



## To the Administrator Addressed

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<b>DATE:</b>	<b>January 26, 2023</b>
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>School Safety Standards FAQ Webinar</b>
<b>CATEGORY:</b>	<b>Information</b>
<b>NEXT STEPS:</b>	<b>Register for and attend the webinar</b>

### Overview:

The Texas Education Agency (TEA) is committed to supporting local school systems in their efforts to improve the safety and security of school facilities for students, staff, and visitors. An important component of preventing school violence is addressing physical factors and facility needs on campuses. This TAA provides additional information related to minimum safety standards for education facilities in Texas.

### School Safety Standards and Grant Opportunity Webinars:

TEA will be hosting two FAQ webinars regarding the Silent Panic Alert Technology grant, the proposed School Safety Standards rule, and the 2022-2025 School Safety Standards Formula grant. Information regarding the webinars and registration is linked below:

- [January 30, 2023, at 1:00 p.m.](#)
- [February 1, 2023, at 11:00 a.m.](#)

### School Safety Standards Implementation Costs Survey:

On December 8, 2022, TEA released a [School Safety Standards Cost Estimates Collection Survey](#) to ensure that TEA has a complete understanding of the financial impact of the implementation of the rule. All school systems that need to upgrade facilities to meet the School Safety Standards are highly encouraged to complete the survey.

- School systems should include work already completed from June 1, 2022, to the present to implement the rule.
- School systems should complete all survey fields as accurately as possible and should include in each section actual money spent or contract bid amounts received, where applicable.

**[School systems are reminded to complete the survey no later than February 10, 2023.](#)**

A [PDF preview of the survey](#) is available prior to completing the Qualtrics survey.

### Questions:

School safety resources are posted at: <https://tea.texas.gov/texas-schools/health-safety-discipline/safe-and-supportive-schools/school-safety-resources>.

If you have any questions, please contact [safeschools@tea.texas.gov](mailto:safeschools@tea.texas.gov).