

NJASA Summer Safety and Security Conference

August 1, 2024

Middlesex County Fire Academy
1001 Fire Academy Drive, Sayreville, NJ 08872

The New Jersey Association of School Administrators (NJASA) and Law Enforcement Against Drugs (L.E.A.D.) form a strong partnership to create safer communities.

We achieve this by working collaboratively with educators, community leaders, families, and support organizations. Together, we provide essential resources and training to both police officers and school personnel.



The mission of the New Jersey Association of School Administrators (NJASA), the unifying professional association of school leaders, is to ensure a superior statewide system of education by influencing and affecting educational policy, regulations and legislation; and by maximizing the capacity and effectiveness of school leaders through professional development programs and support services.

Law Enforcement Against Drugs and Violence (L.E.A.D.) is a non profit (501C3) organization, supported by dedicated police officers, committed to protecting our youth and communities from the proliferation of drugs, drug related crimes, peer to peer/cyber bullying and violence.



Our Sponsors for Today's Conference

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Conference Schedule

8:15 Check In

9:00 Welcome and Program Overview **Dr. Richard Bozza, Executive Director**
New Jersey Association of School Administrators

Introduction of Keynote Presenter **Nicholas DeMauro, CEO & President**
Law Enforcement Against Drugs

9:05 Keynote Presentation
Lewis C. Merletti
Director, United States Secret Service (Retired)



Session 1 Program

10:20 to 11:20 AM

Cybersecurity Information Sharing, Threat Intelligence, and Incident Reporting

Michael Gerahty, State of New Jersey's Chief Information Security Officer and Director of the NJ Cybersecurity and Communications Integration Cell

Location: Amphitheater



This session will explore key aspects of cyber threats and their prevention.

Participants will gain valuable insights on Understanding Threats and Vulnerabilities; Cybersecurity Best Practices; Data Security and Privacy; and the impact of Cyberattacks. This session is geared toward all school personnel interacting with the technology infrastructure.

Addressing Bullying in New Jersey Schools

Shannon Cuttle, Chairperson

New Jersey Anti-Bullying Task Force

Location: Room 1



This session will explore key aspects of the recommendations of the New Jersey Anti-Bullying Task Force. Participants will gain valuable insights into the New Jersey Anti-Bullying Legislation and its history, better understand bullying and its impact, and the importance of a positive school climate.

Effectively Incorporating Your School Nurse in Efforts to Enhance School Safety and Security

Jeff Gale, Director

NJ Office of Homeland Security & Preparedness, NJ Department of Education

Location: Room 4



This session will discuss the advantages of leveraging the unique abilities and expertise of school nurses in preparing for, responding to, and recovering from, school emergencies. Topics on the nurse's contributions to issues such as creating response plans, coordinating emergency drills, and addressing the needs of medically fragile students during drills and emergencies will be discussed. School administrators and nurses are encouraged to attend.

Session 2 Program
11:25 AM to 12:25 PM

CyberSession: Defend Your District Like a Pro

Dr. Berj Akian, CEO, ClassLink

Chris Alworth, Director of Information and Technology Integration

Randall Palmer, CISSP, IT Coordinator, Spectrum360

Mohammed Saleh, Associate Chief Technology and Management ISO, Paterson Public Schools

Jamie Saponaro, Director of Community and Professional Learning, ClassLink

Location: Amphitheater

Cybersecurity attacks are on the rise, putting immense pressure on school leaders to protect student data and ensure uninterrupted learning. Join this session to see how NJ districts leveraged the free Cybersecurity Rubric to identify gaps and develop a strategic plan - and learn how your district can do the same.



Trafficking Prevention – Education is the Key

Kathleen Friess

Human Trafficking and Sexual Violence Program and Training Coordinator
at NJ Division of Criminal Justice - Office of the NJ Attorney General.

Location: Room 1

This session will provide an understanding of human trafficking, knowledge of human trafficking trends in New Jersey, identification of potential red flags in students' behavior, and understanding of how schools can play a role in preventing human trafficking. The only way we can end human trafficking is by stopping the harm before it begins.



Getting a Handle on School Security, Facts, Myths and a Proactive Approach

Frank Messineo, Principal/Owner. Solutions Architecture

Location: Room 4

This session is geared toward providing facts and discussing the need for security “beyond hardware.” A large part of the presentation is about debunking the myths of “miracle products” and “guaranteed safety” and applies attention to the behavioral aspects of these tragic events. We also focus on the relationship between local law enforcement and the School District and urge school officials to, “Take their time evaluate and implement measures that will last far beyond the latest and immediate crisis phase.”



Lunch

12:30 to 1:30 PM

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Session 3 Program

Introduction to Behavioral and Digital Threat Assessment

Dr. Greg Gerber, Safer Schools Together — Hosted by L.E.A.D.

Location: Amphitheater



Participants will be given an introduction to Behavioral and Digital Threat Assessment, and the process of proactively and effectively identifying, assessing, and responding to worrisome and/or threat-related behavior through a BDTATM management lens.

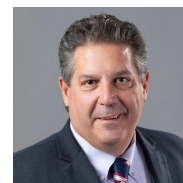
This session will provide a foundational understanding of how the fundamental principles of Behavioral Threat Assessment apply to online digital data.

Identifying and Addressing Students in Crisis

Tony Trongone, Retired Superintendent, Millville Public Schools

Dr. Carmelo Callueng, Associate Professor, Rowan University

Location: Room 1



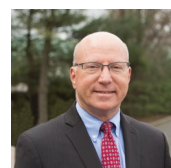
This session will examine how to assess and address mental health issues experienced by students in crisis. The Behavior Intervention Monitoring Assessment System (BIMAS₂) and information obtained by local authorities for events affecting students outside school hours are primary sources leading to student assistance. Learn how to identify potential mental health crises and provide need help to students.

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The Role of the District HIB Coordinator

David Rubin, Esquire - Busch Law Group LLC

Location: Room 4



This session explores the NJ Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act and the District HIB Coordinator's role in creating safe schools. Gain valuable insight into how the District Coordinator ensures compliance by building a safe environment, training building-level Anti-Bullying Specialists, overseeing investigations, interfacing with the board of education, collaborating and supporting students, and raising awareness.

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