

# Maryland Public School Critical Life-Threatening Incident After-Action Summary Report

*This report, compiled in response to a life-threatening incident on public school grounds, details lessons learned and recommendations gathered from a local review to enhance the safety of Maryland public schools.*

**MARYLAND CENTER for SCHOOL SAFETY**

Education Article § 7-1502(g)(21)

Education Article §7-1510(g)

COMAR 14.40.05.04

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The Honorable Wes Moore  
Governor  
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The Honorable William C. Ferguson IV  
President  
Senate of Maryland  
State House, H-107  
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The Honorable Joseline A. Pena-Melnyk  
Speaker  
House of Delegates  
State House, H-101  
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Re: Critical Life Threatening Incident Report required by Education Article § 7-1502(g)(21) (MSAR #11851), Education Article §7-1510(g) (MSAR #11594), and COMAR § 14.40.05.04 (MSAR #15583).

Dear Governor Moore, President Ferguson, and Speaker Jones:

Pursuant to Education Article § 7-1502(g)(21), Education Article §7-1510(g), and State Government Article §2-1257, and COMAR § 14.40.05.04, the Maryland Center for School Safety (MCSS) respectfully submits the following report, which contains identified lessons learned and school safety recommendations following a critical life-threatening incident on public school grounds.

If you have any questions about this report or would like additional information, please contact Joseph Dino Pignataro at [joseph.pignataro@maryland.gov](mailto:joseph.pignataro@maryland.gov) or 410-281-2335.

Sincerely,



Kate Bryan  
Executive Director



## Maryland Public School Critical Life-Threatening Incident After-Action Summary

On October 09, 2025 there was an incident within Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) that met the criteria to be considered a *Critical Life-Threatening Incident* pursuant to Md. Ed. Art. § 7-1510 (g) and COMAR 14.40.05.

### **Notification** [COMAR 14.40.05.04A]

On October 09, 2025 the MCPS staff notified the Maryland Center for School Safety (MCSS) of the incident.

### **After-Action Meeting** [COMAR 14.40.05.04B]

On December 17, 2025 an initial meeting was held involving school representatives, law enforcement, and a representative from MCSS.

### **After-Action Report** [COMAR 14.40.05.04C]

On December 17, 2025 MCPS submitted a preliminary after-action report to MCSS.

### **Initial Findings**

MCPS staff, EMS, and law enforcement acted promptly to manage the immediate response to this situation, initiate the required investigative processes, and provide ongoing support to students and staff.

The investigation by Montgomery County Police (MCP) of this incident is still in process. Once complete, MCPS will conduct a formal internal review, as required by law.

