USBE School Safety and Support Grant (H.B. 61)
School Safety Assessment: Top Considerations & Priorities

In alignment with House Bill 61, Local Education Agencies (LEAs) must complete an assessment to determine the need for the School Safety and Support Grant (physical safety improvements) using the Framework of Assessment, Building Capacity, Planning, Implementation, and Evaluation.

Below are top considerations and priorities to support LEAs:

Facilities

1. **Has the school completed a safety assessment?**

   b. Have physical security upgrade needs been identified?

   c. Baseline considerations:

      i. Utilization of all-hazards response technology

      ii. Intercoms and/or two-way radios

      iii. Panic buttons

      iv. Locks on doors

      v. Visitation policies

      vi. Faculty/staff secure key card entry access

      vii. Single or limited-point entry

      viii. Containment hardware capabilities (i.e. security doors)

      ix. Secure vestibules

      x. Cameras/surveillance

      xi. Lighting

2. **Are there first-aid kits in the classrooms?**

3. **Are bleeding control kits available and readily accessible?**

4. **Does the school have inter-operable communication hardware, software systems?**

   a. Are school staff properly trained on the use of these systems?

Personnel, Training, and Programs

5. **Does the school have a multidisciplinary targeted violence threat assessment team?**

   a. Is the process used evidence-based?

   b. Has the team been properly trained?

6. **Does the school have services provided by a School Resource Officer (SRO)?**

   a. Is there a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in place?

      i. This should include SRO roles and responsibilities and any applicable training for that position.

7. **Does law enforcement provide safety and security training for the school (i.e. drills, reunification, etc.)?**

8. **Standard Response Protocol (SRP)™**

   a. Have school staff been properly trained on The I Love U Guys Foundation SRP?

   b. Is there an MOU in place between the LEA and The I Love U Guys Foundation?

9. **Does the school utilize SafeUT?**

   a. Is the point of contact list given to SafeUT up-to-date?

   SAFE UT   The SafeUT app provides a way to connect to licensed counselors that are ready to listen to any sized crisis or concern. Support is immediate and confidential, and as easy as reaching for your phone and sending that first message.

Recommended School Safety Assessment Tools

- ▶ Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) School Security Assessment Tool

- ▶ Readiness and Emergency Management for Schools (REMS) Site Assess

- ▶ National Association of School Resource Officers (NASRO) Best Practices

- ▶ Office of Justice Programs School Safety Assessment

- ▶ Partner Alliance for Safer Schools (PASS)

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