



School Safety Summit

Octorara Area School District
January 2019



-Welcome-

OVERVIEW:

- (1) Review Octorara's safety and security initiatives.
- (2) Highlight partnerships with local law enforcement, Signal 88, the Home of the Braves character education program, and support received from community based resources to teach students how to make good behavior choices.
- (3) Review Act 44 of 2018 and the Safe2Say Something Program, an anonymous reporting program or tip line supported by the Pennsylvania Office of the Attorney General and PA Commission on Crime and Delinquency.

-Maximizing Opportunities for Success-

“The mission of the Octorara Area School District, through a partnership among school, community and family is to promote educational excellence in a **safe, secure environment**, empowering our students with the skills necessary to be successful, responsible members of society.”

-Maintaining School Safety-

Act 44 signed into law June 22, 2018-established several new sections of Pennsylvania School Code. Authorized a School Safety & Security Committee within the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency to provide oversight, grant funding, and support for school safety.

- School Districts must appoint a School Safety Coordinator.
- School Districts must conduct school safety and security training: 3 hours every 5 years; AND practice safety and security drills: fire, intruder, active shooter, shelter in place, severe weather, bus evacuation etc.
- School Districts must conduct school safety and security assessments; coordinate with internal and external groups.
- School Districts must implement the Safe2Say Something Program-anonymous tip line.
- School Districts must adopt policy for school safety and security.
- School Districts must submit a yearly report to PCCD.
- School Boards may discuss safety and security in executive session.

-Reasons to Celebrate-

Much of what Act 44 of 2018 requires is best practice in Octorara's schools.

There are many safety and security initiatives at Octorara that are not required by PDE and PCCD.

Octorara is fortunate to have so many partners supporting our campus wide school safety and security efforts.

-OASD Safety and Security Practices-

-District wide and building level safety committees

-Board Policy and administrative procedures

-Safety and Security Drill Schedule

-Professional Development for all staff

-Student Assistance Program

-Facility Plan to update school safety infrastructure:
secure doors, entrances, cameras, key card readers,
burglar alarms, etc.

-Security guard and traffic management support

-Home of the Braves Character Education Program

-Strong partnerships with local law enforcement
and community organizations

-Homeland Security Program

-Human Services Counseling Center: *Spring 2019*

-Kacie's Cause

-Caring, concerned, and supportive school culture

-The Parkesburg Point Youth Center

-Safety and security assessments & All Hazards Plan

-Support from Local Law Enforcement-

Chief Sheller and Chief Wilmont

-Overview: Kacie's Cause-

Mrs. Betsy Gillen

-Overview: Signal 88 Services-

Mr. Pete Mango and Mr. Dan McKeown

-Overview: Home of the Braves-

Dr. Scott Rohrer

-Overview: Human Services, Inc.-

Mrs. Kathryn Michalowski

-Overview: Safe2Say Program-

In 2018, the General Assembly passed Act 44 mandating the establishment and use of the “Safe2Say Something” (S2SS) Anonymous Reporting System by every Pennsylvania school entity.

Date for system to “go live”: January 14, 2019

-Safe2Say Program: How it Works-

- A tip is submitted via mobile app, website or by calling the PA-based 24/7 Crisis Center.
- The tip is then triaged by the crisis center to gather enough information to act on it.
- The tip is then delivered to the impacted school and, as needed, local law enforcement.
- The school and, as needed, local law enforcement assess and intervene with the at-risk individual.
- The school then closes out the tip and reports actions taken as a record for their school.

-Safe2Say Program Specific to Octorara-

- The Office of the Attorney General (OAG) has established S2SS and will manage and maintain the program.
- The superintendent and high school administration are responsible for managing the program at Octorara.
- Octorara's website includes links to parent and student information and directions on how to submit a tip. A handout with directions is available this evening.

The Safe2Say technology does not replace any of the face-to-face interventions and strategies staff and administrators currently use with students.



Questions and Answers