

**INVEST**



**FOR YOUR CHILD**

**JOIN**



**FOR YOUR CHILD**

**ADVOCATE**



**FOR YOUR CHILD**

**ENGAGE**



**FOR YOUR CHILD**

**ACT**



**FOR YOUR CHILD**

**National**  
**PTA**  
*everychild.onevoice.®*

# PTA FOR YOUR CHILD

River Hill High School's  
School Safety Experience & Advocacy

**CHAMPION**



**FOR YOUR CHILD**

**GUIDE**



**FOR YOUR CHILD**

**PROTECT**



**FOR YOUR CHILD**

**CONNECT**



**FOR YOUR CHILD**

**VOLUNTEER**



**FOR YOUR CHILD**

# RHHS's Emergency Response Experience



- What Happened?
- How Did This Make Us Feel?
- What Did We Do? / How Did We React?
- What Did We Learn?

# What Happened?

## October 4, 2022

- Combined bomb/active shooter threat called-in to RHHS at approx. 1:40pm
- RHHS went into full lock-down for almost 2 hours
- Neighboring elementary school in full lock-down
- Students and faculty transported to reunification site off campus to be picked up by parents/guardians

## October 11, 2022

- Bomb threat called into RHHS at approximately 11am
- RHHS went into modified lock-down
- School day proceeded with normal instruction after delayed lunch periods

# How Did This Make Us Feel?

## Scared

- First official communication received 20 min after
- Rampant texting by on-site parents/guardians

## Confused

- Minimal information/updates
- Inconsistent communication from students to families
- First-ever off-campus reunification site by HCPSS

## Frustrated

- Unclear logistics for reunification: parking, sign-outs
- 3 Hour time-line from departure to reunification

# What Did We Do/How Did We Respond?

## 1. PTSA General Meeting Debriefing

- Lockdown debriefing with the principal @PTSA Regular Meeting 10/10/22
- School Safety Working Group and School Safety Survey plans approved

## 1. Conducted School Safety Survey

- School Safety Working Group created a School Safety Survey w/input from RHHS admin
- Distributed to entire school (118 responses)
- Executive Summary Report created, forwarded to key stakeholders in county

## 1. School Safety Panel -12/12/22

- Key representatives from RHHS, HCPSS and HCPD
- Questions culled from survey covered key topics
- Open Q&A followed panel discussion

## **1. Opportunities for Process Improvements Exist**

- Increase communication to parents/guardians
- Evaluate process surrounding HCPD interactions with students
- Examine processes for use of reunification sites & associated parent management

## **1. Resource are Needed to Address Some Gaps**

- Address accessibility of school front doors
- Evaluate classroom needs for extended lock-downs

## **1. There is More Work to Do**

- Create resources for other schools in the event they experience similar events
- Follow-up on recommendations/improvements discussed with HCPSS
- Elevate our process and recommendations to PTACHC

# RHHS PTSA Presenters



To support future PTSA School Safety efforts or for more information regarding RHHS PTSA's process and resources, please contact:

Lisa Krausz – RHHS PTSA President  
[president@riverhillptsa.org](mailto:president@riverhillptsa.org)

Beth Anna Varson – RHHS PTSA 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
[1<sup>st</sup> vp@riverhillptsa.org](mailto:1st_vp@riverhillptsa.org)