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In response to requests for information relative to planning school safety initiatives Ohio Homeland Security in collaboration with the Ohio Department of Education has assembled informational resources from a variety of reliable sources and is providing them to you through homeland security web portals. This effort seeks to provide you with easy access to the best information currently available on this topic.

Documents which are publicly available have been collected and posted to the Ohio Homeland Security website at www.homelandsecurity.ohio.gov. The information can be found in the "Publications" tab under the caption "School Resource Guides".

Documents which require safeguards have been posted to Ohio Homeland Security's Contact and Information System (CIMS). CIMS is a secure site which is provided at no cost but requires that each user have a username and password to access the information. This information is restricted by agency type. To obtain access to CIMS simply go to homelandsecurity.ohio.gov and click on the CIMS link located in the right column. Click on "Sign Up". Under "Agency Type" select "Education" and complete the rest of the form. Click "Confirm Application" to submit your application which will be approved as quickly as possible. Once approved you may also access CIMS for additional security-related documents and information.

Documents which are law enforcement sensitive are available to your School Resource Officer through CIMS. If the School Resource Officer does not have an account, he or she can simply follow the same process outlined above except that "Law Enforcement" should be selected under "Agency Type" and the officer should indicate their home law enforcement agency.

We endorse the use of Ohio's statewide *See Something Say Something*TM campaign which encourages people who witness something suspicious to contact local law enforcement or the statewide intelligence tip number. The effective reporting of suspicious activity helps law enforcement officials intervene before a suspect commits an act of violence. An aware and engaged public that understands what constitutes unusual and suspicious behavior is essential to preventing violent crime in our schools. If you are interested in adding the statewide intelligence tip number to your safety plan, the tip number is (877) OHS-INTEL (647-4683)..

As always if there is additional information that you need or wish to provide please contact us at Ohio Homeland Security at (877) OHS-INTEL (647-4683).

Sincerely



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Mission Statement

"to save lives, reduce injuries and economic loss, to administer Ohio's motor vehicle laws and to preserve the safety and well being of all citizens with the most cost-effective and service-oriented methods available."