MISSOURI STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA ITEM:  September 2019

REPORT ON THE MISSOURI SCHOOL SAFETY TASK FORCE

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STRATEGIC PRIORITIES
Access, Opportunity, Equity – Provide all students access to a broad range of high quality educational opportunities from early learning into post-high school engagement.

SUMMARY
Governor Michael L. Parson signed Executive Order 19-04 to create a Missouri School Safety Task Force. The task force was established to develop a report and statewide strategic plan for school safety, and to make Missouri-specific recommendations for schools and districts. There is no single solution to the problem of school violence, and there can be no “one size fits all” approach for an issue this complex. The task force studied the recently released Federal Commission on School Safety report from Missouri’s perspective to identify gaps, shortfalls, or suggested policy changes. The task force conducted public meetings/input sessions to gather testimony. The task force also received testimony via a web-based platform.

The strategic plan identifies resources currently available through the Center for Education Safety and other organizations to assist schools and districts to better ensure their preparedness. The task force submitted its report of findings and recommendations on July 31, 2019 (https://ltgov.mo.gov/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/Missouri-School-Safety-Task-Force-Report-Compilation-.pdf).

Members of the Task Force
- **Chair** - Lieutenant Governor Mike Kehoe
- **Co-Chair** - Director Sandy Karsten, Department of Public Safety
- **Member** - Representative Jerome Barnes, District 28
- **Member** - Melissa Randol, Executive Director of Missouri School Boards’ Association
- **Member** - Senator Jeanie Riddle, District 10
- **Member** - Director Mark Stringer, Department of Mental Health
- **Member** - Commissioner Margie Vandeven, Department of Elementary and Secondary Education
- **Member** - Captain Kevin Woodson, Cole County Sheriff’s Department
- **Administrator** - Paul Fennewald, Senior Policy Advisor to the Center for Education Safety
Public Meetings/Input Sessions Dates and Location

April 11 – Kirksville - Kirksville R-III Central Office
April 17 – St. Louis - Chaminade High School
April 25 – Springfield - Glendale High School
May 2 – Kansas City - Mid-America Regional Council of Governments
May 9 – Poplar Bluff - Poplar Bluff Chamber of Commerce
May 16 – Jefferson City - Truman State Office Building
June 8 – St. Charles - Embassy Suites

PRESENTER

Paul Fennewald, Senior Policy Advisor to the Center for Education Safety, will participate in the presentation and discussion of this agenda item.
SAFE SCHOOLS
The Basic Foundation & Other Supports

- Physical Security & Technology
- Eliminate Legal & Statutory Barriers
- Training & Drills
- SROS & School Safety Coordinators
- High Quality Emergency Plans
- Grants & Funding
- Cyber Safety

Positive School Climate & School Culture
Effective Mental Health & Behavioral Risk Programs
Communication & Information Sharing

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