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Governor Bill Lee recently shared an update on the safety and security enhancements districts across Tennessee have made in preparation for the 2022-2023 school year. In response to Executive Order 97, state and district leaders have worked to improve school safety plans and promote community engagement. Governor Lee's order aimed to build upon the foundation of commonsense school safety measures Tennessee has previously implemented, including the

SAVE Act and the Safe Schools Act.



# **An Overview of Tennessee School Safety Standards**

**Executive Order 97** 

### For Parents:

- + Creation of a School Safety Resource and Engagement Guide
- + Promotion of Safe TN app for anonymously reporting safety concerns

## For Schools:

- + Guidance from state agencies on best practices for implementing annual school security assessments
- + Increased unannounced audits of building security
- + Direction to request permission from the federal government to use existing federal ESSER funds to conduct independent safety assessments
- + Reappropriation of staff to focus on safety, mental health and family and community engagement
- + Development of additional school safety training and educational materials for educators and school leaders

# For Law Enforcement:

- + Recommended evaluation of training standards by the Department of Commerce & Insurance
- + Assessment by the Department of Commerce & Insurance of the need for active-shooter training for armed guards in non-public schools
- + Implementation of increased requirement efforts

# Schools Against Violence in Education (SAVE) Act

The purpose of this legislation is to establish standards that create a supportive learning environment in order to reduce potential risks to the greatest extent possible through a comprehensive emergency operations plan that must include the following:

- Written code of conduct, including policies to prevent and respond to harassment and bullying
- + Formal procedures to receive, investigate and respond to threats, acts of violence or any misconduct
- + Clearly established roles and responsibilities for school resource officers
- + Formal policies governing who is allowed on school campuses and check in/out process for visitors and required criminal background checks for all teachers and employees working in close proximity of children
- + Implementation of procedures to ensure regular emergency drills are conducted
- + Formal procedures for responding to firearms on campus that include immediately notifying local law enforcement

# Safe Schools Act

This act established funds for all public schools to implement solutions that will decrease the likelihood of violent or disruptive behavior and to protect students and staff from harm when such behavior may occur. The money can be spent on the following:

- + Facility security & planning
- + School safety personnel
- + Violence prevention
- + Training & drills
- + Behavioral health

# Navigate360 Can Help You Comply with School Safety Requirements and Set a New Standard of Safety Within Your District

As the only school safety partner focused on whole-child wellbeing and success, we offer a robust suite of holistic solutions that work better together.

# The CARE Project: Providing Behavioral Threat Assessment (BTA) and Suicide Prevention Training at No Cost to Tennessee Districts!

- The CARE Project which stands for Connect Assess Respond Engage is led by Learning Forward Tennessee in collaboration with TOSS, Navigate 360, the Tennessee School Safety Center and Safe and Sound Schools.
- Funded by a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice and Bureau of Justice Assistance, it provides Behavioral Threat Assessment (BTA) and Suicide Prevention Training at no cost to an estimated 900 school community teams in Tennessee.

- BTA training was originally developed by the U.S. Secret Service and the U.S. Department of Education to assist schools in identifying and intervening with students or other members of the school community whose behavior indicates they may pose a threat to themselves or others. Threat assessment protocols are recognized as a best practice in school safety. Additionally, Tennessee schools are authorized by state law to establish BTA teams in collaboration with local law enforcement entities and are protected from liability when acting within the scope and function of these teams.
- Tennessee law also requires districts to develop suicide prevention policies and training. The CARE Project provides an accessible option for that state's districts and schools to participate in training related to these important practices.
- + Directors who wish for their district to participate in this program are asked to identify a district-level point of contact to coordinate team recruitment and registration. Questions regarding this project can be directed to Barry Olhausen or Mike Herrmann, project manager, at CAREProject@tosstn.com.

# **Safety & Security Solutions**

- + Safety & Security Suite: Operating as a single visitor, volunteer, panic button and emergency management solution set, our Safety & Security Suite integrates Emergency Management Suite and Visitor & Volunteer Management to ensure real-time, whole-campus oversight and accountability and improve communication pathways. The suite provides a variety of features, including silent panic alarms, robust safety checks, guidance to ensure Department of Education (DOE) compliance and comprehensive site mapping.
- + Risk Assessment: As the only Expert Service Consultants internationally recognized by A.M. Best's Client Recommended Expert Service Providers for Risk Assessments, Navigate360's team of board-certified Physical Security Professionals (PSPs) are exceptionally qualified to perform your risk assessment, which can give you peace of mind to stay focused on your school's critical safety and security missions.
- + ALICE Training®: The ALICE program is a proactive, options-based active shooter response training program that empowers students and staff to survive in the face of violence. This traumainformed, age- and ability-appropriate training program provides your schools with both eLearning and inperson instruction options and teaches proven techniques for safety drills and emergency response.
- + Detect: Detect is the most comprehensive, all-encompassing digital safety solution available. This software helps identify and address a student's intent to harm themselves or others by scanning digital content in real time and notifying school administrators of harm language found in school-owned email and public social media. It also utilizes a web indexing database of 3 billion URLs to protect students from potentially harmful content.
- + Behavioral Threat & Suicide Case Management: This single solution will provide your school's mental health professionals and BTA team members with evidence-based case management software that allows for continuum of care documentation and analytics reporting to proactively improve outcomes for students of concern.

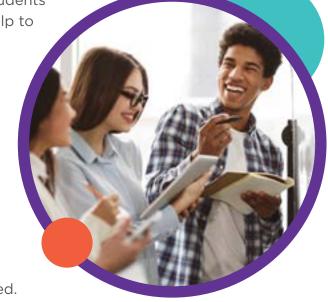
# **Mental Health & Awareness Solutions**

+ <u>Suite360 for Students:</u> Help your students reach their full potential and thrive with the most comprehensive, evidence-based social-emotional learning (SEL) curriculum available. Suite360 for Students includes scaffolded lessons for

grades K-12, engaging content that students understand and diverse topics that help to

produce well-rounded students.

+ Suite360 for Staff: Support your staff by educating and equipping them with on-demand digital courses to provide for students' and staff members' social-emotional and mental health needs. Empower teachers and school staff to address complex issues students face today and increase the inclusivity and consistency of your SEL program by ensuring your staff is properly prepared.



- + Suite360 for Families: Fully welcome caregivers into their children's social-emotional education with these web-based and mobile lessons that equip them to have smart conversations with their children about today's toughest challenges. Lessons are aligned with what children are learning to prepare families to effectively support their child's development.
- + Mental Health & Prevention: Navigate 360 provides mental health awareness tools to address tough mental health and safety-related topics. With professionally developed resources for students, staff and families, everyone can care for their own mental health and respond appropriately when they or someone they care about is in need.
- + Intervention & Restorative Practices: Turn discipline into a learning opportunity by providing students with lessons based on their infraction, providing a better alternative to detention and suspension and improving decision-making moving forward. With the most comprehensive, continuously updated library of lessons, students have access to individualized lessons based on their behavior, cognitive level and ability.

We know it takes more than a single solution to take care of the whole child and the schools and community that surround them, which is why we believe in solutions that work better together. From prevention all the way through response and recovery, we can provide end-to-end solutions that keep your students, teachers and staff safe.

Building a comprehensive safety plan can be a daunting task, but we are here to help.

Speak with one of our safety specialists today to learn how you can maximize this additional funding to build a holistic ecosystem of whole-child safety this year.



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