



Morning Welcome 8:45 – 9:00 a.m.

Opening Session 9:00 – 9:50 a.m.

Uniform State Memorandum of Agreement

Patrick Kissane, Director of School Security

Edison Public Schools

Room: Roma Bank Auditorium

Category: Physical Security and School Climate

This session will be touching on the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) in New Jersey. The New Jersey MOA emphasizes the importance of training and collaboration between local law enforcement and education officials to protect the educational environment. A strong, positive relationship between the two is necessary to ensure all incidents are handled appropriately.

Breakout Sessions 1 10:00 – 10:50 a.m.

Improve School Security with a Proactive Approach

Room: 116

Category: Cybersecurity and Physical Security

Mike Sferrazza, Account Manager

Millennium Communications Group, Inc.

A strong network infrastructure is key to achieving safety in schools. With this foundation, a security solution capable of surveillance, permission-based access and AI integration for search and analytics is possible. Moreover, the tools for compliance with Alyssa's Law will also be covered. Finally, learn best practices and funding opportunities for when seconds count.

Redefining School Safety Without SROs, Lessons Learned

Room: 117

Category: School Climate and Policy & Planning

Jason Matlock, Senior Associate

Public Consulting Group, Inc.

This session will provide insight and lessons learned from the first large urban district in the country to attempt to manage school safety and security without a direct police partnership. He will discuss how the district leveraged technology, community partnerships, and student voice to navigate change and rebuild trust.

A Roadmap to Ransomware Resilience

Room: 122
Category: Cybersecurity

Stephen Cain, Unit 42 Security Advisor
David Barnes, Account Manager

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The session will aim to arm schools with intelligence, visibility and information that can make their school systems more secure. This will be done by highlighting how and why organizations need to evolve their defenses to address the various tactics threat actors use to apply pressure, and by highlighting how education cybersecurity training can help enhance better decision making about security.

Breakout Sessions 2 11:00 – 11:50 a.m.

Why Cybersecurity is EVERYONE's Problem and What You Can Do About It

Room: 116
Category: Cybersecurity

Brian Lau, Director

D2 Cybersecurity

Learn how Cybersecurity incidents are impacting school districts from a security, insurance, and budget perspective, and what you can do to improve your district's Cybersecurity posture and secure your technology infrastructure for your students' future success.

Lockdowns/Emergencies/Student Safety

Room: 117
Category: School Climate

Adam Hubeny, Public Safety Manager
Demetri Bychkowski, Director Business Development

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Communication during a school emergency is key. Providing notifications and a security management platform that bridges the gap between first responders and your school during emergencies is essential. A full situational awareness and communication across multiple platforms will be discussed.

Lunch and Learn 12:00 – 12:35 p.m.

Mandated CRG Mapping for NJ Schools

Room: Roma Bank Auditorium
Category: Physical Security and School Climate

Mike Rodgers, CEO

Critical Response Group

This session will discuss the importance of Critical Incident Mapping for all school types. CRG mapping is now mandated in every New Jersey school, making this session a must-see. Attendees will learn the details of CRG Mapping and how it can help their school district.

Implementing Threat Assessments in Your School District

Room: Roma Bank Auditorium
Category: Physical Security and School Climate

Patrick B. Kissane, Director of School Safety & Security
Tom Toohey, Assistant Superintendent for Pupil Special Services

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In January of 2023, the Edison School District rolled out a comprehensive Behavioral Threat Assessment Model with intent of interceding, in the lives of students, along a potential pathway to violence. Patrick Kissane (Director of School Security) & Tom Toohey (Assistant Superintendent for Pupil Special Services) will share what worked, what didn't and what has been learned along the way. This session will be helpful to districts implementing practices in line with 2022 legislation mandating the creation of Behavioral Threat Assessment Teams in all New Jersey Schools.

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