



# KEEPING NEW JERSEY'S SCHOOLS SAFE

*School Preparedness Briefing*

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## Technical Assistance

*“getting teachers back to teaching  
& Students back to Learning”*

# SUPPORT AND SERVICES

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## **Training & Technical Assistance:**

- Coordinate information sharing & problem solving with educators on safety & security issues
- Provide direct technical assistance to districts and schools
- Provide statewide, regional, & local training to educators on safety & security issues

## **Conduct Site Visits:**

- Assist schools in identifying safety & security needs
- Advise officials regarding policy & funding decisions

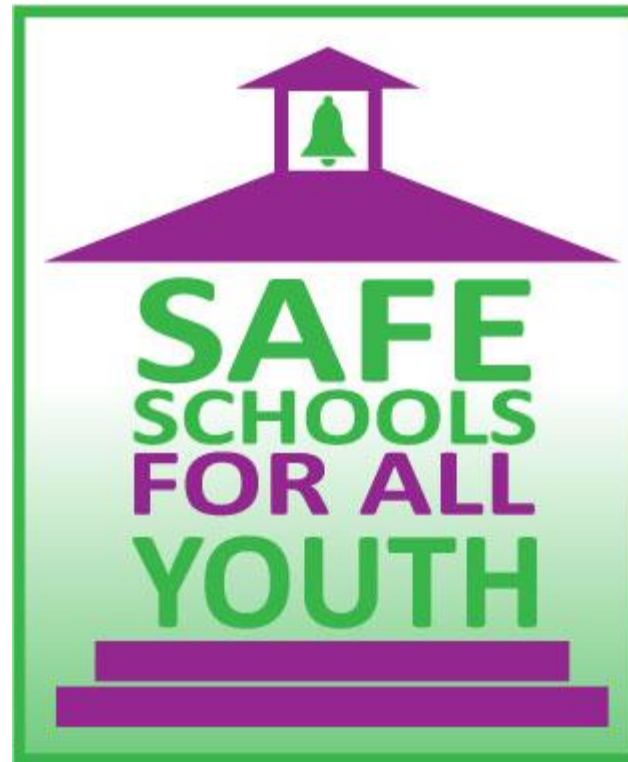
## **School Safety & Security Information:**

- Identify, develop, & disseminate materials
- OSPEP and SSBT Websites
- School Preparedness Now-Newsletter

# GOAL

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Increase district-level preparedness to improve continuity of learning for K-12 schools and minimize impact of school-related disruptions and emergencies across New Jersey's 590+ School Districts



# Roadmap to Safer Schools

AG Directive 2007-1

School Administrator Procedures:  
Responding to Critical Incidents



## New School Preparedness Regulations

School Security Drill Law

LEA Minimum Requirements



## Safer Schools for a Better Tomorrow

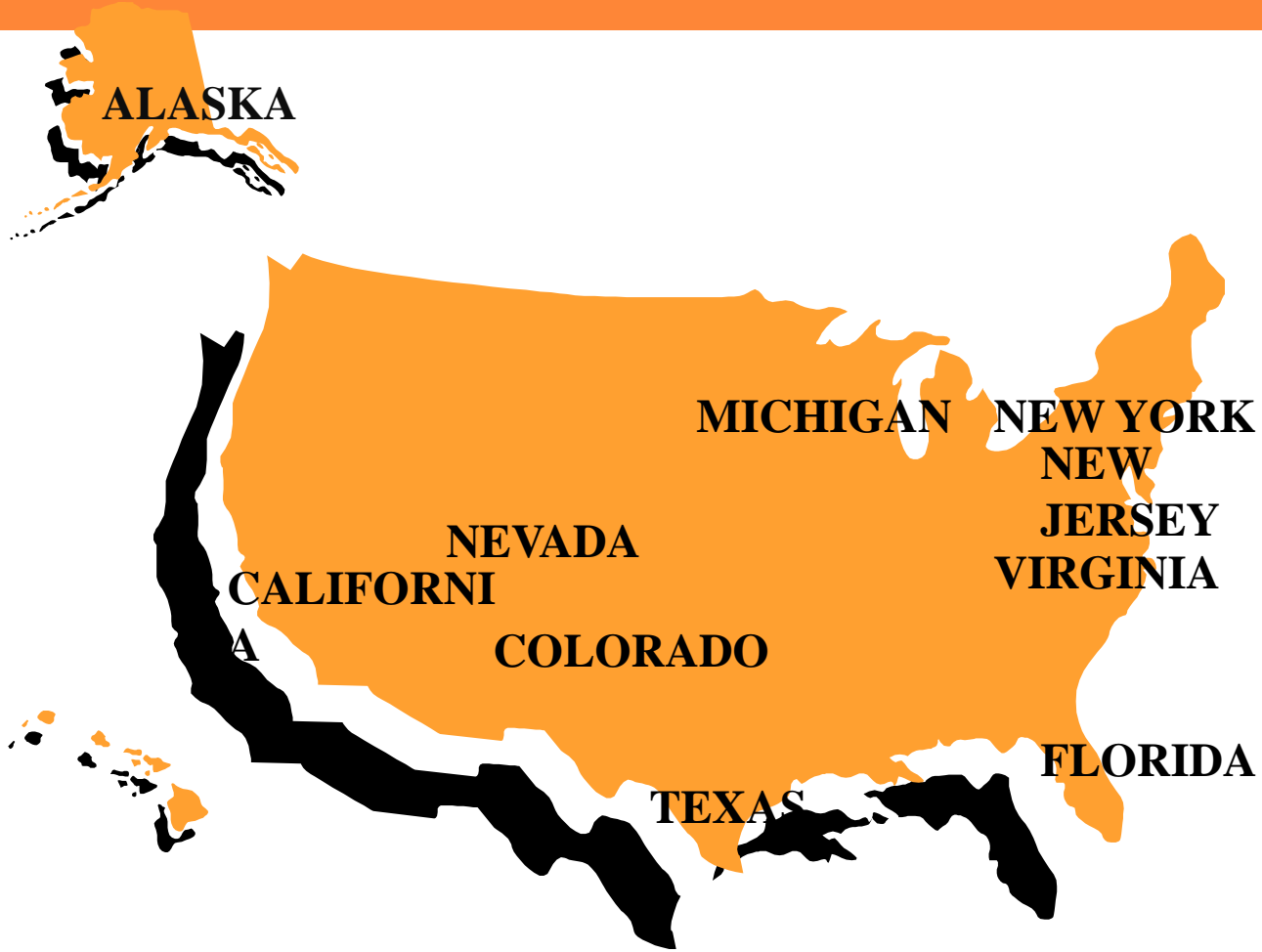
M.O.S.S. Districts

Drill Spot Checks

Future Ideas

# NATIONAL SCHOOL SECURITY COMPARISON CHART

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State	Student Population	Require Drills	Define Minimums	Enacted Policy	Continuity Planning
<b><i>New Jersey</i></b>	1,382,348	✓	✓	✓	✓
Alaska	133,933	✓	✓	✓	
California	6,298,928	✓	✓	✓	
Colorado	756,912	✓	✓	✓	
Florida	2,587,554	✓	✓	✓	
Michigan	1,745,308	✓		✓	
Nevada	385,492	✓	✓	✓	
New York	2,882,218	✓		✓	
Texas	4,329,841	✓	✓	✓	✓
Virginia	1,235,795	✓	✓	✓	
New York City	1.1 mil	✓	✓	✓	✓

# SCHOOL SECURITY DRILL LAW

## NJ STATUTE 18A:41-1

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### REQUIRED DRILLS

Each of the following drills must be conducted a minimum of TWO times per year:

- Active shooter
- Evacuation
- Bomb threat
- Lockdown

*Schools are required to conduct a school security drill within the first 15 days of the beginning of the school year.*



# SCHOOL SAFETY & SECURITY PLAN MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

**New Jersey Department of Education**



# BACKGROUND

- This document provides the **required elements and assessments** that must be included in every district's school safety and security plan.
- This is **not** a step-by-step guide for completing a comprehensive emergency response plan, but rather the minimum of what to include.
- The requirements will enhance school safety and security plans and clearly define **policies and procedures**.
- The planning process will require districts to plan for effective use of available community resources, including law enforcement personnel.

# OVERVIEW OF THE REQUIREMENTS

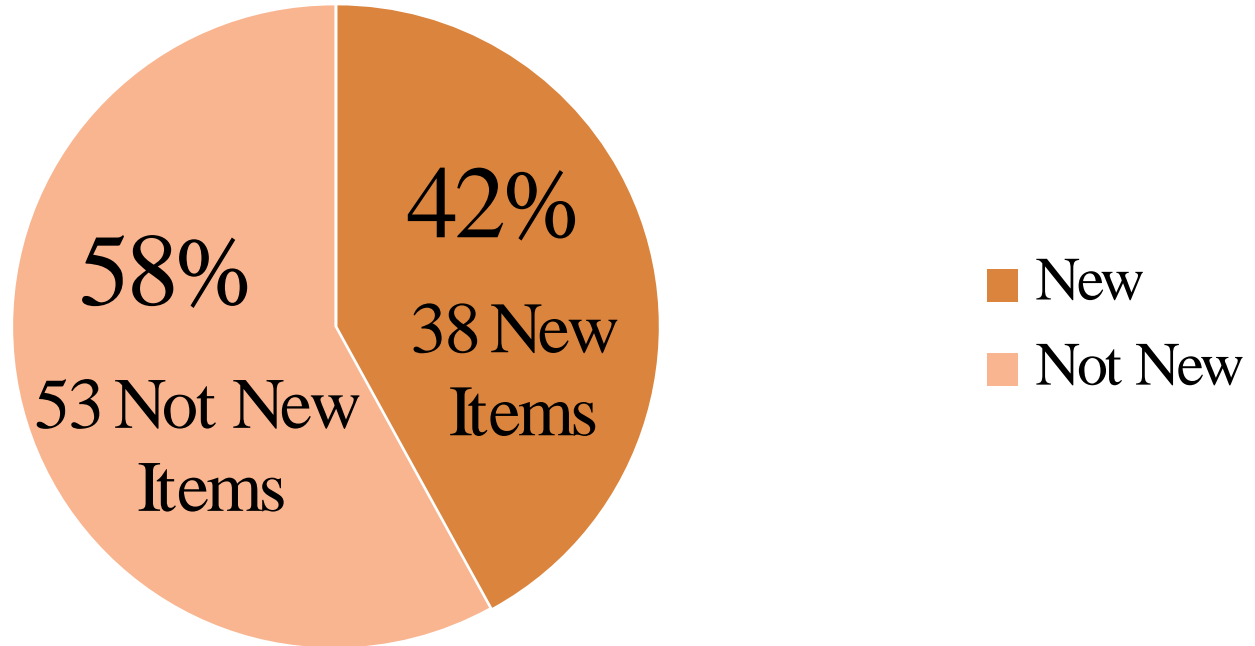
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- The requirements are broken into seven (7) sections.
  - ▣ Each section outlines item and elements that are key in creating an all-hazards plan that is specific to each individual district.
  
- There are a total of **91 required items/elements** that school districts must meet.
  
- Emergency responders play a key role in supporting schools in the development and review of their plans.

# MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS: AT-A-VIEW

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## New vs. "Not New"



# SAFER SCHOOLS FOR A BETTER TOMORROW: MOVING OUR AGENDA FORWARD

A New Jersey State Initiative by the  
Governor's School Security Task Force



# A JOINT INITIATIVE

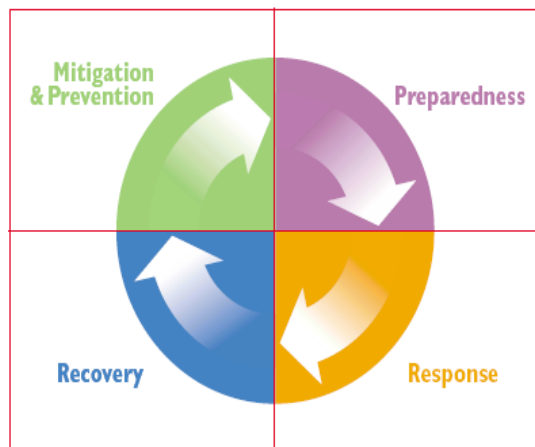
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## School Security Task Force



NJ Department  
of Education

NJ Office of  
Homeland Security  
and Preparedness



[Safer Schools for a Better Tomorrow web site](http://www.state.nj.us/education/schools/security/task)  
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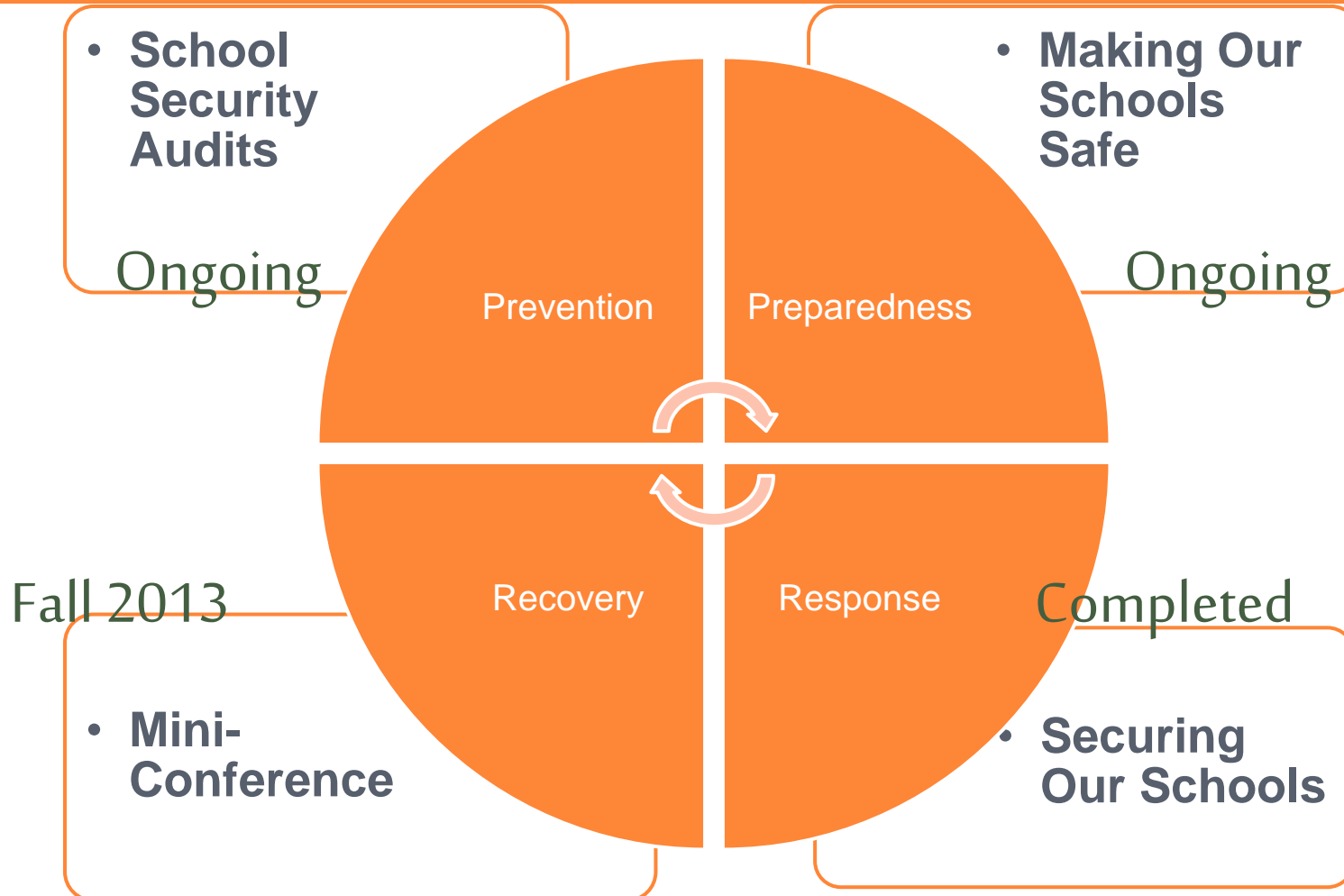
# Action Plan Timeline

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- 4/20/12 – Initiative Announcement
  - ◉ Joint memo from Commissioner Cerf and Director Dickson outlining collaborative projects.
- 12/18/12-Broadcast memo from Commissioner Cerf dated in wake of Sandy Hook Tragedy.
  - ◉ 1/2013- Unannounced Drill Assessments to begin in schools state-wide.
    - ◉ Follow-up memo outlining the project from the Director of the Office of Homeland Security & Preparedness by January 25, 2013.

# SSBT COLLABORATIVE EFFORTS

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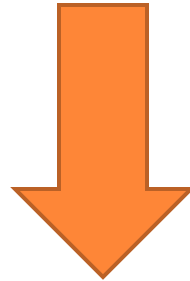


# M.O.S.S. Project

## June 2012

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**Governor's SSTF will target over 25% NJ districts to provide direct TA in the area of school preparedness**



**Designated**

**Making Our Schools Safe Districts  
M.O.S.S.**

# M.O.S.S. Goals

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1. Enhance M.O.S.S. Districts' ability to minimize school & district disruptions
2. Align policies, procedures, and protocols district & community wide
3. Establish and reinforce relationships with stakeholders
4. Provide a state snapshot of school preparedness
5. Achieve a baseline standard of M.O.S.S. **benchmarks** statewide

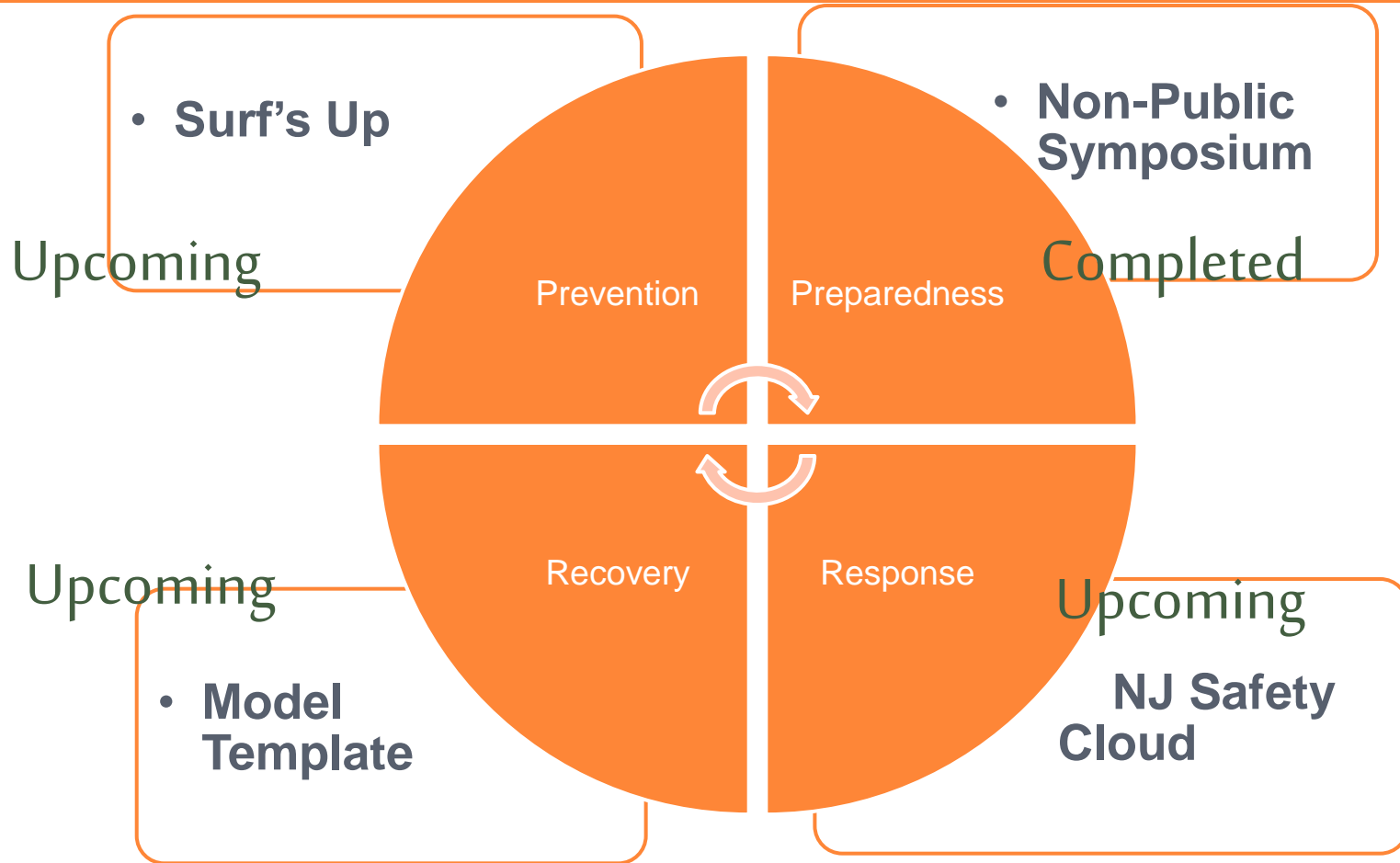
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- 4/20/12 – SSBT Initiative Announcement
  - Summary of collaborative projects
  
- 5/7/12 – Making Our School Safe (M.O.S.S.) Districts Announced
  - Tier 1: June 2012 – January 2013
  
- 6/5/12 - Securing Our Schools Symposiums Announced
  - July – October 2012

# SSBT COLLABORATIVE EFFORTS

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# SCHOOL SECURITY: HOT TOPICS



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## Hot Button Items

Armed Guards

Security Cameras

Metal Detectors

Panic Buttons

## Target Hardening

Deny

Deter

Delay

Detect

## Preparedness and Planning=Fundamentals

Compliant Plans

Drilling: Roles and Responsibility

Cutting-Edge Public Policies

Training and Technical Assistance

# WEB RESOURCES

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NJ Department of Education:  
Office of School Preparedness & Emergency  
Planning

[www.state.nj.us/education/schools/security/](http://www.state.nj.us/education/schools/security/)

Governor's School Security Task Force:  
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