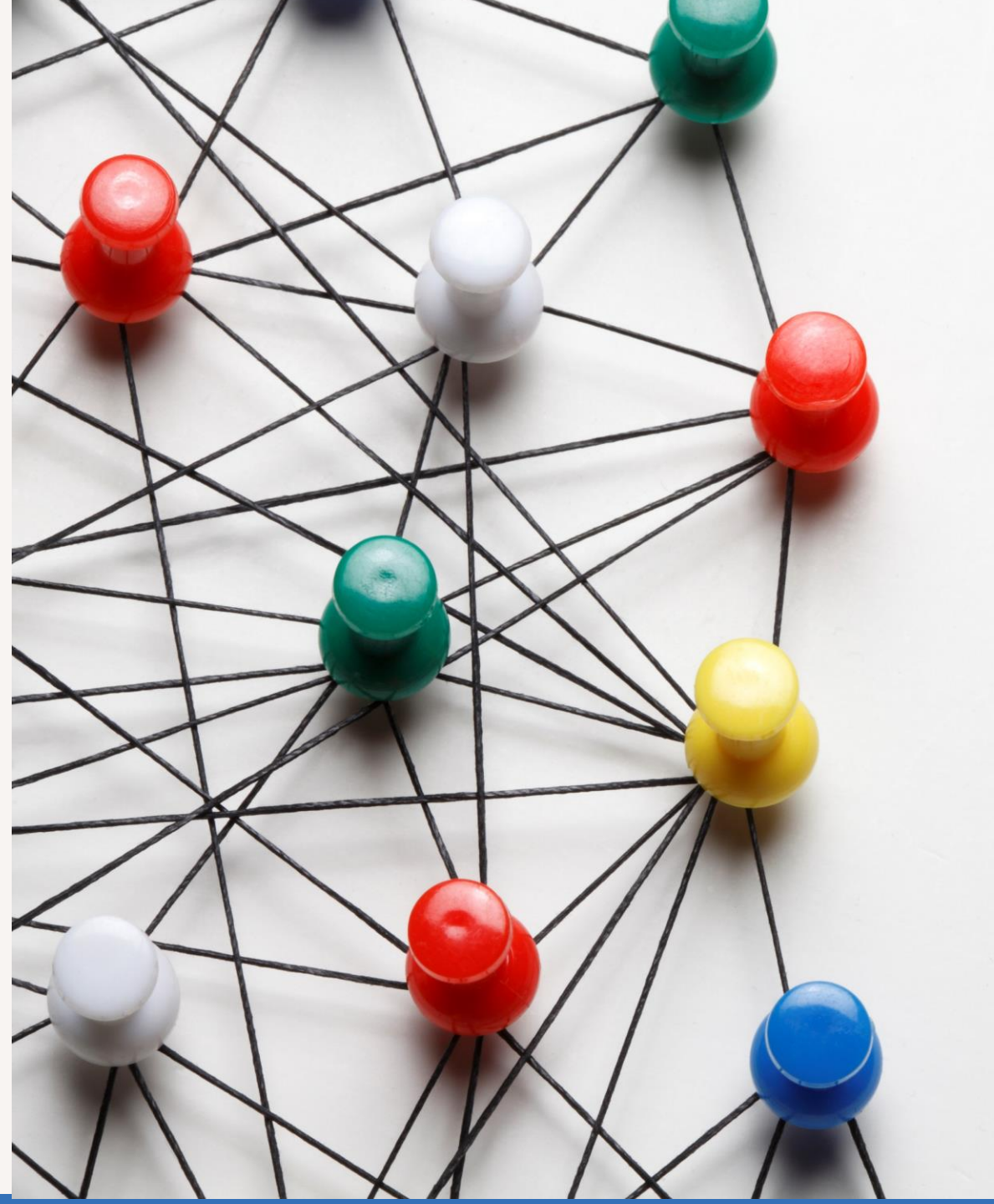
PNSAS Regional Coordinators are available to assist SAP teams with these assessments and provide technical assistance to support schools in meeting the criteria outlined below. Additional resources and information about SAP in Pennsylvania are available at [www.pnsas.org](http://www.pnsas.org).

### SAP Considerations

General School Processes		
✓	Level	Statement
<input type="checkbox"/>	L1	1. School entity provides a Student Assistance Program (SAP) in accordance with <a href="#">Section 1547</a> of the PA Public School Code.
<input type="checkbox"/>	L1	2. School entity has a process in place for coordination of services and referrals as part of SAP.
<input type="checkbox"/>	L1	3. All K-12 students, including students in special education and specialized programs, have access to the services of a SAP team.
<input type="checkbox"/>	L1	a. Students in grade levels K-6 have access to the services of a SAP team.
<input type="checkbox"/>	L1	b. Students in grade levels 7-12 have access to the services of a SAP team.



# School Safety and Security Committee Updates



# New SSSC Provisions

- Addition of new, nonvoting SSSC member: a recognized subject matter expert in cyber security appointed by the Governor from 3 names submitted jointly by the Senate President Pro Tem and Speaker of the House
- Establishment of an Office of School Safety and Security at PCCD
- SSSC may annually authorize the use of unexpended, uncommitted, or unencumbered funds in the School Safety and Security Fund to be used for administrative costs in carrying out duties under Article XIII-B of the School Code, as well as fulfilling training requirements under Article XIII-B [Act 55 training for school employees and Coordinators], Article XIII-C [Act 67 training provisions for school security personnel], and Article XIII-E [threat assessment team training]



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