

Community Advisory Council Meeting December 5, 2019

The Community Advisory Council met on Thursday, December 5, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. at the Board of Education offices in Westminster.

School Security Update

Duane Williams, Supervisor of School Security and Emergency Management, provided an update on school security initiatives and answered questions from CAC members. Some of the highlights are listed below:

- CCPS is trying to be more transparent with security, and Mr. Williams plans to post some redacted documents online to help give parents a better understanding of procedures and to provide accountability.
- He is always open to parent input.
- We need to stay up to speed on training our staff on the security protocols and reacting to incidents.
- Many technology improvements have been made, including updated camera systems.
- We are moving in the right direction and making improvements. This takes time, funding, and a change in mindset and culture.
- As part of the Safe to Learn Act, CCPS now has a mental health coordinator who works with Mr. Williams and others on a threat management team to ensure that supports are put in place for students who make threats and show risky behavior.
- The Safe to Learn Act also includes safety evaluations, School Resource Officer (SRO) training, and reporting on use of force in schools. There also is a strong focus on prevention.
- CCPS has used grant funding for equipment, training, reunification, behavioral and mental health, and threat assessments. We also have assisted the Sheriff's Office with funding for training and are working to improve public safety radio communications throughout the system.
- There is an anonymous tip line that can be used to report possible threats. There is more information on the homepage of the CCPS website at www.carrollk12.org.
- Mr. Williams provided a handout from the School Solutions Safety Center (attached).

Mr. Williams has 25 years of experience in law enforcement with the Harford County Sheriff's Office. He played a tactical role throughout most of his career, and his unit became involved in working with Harford County Public Schools after the school shootings at Columbine. He also served in the Marine Corps.

The following items were discussed during the question and answer session:

- Services for a student who makes a threat and their family
- How a threat is determined to be credible or noncredible
- Differences in the protocol for elementary, middle and high schools
- Role of the SROs

- Lack of consistency between schools in following visitor management protocol
- Services for students who are traumatized after an incident
- “Cheat Sheet” for parents with an overview of security protocols and more information on the security website.

Updates

Carey Gaddis, Communications Officer, provided the following updates:

- The Board of Education has approved a 2020-2021 school calendar with a start date after Labor Day.
- Nominations are now open for the Chamber of Commerce Outstanding Teacher Awards. Information and a link to the form are posted on the CCPS website.
- CCPS was 4th in the state on this year’s Maryland School Report Card, with 92% of our schools receiving a 4 or 5 star rating. For the first time, this year’s report included the results of a school climate survey.

Board of Education representative Tara Battaglia shared the following:

- The final community town hall meeting on budget priorities will be held on Monday, December 9, at 7 p.m. at South Carroll High School.
- A joint meeting with the County Commissioners will be held on Thursday, December 12, at 1 p.m. at the Board offices.
- The Board is still discussing East Middle School.
- Delegate Susan Krebs has commended Board members on being accessible and reachable.
- The Board held a work session regarding students attending high schools out-of-district to participate in sports. The Board has agreed to modify current practice by restricting eligibility for one year for varsity sports. JROTC also was discussed.

School Health Council

CAC member Christina McMann gave an update on the Wellness Policy Committee on which she serves. The Committee is reviewing the school system’s comprehensive health and wellness policy. The policy addresses nutrition, health education, physical education, school counseling, psychological counseling, and more. The mental health piece is being rewritten. She provided a handout on a Mental Health First Aid course being offered at Carroll Community College (attached).

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Schools Represented:

Century High, Cranberry Station Elementary, East Middle, Eldersburg Elementary, Francis Scott Key High, Friendship Valley Elementary, Gateway/Crossroads, Liberty High, Manchester Valley High, Mechanicsville Elementary, Mt. Airy Elementary, Mt. Airy Middle, Northwest Middle, Oklahoma Road Middle, Parr’s Ridge Elementary, Piney Ridge Elementary, Robert Moton Elementary, Runnymede Elementary, Sandymount Elementary, Westminster Elementary, Westminster High, Winfield Elementary.

Other Representatives: Tara Battaglia (Board of Education), Bob Lord (Member-at-Large)

Downloading Safety Center: Listed Plan

Downloading Safety Center to your Smartphone

- Access the app store on your smartphone.
- Search for **Safety Center**.
- Install the app to your device.
- **Or** if you have a QR code reader on your smartphone, scan the codes below to locate the app in the store and then install it.



iTunes App Store for Apple devices:

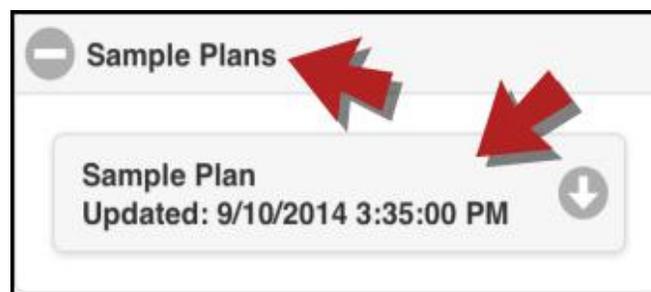


Google Play for Android devices:



Accessing your Plan

- Tap on the Safety Center app to open it and tap **Continue without logging in**.
- Tap on **+ Client Plans**, find *(type your organization name)* in the list, and tap on it.
- Tap on *(type name of plan(s))*.
- The plan will download and appear on your Safety Center home page.
- Tap on the plan to view it.

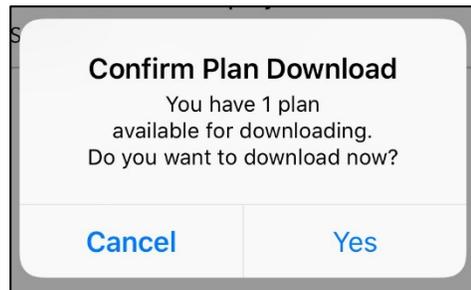


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Updating the Plan

If the Administrator updates a plan that you have downloaded, you will be notified by a badge on the Safety Center app icon.

- Tap the Safety Center icon to open the app.
- A pop up will show asking if you want to download the new version of the plan. Tap **Yes** and the plan will download with the updated content.



App Permissions

While using the Safety Center app, there are a few features that will require certain permissions on your device. See below for a list of permissions, a brief description of how the Safety Center app interacts with these permissions, and why they are required. This list includes the name of the permission (for Android 5.1 and iOS users) and the name of the Permission Group (for Android 6.0 and above).

iOS Permissions

- **Notifications** – Notifications may include alerts, sounds and icon badges. These can be configured in Settings.
- **Camera** – The camera can be used to attach a photograph when submitting an Incident Report. The camera also serves as a flashlight that is accessed on the Settings screen.
- **Location** – The location shows where the user is when they file an incident report.

Android Permissions

Android 5.1

- **Identity** – This permission is deprecated within the Safety Center application.
- **Wi-Fi** – The Safety Center app checks for Wi-Fi availability so that users can receive push notifications, send reports, receive plan updates, etc.

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Android 5.1 / Android 6.0

- **Camera / Take pictures and record video** – Just as users may submit a picture that is saved on his/her device in an app like Google Drive or on the camera roll, users may also take live photos of incidents and submit them through the application via reports and forms. Administrators can enable/disable the option to attach an image to a report or form. The camera also serves as a flashlight that is accessed on the Settings screen.
- **Access to Contacts / Access your contacts** – In certain plans, administrators may have elected to hyperlink a phone number or email address to make it actionable (tap to call/tap to email). On certain devices, if a user holds the number down they can save the number or email address as a contact in their native Phone Contacts.
- **Location / Access device's location** – The user's location is only polled and sent through the application when a report or form is submitted. This is to provide accuracy of the user's location in the event of an incident or a call for help from the user. If the user has not enabled location services, the location of the device will not be sent with the report or form. Safety Center does not use your device location in the background when the app is closed. This is a setting that can be enabled or disabled by an administrator.
- **Photos/Media/Files / Access to photos, media, and files** – In certain reports and forms, an administrator may have provided an option to upload a picture of an incident. Users can choose an image from any image/picture-storing app on their device or from the camera roll. This is a setting that can be enabled or disabled by an administrator.
- **Device ID and Call Information / Make and manage phone calls** – Safety Center requests this permission in order to receive push messages and for additional information to aid GPS and Network details when sending an incident report. It is also required so that Safety Center can read phone status allowing the application to know when it is in the background. When the Safety Center application is moved to the background all PIN protected plans are locked and will require the user to re-enter their PIN upon trying to access the plan.

Mental Health First Aid

8-hour Course

\$170.00 Value Offered at no cost



Sometimes, first aid isn't
a **bandage**, or **CPR**, or the **Heimlich**, or
calling **911**.

Sometimes, first aid is **YOU!**

Someone you know could be experiencing a mental illness or crisis. You can help them. You are more likely to encounter someone — friend, family member, coworker, neighbor, or member of the community — in an emotional or mental crisis than someone having a heart attack. Mental Health First Aid teaches a 5-step action plan to offer initial help to people with the signs and symptoms of a mental illness or in a crisis, and connect them with the appropriate professional, peer, social, or self help care. Anyone can take the 8-hour Mental Health First Aid course — first responders, students, teachers, leaders of faith communities, human resources professionals, and caring citizens. Sometimes, the best first aid is you. Take the course, save a life. strengthen your community.



Dates: Adult Curriculum

June 10 & 11, 2019	8:30am - 1:00pm
July 16 & 17, 2019	5:00pm - 9:30pm
September 5 & 6, 2019	8:30am - 1:00pm
November 4 & 5, 2019	8:30am - 1:00pm
December 12 & 13, 2019	12:00pm - 4:30pm
February 12 & 13, 2020	5:00pm - 9:30pm

Dates: Youth Curriculum

May 30 & 31, 2019	8:30am - 1:00pm
August 5 & 6, 2019	12:00pm - 4:30pm
October 8 & 9, 2019	5:00pm - 9:30pm
January 15 & 16, 2020	8:30am - 1:00pm

Location: Carroll Community College

Mental Health First Aid Classes are sponsored by a partnership between the Carroll County Health Department and Carroll Community College.



ALGEE, the Mental Health First Aid Action Plan

- Assess for risk of suicide or harm*
- Listen nonjudgmentally*
- Give reassurance and information*
- Encourage appropriate professional help*
- Encourage self-help and other support strategies*

To register contact Carroll Community College, Instant Enrollment
www.carrollcc.edu/instantenrollment or call 410-386-8100

Mental Health First Aid USA is coordinated by the National Council for Community Behavioral Healthcare, the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, and the Missouri Department of Mental Health.