



# PTACHC School Safety Report Update

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# The 3 “Deliverables” for School Safety Advocacy

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We created one 29-page report with these three “deliverables”:

1. The **PTACHC Action Step Template**

- local PTA/PTSA units can use if they undergo a school safety threat to take greater action within their school community

2. The **RHHS PTSA School Safety Executive Summary Report**

- provides background and results of RHHS parent survey data collected in the aftermath of October 2022 RHHS lock-downs
- includes a summary of the RHHS School Safety Panel held in December 2022

3. The **PTACHC School Safety Committee Emergency Preparedness and Response Recommendations Report**

- details recommendations gleaned from RHHS PTSA school safety advocacy
- this report can be used by school safety advocates to push for improvements in their schools, HCPSS and HCPD emergency preparedness and safety responses

# What Was Done...

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- The Report was sent to HCPSS heads in late August 2023 as well at Howard County Police Department.
- We did hear back from HCPD with a favorable response, but have not yet heard back from HCPSS.
- We would like to hear back from HCPSS about how they are taking action on the recommendations.

# What The Recommendations Cover...

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- There are 5 sections of the Recommendations Report:
  1. The Lockdown Process
  2. Law Enforcement & Other Emergency Responses
  3. The Reunification Process
  4. Post Event Communication, Support & Resources
  5. Additional Feedback

# What The Recommendations Suggest...

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## Three Key Examples:

1. Creating some type of training for both parents and students, separate trainings, short, perhaps a video with crucial info (would require Board of Education vote)
2. Create best practices for cell phone usage during lock-down
3. Improve Reunification Process

# Next Steps...

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- Meet with interested members of PTACHC to help move the recommendations forward
- Present the recommendations before the Howard County Board of Education
- Meet with key HCPSS staff

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