

## COMMITMENT TO SCHOOL SAFETY

**Whereas;** the South Middleton School District ("District") recognizes and acknowledges that threats to school safety are real and serious in every community.

**Whereas;** the District recognizes and acknowledges that the safety and welfare of students and staff are of paramount importance.

**Whereas;** the District reaffirms its commitment to the efficient and effective use of its resources to best ensure the safety and welfare of students and staff.

**Whereas;** the District reaffirms its commitment to developing and maintaining policies, programs, and procedures that improve the health, safety, welfare and wellness of our children and staff.

**Whereas;** the District recognizes that school safety does not begin and end with the school day, it is committed to strengthening partnerships with faculty, administrators, coaches, parents and guardians, students and the community as a whole.

**Whereas;** the District recognizes the benefits and seeks to strengthen partnerships with public agencies and private organizations that support the school district's mission, also provide for the social, emotional, and physical safety of children and/or offer expertise beyond our own.

**Whereas;** the District recognizes that although the best school safety plans will never guarantee that a person or person's intent on harming students and staff will be stopped from doing so, it is committed to strengthening relationships with the South Middleton Township and Cumberland County Officials, the Pennsylvania State Police, and first responders.

**RESOLVED,** this 7th day of January , 2013, the South Middleton School District Board of School Directors recommits its efforts to develop a comprehensive blueprint for addressing students' emotional, social, and physical safety and commits to expediting the review of our comprehensive emergency preparedness plan for the prevention of, preparedness for, response to, and recovery from school violence.

Further; The South Middleton School District Board of School Directors commits to reviewing and revising, as deemed appropriate and necessary, school district facilities, policies, programs, procedures, and partnerships that best ensure health, safety, and welfare of students and staff.

Further; To the maintenance of this commitment, the South Middleton School District Board of School Directors establishes a standing School Safety Task Force to broaden and continue the work of the current Student Safety Task Force and directs the Superintendent or her designee to establish the criteria for the task force by February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2013.


BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

SOUTH MIDDLETON SCHOOL DISTRICT

By: 

Thomas R. Merlie, President

ATTEST:

  
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Board Secretary

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