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With the signing of the School Safety and Resiliency Act, the Office of the State School Security Marshal (OSSSM) was established on March 11, 2019, to ensure state mandates are followed and school districts are held accountable for the safety and security of Kentucky's students and school staff.

The School Safety and Resiliency Act provides a commonsense approach to building security, mental health advocacy, emergency planning, law enforcement and staff training. By working together, Kentucky is leading the nation in school safety.

According to the 2022-2023 OSSSM risk-assessment report, implementing school safety and security mandates works. School districts are following the law at almost 100% compliance. This ensures that visitor protocols are being followed, exterior doors are secure and interior doors are closed and locked during instructional time. All these security measures are proven to keep students and staff as safe as possible.

Since the passing of House Bill 63 in 2022, the number of school resource officers (SRO) assigned to school campuses has increased to 613 officers assigned full-time to district campuses. SROs do more than ensure the safety and security of students and staff. They also serve as a trusted adult to many students by providing support, mentorship, and a positive influence.

In March 2023, Gov. Beshear signed House Bill 540 into law, expanding definitions related to the use of SROs in private or parochial schools, as well as public schools, creating consistency of expectations across different types of schools and furthering Kentucky's commitment to school safety.

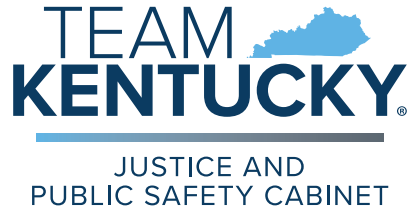
The Department of Criminal Justice Training provides SROs with 120 hours of specialized training, in addition to basic law enforcement response for working in schools. This training includes mental health awareness classes, skills for working with special needs students, cultural diversity and active shooter response.

As Kentucky prepares for schools to reopen for the 2023-24 school year, OSSSM recommends that teachers and staff have a plan for critical incidents, that districts maintain emergency operation plans, and that teachers continue to secure classrooms, external doors and front entrances. Also, as funding and personnel allow, school districts should continue to be encouraged to assign an SRO to every campus in the state and work toward the goal of one school-based mental health professional for every 250 students.

OSSSM looks forward to continuing its partnerships in the coming year with the commonwealth's educational heroes and working together to create a better and safer Kentucky now and for future generations.

Sincerely,

Ben Wilcox  
*State School Security Marshal*



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The following responses were collected by OSSSM regional compliance officers conducting the risk assessment mandated by the School Safety & Resiliency Act for the 2022-23 school year. The individual school risk assessments are protected from open records requests. This report is a summary of these findings.



# SECTION 1:

## ACCESS CONTROL REQUIREMENT, NEW BUILDING/EXPANSION APPROVAL

KRS158.162(3)(D)

### 1.1 - ALL VISITORS ARE REQUIRED TO REPORT TO THE MAIN OFFICE UPON ENTRY.

| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES |        |
|----------------|-----------|--------|
| <b>YES</b>     | 1,326     | 99.92% |
| <b>NO</b>      | 1         | 0.08%  |

### 1.2 - UPON REPORTING, ALL VISITORS MUST PROVIDE VALID IDENTIFICATION.

| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES |        |
|----------------|-----------|--------|
| <b>YES</b>     | 1,326     | 99.92% |
| <b>NO</b>      | 1         | 0.08%  |

### 1.3 - ALL VISITORS, PRIOR TO ALLOWING ACCESS, ARE REQUIRED TO STATE THE PURPOSE OF THEIR VISIT.

| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES |        |
|----------------|-----------|--------|
| <b>YES</b>     | 1,325     | 99.85% |
| <b>NO</b>      | 2         | 0.15%  |

### 1.4 - A VISIBLE "VISITOR'S BADGE" IS REQUIRED TO BE DISPLAYED AT ALL TIMES.

| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES |        |
|----------------|-----------|--------|
| <b>YES</b>     | 1,326     | 99.92% |
| <b>NO</b>      | 1         | 0.08%  |



**1.5 - THE MAIN ENTRANCE OF THE SCHOOL IS CONTROLLED WITH ELECTRONICALLY LOCKING DOORS.**

| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES |        |
|----------------|-----------|--------|
| <b>YES</b>     | 1,325     | 99.85% |
| <b>NO</b>      | 2         | 0.15%  |

**1.6 - THE MAIN ENTRANCE OF THE SCHOOL IS CONTROLLED WITH A CAMERA(S).**

| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES |        |
|----------------|-----------|--------|
| <b>YES</b>     | 1,325     | 99.85% |
| <b>NO</b>      | 2         | 0.15%  |

**1.7 - THE MAIN ENTRANCE OF THE SCHOOL IS CONTROLLED WITH AN INTERCOM SYSTEM(S).**

| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES |        |
|----------------|-----------|--------|
| <b>YES</b>     | 1,320     | 99.47% |
| <b>NO</b>      | 7         | 0.53%  |

**1.8 - THE SCHOOL CONTROLS ACCESS TO ALL EXTERIOR DOORS DURING THE SCHOOL DAY.**

| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES |        |
|----------------|-----------|--------|
| <b>YES</b>     | 1,320     | 99.47% |
| <b>NO</b>      | 7         | 0.53%  |

**1.9 - CLASSROOM DOORS ARE EQUIPPED WITH HARDWARE THAT ALLOW THE DOOR TO BE LOCKED FROM THE OUTSIDE BUT OPENED FROM THE INSIDE.**

| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES |        |
|----------------|-----------|--------|
| <b>YES</b>     | 1,324     | 99.77% |
| <b>NO</b>      | 3         | 0.23%  |



**1.10 - CLASSROOM DOORS REMAIN CLOSED AND LOCKED DURING INSTRUCTIONAL TIME.**

| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES |        |
|----------------|-----------|--------|
| <b>YES</b>     | 1,319     | 99.40% |
| <b>NO</b>      | 8         | 0.60%  |

**1.11 - CLASSROOM DOORS WITH WINDOWS ARE EQUIPPED WITH MATERIAL TO QUICKLY COVER THE WINDOW DURING A BUILDING LOCKDOWN.**

| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES |        |
|----------------|-----------|--------|
| <b>YES</b>     | 1,325     | 99.85% |
| <b>NO</b>      | 2         | 0.15%  |



## SECTION 2:

### NECESSARY SAFETY AND SECURITY PROCESSES (NOT RELATED TO NEW BUILDING/EXPANSION APPROVAL)

#### 2.1 - A SCHOOL SAFETY AND THREAT ASSESSMENT TEAM IS IN PLACE.

| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES |        |
|----------------|-----------|--------|
| YES            | 1,320     | 99.47% |
| NO             | 7         | 0.53%  |

#### 2.2 - AN EMERGENCY PLAN IS IN PLACE FOR THE SCHOOL TO FOLLOW.

| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES |      |
|----------------|-----------|------|
| YES            | 1,327     | 100% |
| NO             | 0         | 0%   |

#### 2.3 - PUBLIC SAFETY AGENCIES HAVE A COPY OF THE EMERGENCY PLAN ALONG WITH A DIAGRAM OF THE SCHOOL FACILITIES.

| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES |        |
|----------------|-----------|--------|
| YES            | 1,325     | 99.85% |
| NO             | 2         | 0.15%  |

#### 2.4 - THE EMERGENCY PLAN WAS REVIEWED BY THE SCHOOL COUNCIL, THE PRINCIPAL AND FIRST RESPONDERS DURING THE CURRENT SCHOOL YEAR.

| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES |        |
|----------------|-----------|--------|
| YES            | 1,314     | 99.02% |
| NO             | 13        | 0.98%  |



**2.5 - ALL ROOMS HAVE AN ESTABLISHED PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EVACUATION ROUTE AND ARE PROMINENTLY POSTED IN EACH ROOM BY EVACUATION DOORWAYS.**

| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES |        |
|----------------|-----------|--------|
| <b>YES</b>     | 1,278     | 96.31% |
| <b>NO</b>      | 49        | 3.69%  |

**2.6 - THE BEST AVAILABLE SEVERE WEATHER SAFE ZONES HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AND ARE PROMINENTLY POSTED IN EACH ROOM.**

| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES |        |
|----------------|-----------|--------|
| <b>YES</b>     | 1,286     | 96.91% |
| <b>NO</b>      | 41        | 3.09%  |

**2.7 - POLICIES AND PROCEDURES ARE IN PLACE FOR AN ALL HAZARDS APPROACH, INCLUDING EMERGENCY RESPONSE DRILLS FOR HOSTAGE, ACTIVE SHOOTER AND BUILDING LOCKDOWN SITUATIONS.**

| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES |      |
|----------------|-----------|------|
| <b>YES</b>     | 1,327     | 100% |
| <b>NO</b>      | 0         | 0%   |

**2.8 - THESE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES WERE FORMULATED WITH APPROPRIATE PUBLIC SAFETY AGENCIES' INPUT, TO INCLUDE BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO FIRE, POLICE, AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES.**

| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES |        |
|----------------|-----------|--------|
| <b>YES</b>     | 1,325     | 99.85% |
| <b>NO</b>      | 2         | 0.15%  |





**2.9 - SCHOOL HAS ENSURED THAT PUBLIC SAFETY AGENCIES HAVE TOURED THE SCHOOL TO REVIEW POLICIES AND PROCEDURES AND PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS RELATED TO SAFETY AND SECURITY DURING THE PREVIOUS SCHOOL YEAR.**

| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES |        |
|----------------|-----------|--------|
| <b>YES</b>     | 1,320     | 99.47% |
| <b>NO</b>      | 7         | 0.53%  |

**2.10 - THE PRINCIPAL HAS RECEIVED TRAINING ON PROCEDURES FOR COMPLETION OF THE SCHOOL SECURITY RISK ASSESSMENT.**

| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES |        |
|----------------|-----------|--------|
| <b>YES</b>     | 1,318     | 99.32% |
| <b>NO</b>      | 9         | 0.68%  |

**2.11 - THE PRINCIPAL HAS PROVIDED WRITTEN NOTICE WITHIN 10 DAYS OF THE FIRST INSTRUCTIONAL DAY OF THE SCHOOL YEAR, TO ALL STUDENTS, PARENTS, AND GUARDIANS, THE PROVISIONS OF KRS 508.078 AND POTENTIAL PENALTIES UNDER KRS 532.060 AND 534.030.**

| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES |        |
|----------------|-----------|--------|
| <b>YES</b>     | 1,316     | 99.17% |
| <b>NO</b>      | 11        | 0.83%  |

**2.12 - THE SCHOOL ADOPTED A TRAUMA-INFORMED APPROACH TO EDUCATION.**

| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES |        |
|----------------|-----------|--------|
| <b>YES</b>     | 1,315     | 99.10% |
| <b>NO</b>      | 12        | 0.90%  |



**2.13 - A CERTIFIED SCHOOL COUNSELOR IS CURRENTLY EMPLOYED.**

| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES |        |
|----------------|-----------|--------|
| <b>YES</b>     | 1,209     | 91.11% |
| <b>NO</b>      | 118       | 8.89%  |

**2.14 - THE DISTRICT MEETS THE GOAL\* OF ONE SCHOOL COUNSELOR/SCHOOL BASED MENTAL HEALTH PROVIDER, WHO IS EMPLOYED BY THE DISTRICT, PER 250 STUDENTS.**

| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES |        |
|----------------|-----------|--------|
| <b>YES</b>     | 688       | 51.85% |
| <b>NO</b>      | 639       | 48.15% |

*\*The statewide ratio of mental health providers to students is 1:306. The goal is 1:250.*

**2.15 - THE SCHOOL CURRENTLY HAS A TRAUMA-INFORMED TEAM.**

| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES |        |
|----------------|-----------|--------|
| <b>YES</b>     | 1,304     | 98.27% |
| <b>NO</b>      | 23        | 1.73%  |

**2.16 - THE SCHOOL COUNSELOR IS SPENDING 60% OR MORE OF HIS/HER TIME PROVIDING COUNSELING AND RELATED SERVICES DIRECTLY TO STUDENTS.**

| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES |        |
|----------------|-----------|--------|
| <b>YES</b>     | 1,204     | 90.73% |
| <b>NO</b>      | 123       | 9.27%  |

**2.17 - PRIOR TO THE FIRST INSTRUCTIONAL DAY OF THE SCHOOL YEAR, THE PRINCIPAL'S DESIGNEE DISCUSSED AND DOCUMENTED THE EMERGENCY PLAN WITH ALL SCHOOL PERSONNEL.**

| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES |        |
|----------------|-----------|--------|
| <b>YES</b>     | 1,321     | 99.55% |
| <b>NO</b>      | 6         | 0.45%  |



**2.18 - ALL EMPLOYEES, WHO HAVE JOB DUTIES REQUIRING DIRECT CONTACT WITH STUDENTS, HAVE ATTENDED A MINIMUM ONE-HOUR HIGH QUALITY SUICIDE PREVENTION TRAINING.**

| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES |        |
|----------------|-----------|--------|
| <b>YES</b>     | 827       | 62.32% |
| <b>NO</b>      | 0         | 0%     |
| <b>N/A*</b>    | 500       | 37.68% |

*\*Mandates require only staff who have contact with students grades 6-12.*

**2.19 - STAFF MEMBERS HIRED AFTER THE INITIAL SUICIDE PREVENTION TRAINING ARE PROVIDED PREVENTION MATERIALS.**

| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES |        |
|----------------|-----------|--------|
| <b>YES</b>     | 821       | 61.87% |
| <b>NO</b>      | 0         | 0%     |
| <b>N/A*</b>    | 506       | 38.13% |

*\*Mandates require only staff who have contact with students grades 6-12.*

**2.20 - ALL SCHOOL EMPLOYEES, WITH JOB DUTIES REQUIRING DIRECT CONTACT WITH STUDENTS, ATTENDED A MINIMUM ONE-HOUR TRAINING ON HOW TO RESPOND TO AN ACTIVE SHOOTER SITUATION DEVELOPED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE TRAINING.**

| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES |      |
|----------------|-----------|------|
| <b>YES</b>     | 1,327     | 100% |
| <b>NO</b>      | 0         | 0%   |

**2.21 - THE DISTRICT PROVIDES TRAINING TO SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS ON SUICIDE PREVENTION, ACTIVE SHOOTER, AND EMERGENCY PLAN FAMILIARIZATION.**

| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES |        |
|----------------|-----------|--------|
| <b>YES</b>     | 1,325     | 99.85% |
| <b>NO</b>      | 2         | 0.15%  |



**2.22 - THE 24-HOUR STATEWIDE CHILD ABUSE HOTLINE NUMBER 1-877-597-2331 IS PROMINENTLY DISPLAYED IN THE SCHOOL.**

| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES |        |
|----------------|-----------|--------|
| <b>YES</b>     | 1,317     | 99.25% |
| <b>NO</b>      | 10        | 0.75%  |

**2.23 - THE NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING REPORTING HOTLINE NUMBER 1-888-373-7888 IS PROMINENTLY DISPLAYED IN THE SCHOOL.**

| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES |        |
|----------------|-----------|--------|
| <b>YES</b>     | 1,313     | 98.94% |
| <b>NO</b>      | 14        | 1.06%  |

**2.24 - THE SCHOOL CURRENTLY HAS AN ASSIGNED SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER(S)\* PURSUANT TO STATE LAW.**

| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES |        |
|----------------|-----------|--------|
| <b>YES</b>     | 758       | 57.12% |
| <b>NO</b>      | 569       | 42.88% |

*\*The statewide percentage of SROs assigned to a campus is 51%.*

**2.25 - THE SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER(S) HAVE SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED, OR ARE IN THE PROCESS OF COMPLETING, REQUIRED PHASES OF KENTUCKY LAW ENFORCEMENT COUNCIL (KLEC) APPROVED SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER CERTIFICATION TRAINING PROVIDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE TRAINING.**

| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES |        |
|----------------|-----------|--------|
| <b>YES</b>     | 685       | 51.62% |
| <b>NO</b>      | 28        | 2.11%  |
| <b>N/A</b>     | 614       | 46.27% |



# SAFETY & SECURITY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2023-24

- All school staff who encounter students must complete mandatory response to active shooter training and work together to maintain and update the best plan of action to protect students and staff.
- Ensure schools have an up-to-date emergency operations plan which includes consultation with first responders and procedures for reunification.
- As mandated by KRS 158.162, update emergency plans to include event-specific action plans that may include the provision of an automated external defibrillator (AED)
- Require school staff and first responders to rehearse venue-specific emergency action plans by simulation before the beginning of each athletic season.
- Continue training all front office staff to properly use security features, including the electronic door lock, camera, and intercom systems. Staff should also be trained on how to check in a visitor, ensure the proper ID is shown, and learn the reason for the visit.
- Continue working toward 100% compliance with School Safety and Resiliency Act mandates.
- Continue working toward the goal of one mental health professional per every 250 students, as funds and personnel become available.
- Continue working toward assigning a full-time, certified school resource officer to every campus where one (1) or more school buildings are used to deliver instruction to students on a continual basis.
- Continue to foster a school climate where students and staff affirm the importance of controlling access to exterior doors and closing and locking classroom doors during instructional time.

