

## STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



**To:** Superintendents of Schools

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**Subject:** School Security and Safety Plans 2024-25 (*Due November 1<sup>st</sup>*)

The recent school violence in Georgia serves as a reminder of the importance of planning for all possible situations regardless of the likelihood, to ensure the safety and wellbeing of everyone in our school communities. Therefore, attached please find the 2024-25 guidance documents and templates for the annual review and updating of your School Security and Safety Plans. Plans are due to the State Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (DEMHS) on or before **November 1, 2024.** 

The attached documents have been shared with municipal chief elected officials (mayors, selectmen, etc.), Emergency Management Directors, Regional School Safety Workgroups in each of the DEMHS regions, and school resource officers. We encourage you to share this information with all members of your School Security and Safety Committee to ensure broad awareness as you begin to update your plans. Please note that there is one change from prior year plans, that someone representing Special Education is required to be on each School Security and Safety Committee.

The relevant statutes regarding School Security and Safety Plans are: <u>Section 10-222m. School security and safety plans. School security and safety committees and Section 10-222n. School security and safety plan standards.</u> The attached FAQ document also has useful information regarding plan development and submission.

Additional questions can be submitted to: <u>SchoolSecurityPlanStandards@ct.gov.</u>

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