

School Security Trends and Initiatives - July 2013 (Business Administrator)

The New Jersey School Boards Association's School Security Task Force will issue a report on best practices in school safety this fall. It will also consider recommending changes in statute and regulation to promote student safety and enable school boards to fund security measures. The task force consists of 11 local school board members, most with professional backgrounds in law enforcement, school climate, education and security.

To fulfill its charge, the task force is conducting a survey on school district security practices. Your experience and perspective is important, and we appreciate your time and effort in completing the survey.

Sincerely,

Raymond R. Wiss, NJSBA Immediate President
Donald Webster, Jr., Vice President for Finance
Co-chairs

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Contact Information

Please provide the contact information requested below. NJSBA will not release individual survey responses.

*** Name:**

*** School District:**

*** Title:**

School business administrator

Other (please specify):

*** County:**

*** Email address:**

Action After Newtown

***Has your school district implemented new security measures since the December 14, 2012 incident in Newtown, Connecticut?**

- Yes
- No
- Not certain

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Action After Newtown II

***Indicate the type of additional security measure(s) implemented. (Select all that apply.)**

- Architectural changes (e.g., building alterations, changes to windows and doors, outdoor alternations)
- Technology upgrades (e.g., electronic access systems, closed-circuit cameras)
- Emergency alert systems
- Security personnel (e.g., school resource officers, security guards, Class II officers, retired officers)
- Perimeter patrols by staff or law enforcement
- Coordination with law enforcement, fire department and other response agencies
- Other:

District Security Plan

*** Has your district reviewed and/or revised its security plan during the 2012-2013 school year?**

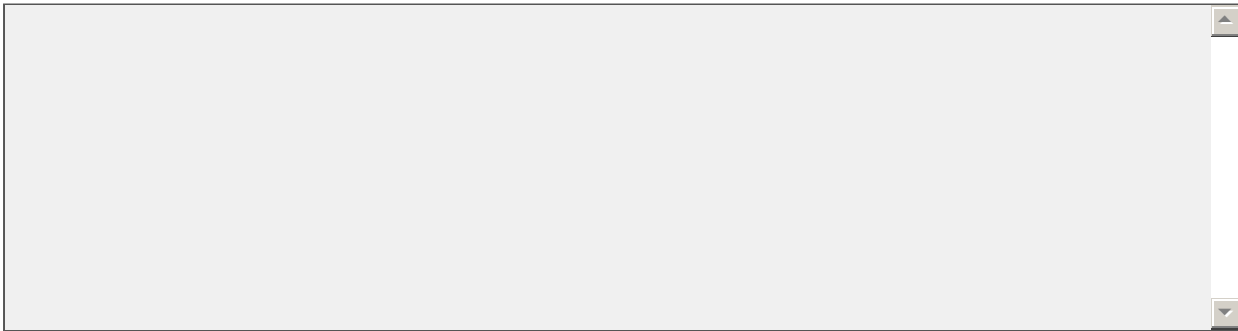
- Yes
- No
- Not certain

District Security Plan II

***Did the review/revision take place in response to the December 14 Newtown tragedy?**

- Yes
- No
- Not certain

***Describe any changes or enhancements to your school security plan that resulted from the recent review.**



Security Personnel

***Does your district employ security personnel in any of its schools?**

- Yes
- No
- Not certain

Security Personnel II

***What type of security personnel are present in the schools? (Select all that apply.)**

- School Resource Officer
- Retired Police Officer
- Security Guard (not retired police officer)
- Class II Police Officer
- Other (please specify):

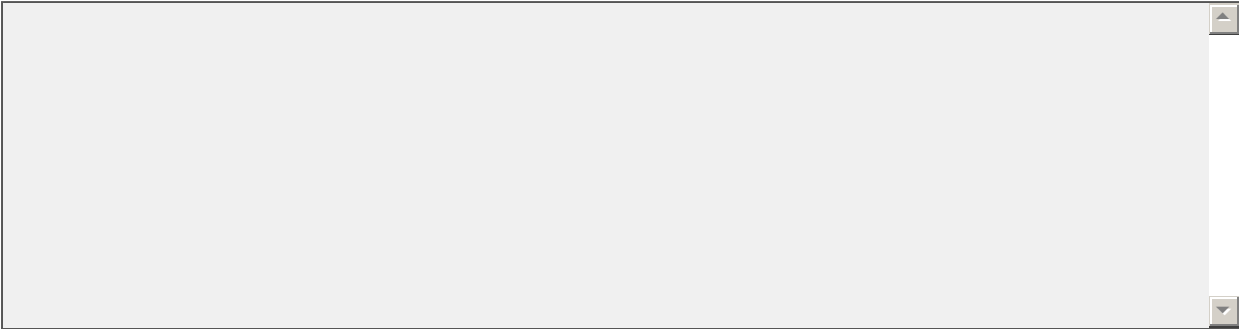
School Climate

***Has your district taken additional steps to address school climate, counseling and health services beyond those required by the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights?**

- Yes
- No
- Not certain

School Climate II

***Describe the enhancements in school climate, counseling and health services.**



***Have your school climate enhancements involved training for security personnel?**

- Yes
- No
- Not certain

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Funding

***List up to three things your district would do to improve school security if it had the funding.**

1.
2.
3.

***What have been the major obstacles, if any, to funding security enhancements?**

***Has your district sought and/or obtained grant funding for security enhancements?**

- Yes
- No
- Not certain

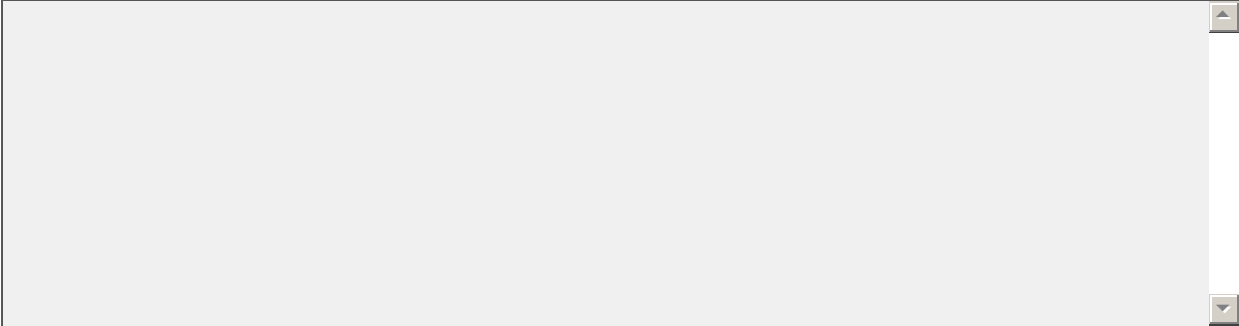
Funding II

***Please provide information about the grant program.**

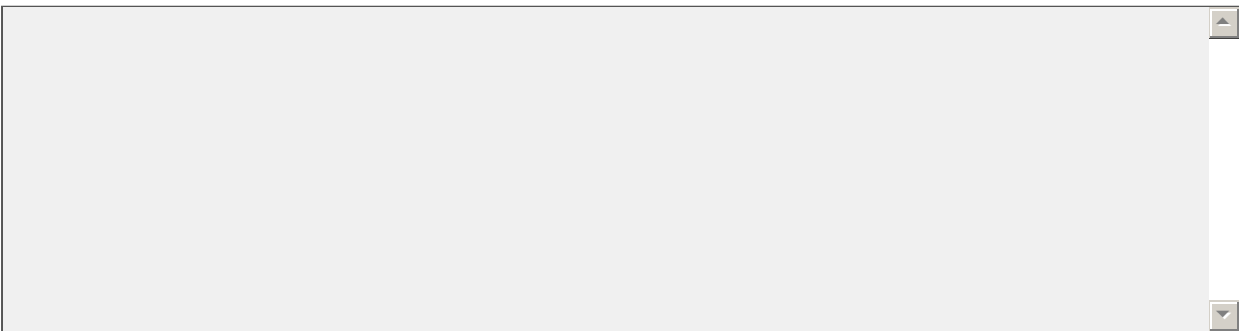
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Funding III

*** Describe how your school district has funded the security enhancements implemented during the current school year.**

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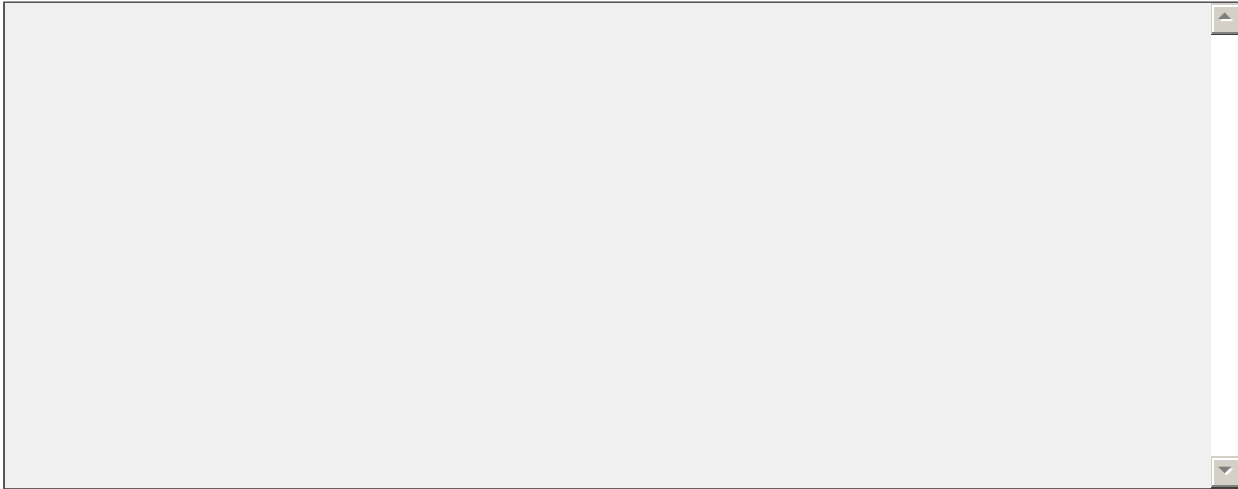
*** How does it plan to fund future security enhancements?**

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Best Practices

The NJSBA School Security Task Force will identify new and innovative security practices that school districts might wish to adopt.

Describe any strategy, program, equipment or security enhancement that your district has successfully implemented and which you feel could serve as a "best practice" model for schools throughout the state.



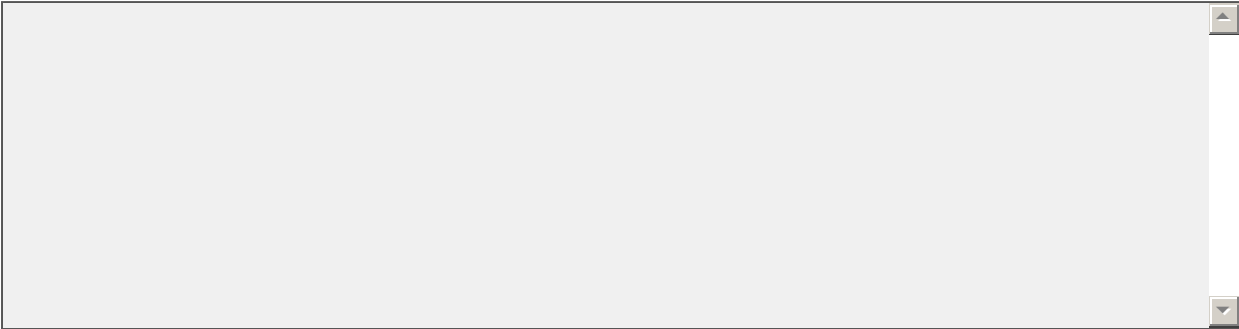
Additional Security Issues

Are there any important security-related issues that the survey has not addressed?

- Yes
- No
- Not certain

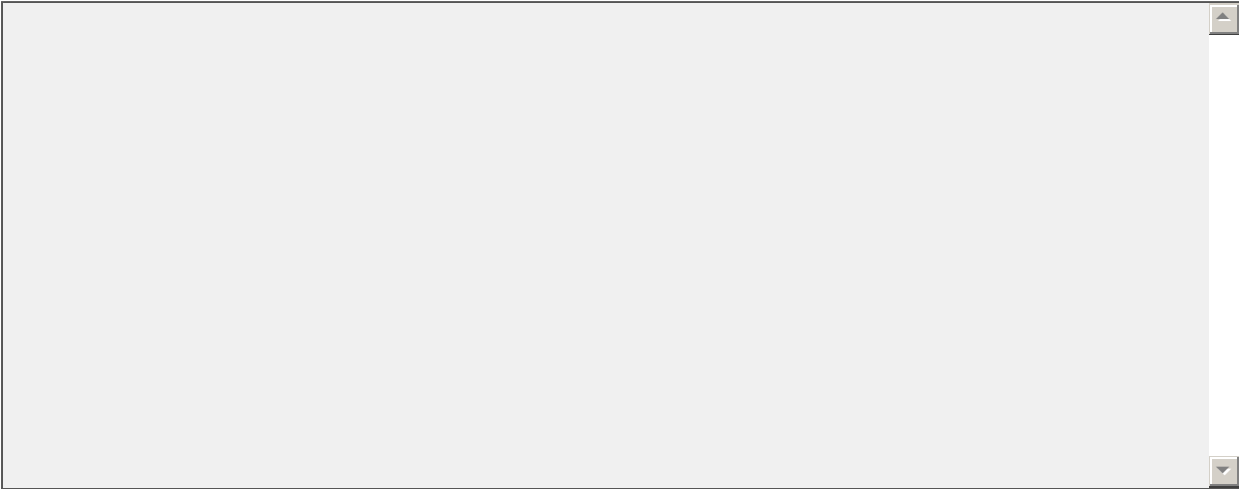
Additional Security Issues II

***Describe these security-related issues.**



Additional Security Issues III

Optional: Use the box below to provide comments on school safety and security.



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Thank you!

Your assistance is appreciated. We will keep you posted on further activities of the NJSBA School Security Task Force.