CHANGES IN LAW RELATED TO SCHOOL SAFETY

- School Code 425
  - Allows for Executive Sessions for safety issues
- School Code 1517
  - Must have security drill within first 90 days
  - Requires family notification
- Act 44
  - Legislated many safety mandates with which school districts were required to comply
  - Many of the timelines for compliance are extremely short
ACT 44

- Naming of a School Safety and Security Coordinator
  - Must report to the School Board and the state
- Districts were required to reply to a state survey that outlined the District status in regards to safety issues
  - Physical safety
  - School-wide procedures and policies
  - Mental health support including staffing ratios
- Establishes parameters for risk and vulnerability studies
  - Not required by law but highly recommended
  - Committee will dictate who is an approved provider
GRANT MONEY

- Minimum of $25,000 for each district that applied
  - Ephrata applied for and received this grant funding.
  - Our approved use was to offset the cost of the installation of secondary locks in classrooms.
- Part B is Competitive Grants
  - Approximately $300 million requested for a $40 million pot
  - Will be based on the needs as identified in the survey
  - Ephrata requested funding to complete the secondary lock installation.
TRAINING CYCLE

- Requires Training in Key Safety Areas
  - Situational awareness
  - Trauma–informed education awareness
  - Emergency drills
  - Behavioral Health awareness
  - Suicide Prevention & Bullying awareness
  - Substance Use awareness

- This is required for all staff – not just professional staff.
- 3 hours every 5 years is required.
- Our goal is to set up a cycle where training occurs each year
SAFE2SAY SOMETHING

- Act 44 legislated the establishment of a statewide anonymous tip line and district participation.
- Tip line will open on January 14, 2019.
- Ephrata has a team of five people who have been trained on the system.
- Implementation with Ephrata students is complicated because the District already has a well-established tip line system called Tip411.
- We will need to monitor the use of both systems throughout the next year to see if we will continue to manage both.
Thank You!

Any Questions, Comments, and/or Feedback?