

8:00 – 8:50 a.m.

PennSSI Tour and Demonstrations

8:00 – 8:50 a.m.

Check-in/Registration and Light Breakfast

8:50 – 9:45 a.m.

Recognizing the Subtle Signs of Child Abuse: A Guide for Educators

Dave Rush, Growth and Development Manager, PennCAC

Not all forms of abuse leave visible marks. Educators are uniquely positioned to detect the subtle behavioral signs that may indicate a child is in distress. This session will help school staff identify red-flag behaviors, build confidence in recognizing potential abuse, and take the appropriate first steps using established protocols and support resources.

9:45 – 10:15 a.m.

Safe2Say Something: Tipline Stats & Training Overview

Presenter: Christian Belker, Supervisory Investigate Analyst, OAG-Safe2Say Something Program

This presentation provides a summary of recent tipline data and introduces the training programs that Safe2Say offers to schools.

10:15 – 10:30 a.m.

Break

10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Safety From the Inside Out

Presenter: Linda Jean Walker, Director for Innovation and Impact, Meteor Education

This powerful keynote explores how schools can build ProSocial Learning Communities that embed multiple facets of safety into every layer of the learning experience. Mrs. Walker shares research-based, human-centered strategies to foster trust, equity and belonging, helping all students develop skills like empathy, resilience and critical thinking.

11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Break for Lunch and Networking

12:00 – 1:30 p.m.

Beyond Bullying: What School Leaders Need to Know

Co-presenters:

- Amy Moritz, M.Ed., Education and Outreach Program Manager, Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General
- Michelle Gwinn Nutter, M.Ed., Director, Office of Public Engagement, Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General

Participants will explore federal and state statutes prohibiting bullying and harassment of protected classes of students and examine the legal ramifications of “deliberate indifference” with failure to address bullying.

1:30 – 2:15 p.m.

Ever-Evolving School Safety Landscape

Panelists:

- Dr. Anthony Naradko, Director of Safety, Security, and School Services, Parkland School District
- Frank Garritano, Ed.D., Executive Director of Schools, School Safety and Security Coordinator, Phoenixville Area School District
- Gabriel Olivera, Director of Safety & Security / Chief of Police, Central Dauphin School District

School safety directors and coordinators from across the state will address questions and discuss the latest issues facing school districts, including current threats, common vulnerabilities, best practices for safer schools and emerging safety technologies.

2:15 – 3:00 p.m.

Contraband in Schools: A Hidden Epidemic or Overstated Concern?

Presenter: Crawford Gingrich, Director, Pennsylvania School Safety Institute

Despite increased security measures, prohibited items still make their way onto school grounds. This presentation explores practical strategies school officials can use to maintain a safe, welcoming environment — without turning campuses into high-security zones.

3:00 – 3:05 p.m.

Closing Remarks

3:05 – 3:30 p.m.

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