

**JOINT SCHOOL SAFETY TASKFORCE
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**PRESS RELEASE: Northern Dauphin County Schools to Hold
Town Hall on School Safety**

ELIZABETHVILLE, Pennsylvania, March 9, 2018 -- The Joint School Safety Taskforce, a consortium of schools in northern Dauphin County and western Schuylkill County, has announced that it will host a Town Hall to discuss the topic of school safety. The Town Hall will be held on March, 21, 2018 at the Upper Dauphin Area High School, 220 N Church St, Elizabethville, PA 17023. Doors will open at 6:00 PM and the Town Hall will begin at 7:00 PM. The Halifax Area, Millersburg Area, Upper Dauphin Area and Williams Valley School Districts will be participating in the event. The public is invited to attend and participate. Due to limited seating, tickets will be required for entry. Parents and interested community members may pick up tickets on a first-come, first-served basis from their respective school district at the following locations:

- Millersburg Area School District: Middle School Office during regular business hours and March 19th from 5-6 PM at the high school office entrance.
- Halifax Area School District: District Office during regular business hours
- Upper Dauphin Area School District: District Office during regular business hours
- Williams Valley School District: District Office during regular business hours

Tickets are limited to two per household and a limited number of student tickets will be distributed through the school to interested students.

The Town Hall will include a panel of speakers that includes Dauphin County Commissioners Mike Pries and George Hartwick, a representative from the Pennsylvania State Police, a representative from Dauphin County Human Services and representatives of each participating school district. The event will be moderated by a representative from ABC 27.

This Town Hall is in response to continued acts of violence within and around schools across the United States. Recent activities have proven that schools in the area covered by the Joint School Safety Taskforce are not immune to the potential of a threat or actual violence. Consequently, this will be an opportunity for everyone to share ideas and discuss the important subject of school safety. ###

About the Joint School Safety Taskforce: The Joint School Safety Taskforce is a consortium of five school districts in northern Dauphin County and western Schuylkill County with a purpose of

providing the cooperative protocols necessary to provide mutual assistance in the event of an emergency incident affecting a member school or district. This team was formed in December 2016 as a direct result of the potential of an incident affecting the safety and security of a local school and the need to reunify students with their parents following an evacuation. Since that time, the JSST has provided much needed focus for member schools in the area of school safety and has provided a forum for school staff to share ideas, resources and trainings related to emergency planning and school safety.