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2022-2023 PCCD School Mental Health and Safety and Security Grant Summary

Originally closed on 8/31/2022 and reopened on 10/11/2022 through 11/1/2022, the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) accepted applications for funding under the School Safety and Security Program Grant Fund. Per the passage of Act 55 of 2022, the primary purpose of 2022-23 School Mental Health & Safety and Security solicitation was to provide grants to eligible school entities to support both mental health initiatives and physical school security enhancements. The objective of the 2022-23 School Safety and Security Grant Program was to ensure that eligible school entities meet 'Tier 1' of the Baseline Criteria Guidance for Physical Security, Behavioral Health and School Climate developed by the School Safety and Security Committee (SSSC) and adopted in February 2021. These Baseline Criteria were developed to organize safety and security-related equipment, trainings, policies, programs and activities into a tiered structure (i.e., from Tier 1, which includes the most basic physical and behavioral health safety elements, to Tier 3, which includes the most comprehensive elements). These tiered guides serve as a resource a school entity can reference to determine their level of need and identify areas for further improvement. The overarching goal of the School Safety and Security Grant Program is to improve the safety and well-being of Pennsylvania's students through investments in physical security, behavioral and mental health, and school climate approaches.

The Riverview School District applied for, and received 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 (\$114,759):

- Important upgrades to the Emergency Communication Phone Systems
- Important upgrades to Computer Networks
- Important upgrades to emergency communication walkie talkies
- Important upgrades to campus monitoring systems
- Installation services for the aforementioned upgrades

Mental Health (\$114,759)

- Additional therapeutic services for students (Glade Run)
- Yoga and mindfulness courses for students and staff for two years
- Parent presentations/information sessions regarding youth, technology, social media, artificial intelligence, and mental health
- Student Assistance Program (SAP) training for additional staff members, to address social and emotional health of the students and bolster our SAP teams
- "Soft skills" curriculum, resources and training for staff (college and career readiness, collaboration, conflict mediation, self-regulation, study skills, etc.)
- 2-year social and mental health applications access for staff