

MARYLAND CENTER for SCHOOL SAFETY

July 25, 2022

The Honorable Larry Hogan
Governor
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Annapolis, MD 21401

The Honorable William C. Ferguson IV
President
Senate of Maryland
State House, H-107
Annapolis, MD 21401

The Honorable Adrienne A. Jones
Speaker
House of Delegates
State House, H-101
Annapolis, MD 21401

Re: Critical Life Threatening Incident Report required by Education Article § 7-1502(g)(21) (MSAR #11851) and Education Article §7-1510(g)(3) (MSAR #11594)

Dear Governor Hogan, President Ferguson, and Speaker Jones:

Pursuant to Education Article § 7-1502(g)(21), Education Article §7-1510(g)(3), and State Government Article §2-1257, 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 MCSS Deputy Director, J. Dino Pignataro at joseph.pignataro@maryland.gov or 410-281-2335.

Sincerely,



Kate Hession
Executive Director



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

On April 21, 2022 there was an incident involving a school within Baltimore City Public Schools (BCPS) 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 April 21, 2022, the BCPS School Security Coordinator (SSC) notified the Maryland Center for School Safety of the incident.

After-Action Meeting [COMAR 14.40.05.04B]

On July 7, 2022 an after-action meeting was held involving Baltimore City School Police and representatives from MCSS.

After-Action Report [COMAR 14.40.05.04C]

On July 7, 2022, MCSS received an after-action report from BCPS.

Lessons Learned

Based upon the after-action review led by the BCPS, the following lessons learned were identified:

1. Bleeding control kits, and staff trained to use them, are a valuable resource used to assist staff in controlling bleeding and preventing further blood loss for a victim, before more advanced medical help arrives.

School Safety Recommendations

1. School systems should ensure that school staff participate in annual training on their specific school and school system emergency plans and procedures. This training should be followed up with exercises that test and validate staff knowledge and understanding of those plans.

2. Schools should be equipped with bleeding control kits and administration, nursing, security, and other critical staff should be trained on their use. Schools should also consider providing bleeding control training to all school personnel and students.