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2024-2025 School Safety and Mental Health Grant Summary

The School Safety and Security Committee (SSSC), within the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) is accepting applications for the 2024-25 School Safety & Mental Health Grants solicitation, which is a noncompetitive, formula-based funding announcement to provide grants to eligible school entities to support physical security enhancements and/or mental health initiatives. This noncompetitive, formula-based solicitation is specifically for eligible school entities as defined under 24 P.S. §13-1314.1-B of the PA Public School Code (i.e., a school district, area career and technical school, intermediate unit, charter school, regional charter school, and cyber charter school). The objective of the 2024-25 School Safety & Mental Health Grants solicitation is to offer an opportunity for school entities to use funding to address school safety needs. To assist schools in guiding decisions about their behavioral health and physical security needs, the SSSC convened experts across Pennsylvania to develop Baseline Criteria Standards to organize policies, programs, activities, equipment and trainings into a multi-levelled chart from Level 1, which are the most basic elements a school entity should have in place, to Level 3, which are the most advanced elements. A priority focus of the SSSC is to ensure that all school entities, at a minimum, meet a basic, Level 1 standard of safety for students and staff. School entities are strongly encouraged to review the Baseline Criteria in advance of submitting their grant application under this solicitation to determine what criteria their school entity currently meets and where additional investments may be needed. Per 24 P.S. §13-1314.1-B, Level 1 criteria must be satisfied prior to school entities utilizing these funds for other Eligible Program Activities and Expenses within each respective physical security or mental health sections.

The Riverview School District applied for this grant in compliance with the grant requirements, to support our efforts and the general operating budget in employing a wide range of strategies to meet mental health and school safety initiatives. Below is a summary of the projects and activities that the District has designated for this very important funding:

Physical Safety and Mental Health (\$118,254)

- Important safety upgrades to core locks across the District
- Complete replacement of the highest traffic door at the Jr-Sr HS (Door 7)
- Additional therapeutic services for students for an additional two years (Glade Run)
- Yoga and mindfulness courses for students and staff for an additional two years
- Parent presentations/information sessions regarding youth, technology, social media, artificial intelligence, and mental health for an additional two years