



Office of Emergency  
Management and  
School Safety



# SUPERINTENDENT'S MEETING

**February 2026**



# MARCH 2026 IDA NOTIFICATIONS

ALDINE ISD

ALIEF ISD

ALVIN ISD

ANGLETON ISD

CLEAR CREEK ISD

CLEVELAND ISD

COLUMBUS ISD

CROSBY ISD

CYPRESS-FAIRBANKS ISD

DAYTON ISD

DEER PARK ISD

DICKINSON ISD

FORT BEND ISD

GALENA PARK ISD

GALVESTON ISD

GOOSE CREEK CISD

HITCHCOCK ISD

HOUSTON ISD

HUMBLE ISD

KATY ISD

KLEIN ISD

# MARCH 2026 IDA NOTIFICATIONS

LA PORTE ISD

LAMAR CISD

PASADENA ISD

PEARLAND ISD

ROYAL ISD

SANTA FE ISD

SHELDON ISD

SPRING BRANCH ISD

SPRING ISD

SWEENEY ISD

TEXAS CITY ISD

TOMBALL ISD

WALLER ISD

# IDA NOTIFICATIONS

## Rankings of the IDA Findings

- 1. Phase 2 (Exterior Door Check):** requires inspectors to check if all other exterior doors are securely locked, latched, and closed.  
**[BROKEN DOORS]**
- 2. Door Log**
  - The MUST common issue: Only one or two people on campus have access to or knowledge of the process.
  - The campus fails to maintain a daily system of checking then logging.
- 3. Phase 1 (Intruder Detection)** involves inspectors attempting to gain unauthorized access through exterior doors.

If you would like technical support on how to improve your individual school systems or campus processes. Please email [brian.hastings@esc4.net](mailto:brian.hastings@esc4.net)

# Swatting Incidents Target Colleges and Universities Nationwide

## PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

- Active shooter swatting incidents against US colleges and universities have spiked in September 2025, with at least 13 campuses targeted.
- During the 2022-2023 (K12) school year, 63.8% of all violent incidents in schools were false reports of active shooters.

### All incidents

Shooting

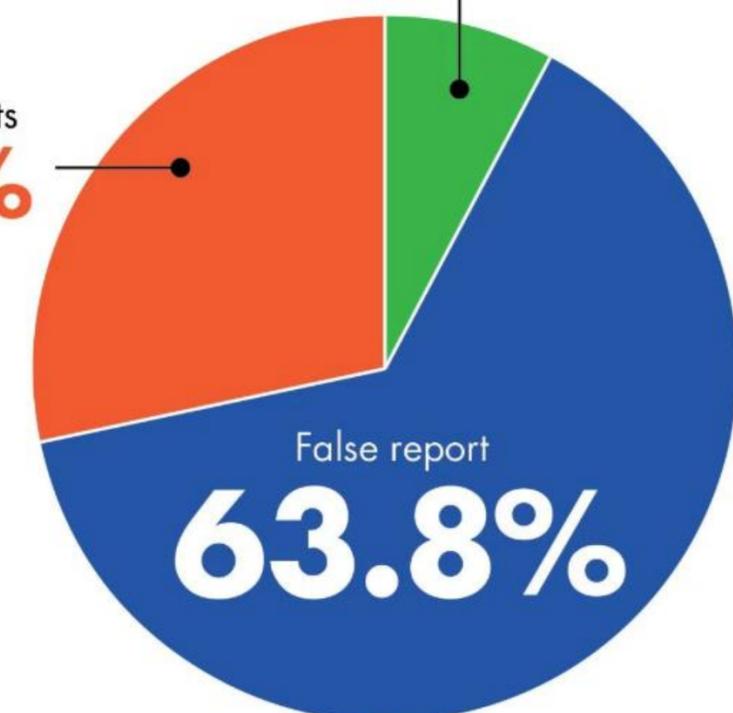
**7.9%**

All other incidents

**28.3%**

False report

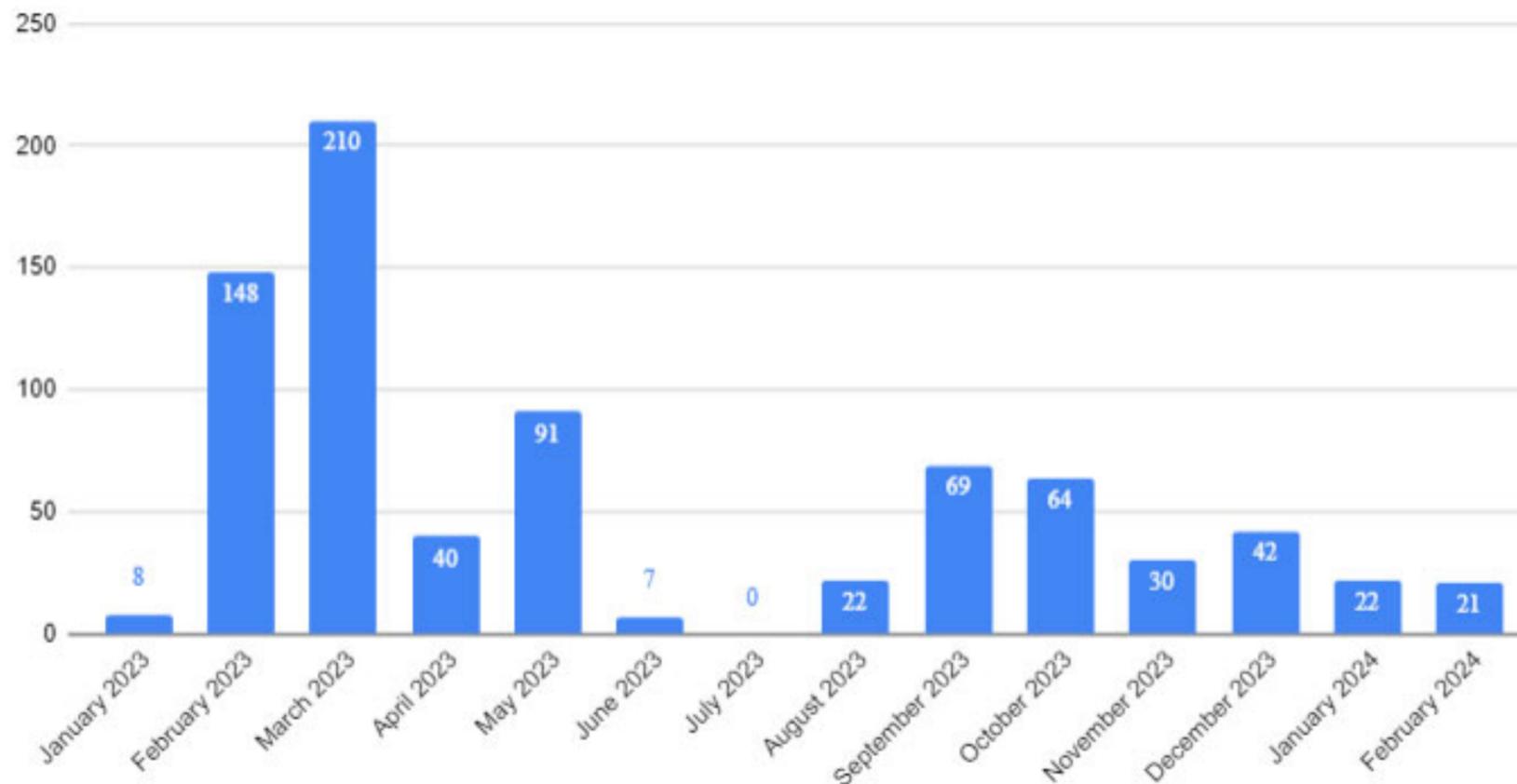
**63.8%**



# Swatting Incidents Target Colleges and Universities Nationwide

## PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

Swatting Incidents at US Schools (2023-24)



## School Safety Intelligence Distribution Group Interagency Preparedness



### **Detective Brian Godoy**

Houston Police Department  
Criminal Intelligence Division

### **HRISC-Fusion Center**

5320 N. Shepherd Drive  
Houston, Texas 77091

**Phone: (713)884-4729**

**Brian.Godoy@houstonpolice.org**

### **Training**

Region 4 will host a two-hour  
Suspicious Activity Awareness  
Training and a Fusion Center  
Capabilities Briefing.

**Date:** TBA

**Location:** Region 4



**TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY.**  
**Texas School Safety Center**

**THREATS ARE NO JOKE!**

**CAMPAIGN TOOLKIT**

SECTION 1.0

**Teacher and Parent Guides**

SECTION 2.0

**Social Media Graphics and Posts**

SECTION 3.0

**Posters and Flyers**

SECTION 4.0

**Press Release Template**

<https://txssc.txstate.edu/tools/threats-are-no-joke-toolkit/>

# WEATHER CALL REMINDERS



Our partnership with the National Weather Service and Harris County Flood Control District allows Region 4 Education Service Center to support your school community during severe weather events. Below are the steps and procedures Region 4 employs to provide reliable and timely information so you can make the best decisions for your school community.

### Severe Weather Alerts to Superintendents

These alerts are sent to Superintendents from Region 4's Executive Director, Dr. Rodney Watson.

### Severe Weather Superintendents' Planning Calls

These calls are led by Dr. Watson, the National Weather Service and Harris County Flood Control District.

*Most calls are scheduled for 3:00 a.m. or 4:00 a.m.*

### Severe Weather Alerts to Police Chief, Emergency Management, or School Safety Leaders

These alerts are sent to Superintendent's designees from Region 4's Office of Emergency Management and School Safety.

### Be Prepared Before the Storm

For Superintendents, ensure Dr. Watson has your direct email address and cell phone number before the weather call.

For the designees, ensure that Director Culbreath has your first and last name (NO INITIALS), your organization's name, email address, and cell phone number before the weather call. We want to ensure that ONLY superintendents and their designees are allowed on the calls.

### Office of Emergency Management and School Safety

Ken Culbreath, Director

281.794.2518 | [ken.culbreath@esc4.net](mailto:ken.culbreath@esc4.net)

Last Updated: 1/23/2026

- ❑ **Severe Weather Alerts to Police Chief, Emergency Management, or School Safety Leaders**
- ❑ These alerts are sent to the Superintendent's designees by Region 4's Office of Emergency Management and School Safety.

If you would like to receive these emails, Please email [adam.tanner@esc4.net](mailto:adam.tanner@esc4.net)

### Weather Briefing - Cold Weekend



Adam Tanner  
To: Adam Tanner

Retention Policy: R4 5 Year Perm Delete Inbox (5 years)

📘 If there are problems with how this message is displayed, click here to view it in a web browser.



Source:  
Jeff Lindner, Meteorologist  
Harris County Flood Control District

- Strong cold front will move across the area on Friday
- Light freeze Saturday morning and hard freeze likely Sunday morning
- No precipitation with or behind the front.

Another arctic high pressure cell will drop down the plain today into Friday resulting in a strong frontal passage. The initial front will pass through the area this evening, but the "real" cold air does not arrive until later on Friday. There is only a brief window today for moisture to provide sufficient moisture ahead of the boundary to produce any rainfall over the area. Post frontal air mass will be dry with mostly clear skies. Gusty northerly winds will develop late tonight into Friday and Friday night driving wind chills well into the 20's and upper

#### Saturday morning:

Clouds are forecast in the upper 20's for the areas north and west of the Houston metro area and near freezing over the metro area and then around the low to mid 30's toward the coast. Gusty northerly winds of 10-20mph during this period will result in low wind chills

High temperatures on Saturday will struggle to reach the lower 40's with continued movement of cold air into the area even under sunny skies.

#### Sunday morning:

Strong high pressure settles nearly directly overhead on Sunday morning and this will be the coldest morning with clear skies and near calm winds. Low range from the upper 10's/low 20's north and west of the Houston metro area to mid 20's metro area and toward the coast.

Clouds slowly warm up into early next week as the arctic high pressure begins to move eastward and winds return to the south.

#### Forecast Lows (Saturday AM):



Dr. Rodney Watson, Executive Director  
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 (713) 744-6534

- ESC Toolkit**
  - ESC Dashboard
  - District/Campus
  - Non-Confirmed Campuses
  - ESC Repository
  - Annual Verifications
  - Bus Reporting Report
  - IDA Module
  - IDA Monthly Status
  - BTA Module
  - Safety Resources
  - Inspector Quiz Results
  - School Closures
  - SSSP Reports

- LEA Toolkit**
  - Dashboard
  - Campus List
  - Safety Resources
  - Document Repository
  - Door Sweep Log
  - Drills/Maintenance
  - District Calendar

- Tools**
- Tech Support**

**ESC Region 4**  
 7145 West Tidwell Rd., Houston, TX 77092

**Due to the incoming winter weather, please monitor your local weather forecasts and encourage your districts to enter all weather-related closures in Sentinel. Contact your TEA School Sector Safety Agent if your districts requires any assistance.**

**Action Items Needed**

Upcoming Events/Dates	
Introduction to Sentinel Emergency Management	02/02/2026
SB 546 Bus Seatbelt Office Hours	02/05/2026
Intruder Detection Audit - Office Hours @ 2PM	02/11/2026
SB 546 Bus Seatbelt Office Hours	02/26/2026
Introduction to Sentinel Emergency Management	03/02/2026
Intruder Detection Audit - Office Hours @ 2PM	03/25/2026
Introduction to Sentinel Emergency Management	04/01/2026
SB 546 Bus Seatbelt Office Hours	04/09/2026
SB 546 Bus Seatbelt Office Hours	04/16/2026
Intruder Detection Audit - Office Hours @ 2PM	04/22/2026

Announcements		
School Safety Standards Formula Grant is Closing	01/14/2026	?

**Outstanding Tasks**  
 No Outstanding Tasks are due at this time.

**If you need support, email Brian.hastings@esc4.net.**

## WEATHER CALL REMINDERS

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	A	B	C	D	E
1	District Name	County	Person Filling Form	Will you close school Monday Jan 26?	Will you close school Tuesday Jan 27?
2	A+ Unlimited Potential	Harris	Kap McWhorter	CLOSED	OPEN
3	Academy of Accelerated Learning, Inc.	Harris	Brandon Chandler	CLOSED	OPEN
4	Accelerated Intermediate Academy	Harris			
5	Aldine ISD	Harris			
6	Alief ISD	Harris			
7	Alief Montessori Community School	Harris		CLOSED	UNDECIDED
8	Alvin ISD	Brazoria	Carol Nelson	CLOSED	OPEN
9	Ambassadors Preparatory Academy	Galveston	Rachelle Joseph Beafneaux	CLOSED	UNDECIDED
10	Amigos Por Vida	Harris			
11	Angleton ISD	Brazoria	Phil Edwards	CLOSED	OPEN
12	Arcadia High School	Harris			
13	Aristoi Classical Academy	Harris		CLOSED	UNDECIDED
14	Arrow Academy	Harris	Rico Sedeno	CLOSED	UNDECIDED
15	BakerRipley Community Schools	Harris			
16	Barbers Hill ISD	Chambers			
17	Beatrice Mayes Institute Charter School	Harris			

## WEATHER CALL REMINDERS



Office of Emergency  
Management and  
School Safety

Designee Verification form for Superintendent's  
Weather Call - Monday January 26, 2026 at 1:00pm

January 26, 2026

Name \*

Short answer text

Title \*

Short answer text

District \*

Short answer text

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For the designees, ensure that Director Culbreath has your first and last name (NO INITIALS), your organization's name, email address, and cell phone number before the weather call. We want to ensure that **ONLY** superintendents and their designees are allowed on the calls. Use the Designee Verification Form.

**We WILL NOT allow non-verified cell phone numbers, unknown iPads, names, or AI notetaking into the calls.**

The verification process is manual. **Please list your first and last name (NO INITIALS), your organization's name on the ZOOM call.**



## Tabletop Exercise & Annual Safety Meeting

### Attendance

1. **Superintendent**
2. Chief of each school district police department
3. (3) other staff members selected by the **Superintendent**

### Enroll in the April 23, 2026, Session

- 8:00 am – 12 pm





## REMINDER

# School Safety and Security Audit

## K-12 School Districts:

- The current three-year safety and security audit cycle for K-12 school districts began on September 1, 2023, and will end on **August 31, 2026.**
- The reporting period for submitting audit results to the TxSSC during this audit cycle is from **April 15, 2026, to September 15, 2026.**
- For support, contact Region 4's
  - **Assistant Director Max Toliver**
  - **832-740-7383**
  - [max.toliver@esc4.net](mailto:max.toliver@esc4.net)



## REMINDER

# SAFE school safety and security

## School Safety Standards Formula Grant

End of Period of Performance: **April 30, 2026.**

[Program Guidelines School Safety Standards Formula Grant](#)

GOOSE CREEK CISD

SHELDON ISD

TEXAS CITY ISD

COLUMBIA-BRAZORIA ISD

GALENA PARK ISD

CLEAR CREEK ISD

ROYAL ISD

DEVERS ISD

ANGLETON ISD

KLEIN ISD

STAFFORD MSD

SPRING ISD

SWEENY ISD

PASADENA ISD

DAMON ISD

HOUSTON ISD

ALDINE ISD

LAMAR CISD

PEARLAND ISD

If you would like to know your remaining amounts, please contact me by direct message or email at

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## REMINDER

# School Safety Standards Formula Grant

### Allowable Uses of Funds

- Facility Hardening:** Upgrading, repairing, or replacing doors, windows, and perimeter fencing.
- Security Technology:** Installing silent panic alert technology, security cameras, and metal detectors.
- Communication Systems:** Improving infrastructure for emergency communication between staff and first responders.
- Support Services:** Implementing software for visitor screening, safety drills, and emergency reunification.
- Training & Security Personnel:** Funding active shooter training, emergency response training, and employing school district peace officers or security personnel.



## REMINDER

### **SAFE Cycle 1 Grant Extension**

- End of Period of Performance: April 30, 2027.
- [Cycle 1 Program Guidelines](#)
- Funding Scope: Covers costs associated with building improvements (e.g., doors, windows, fencing) and technology necessary to meet the new standards, particularly for those not in compliance.

### **SAFE Cycle 2 Grant Extension**

- End of Period of Performance: April 30, 2027.
- [Cycle 2 Program Guidelines](#)
- Funding Scope: Once compliant, the LEA is able to utilize funds on any other locally identified school safety requirements that are aligned with the allowable costs.

## Grants and Order of Use

### Expend First

2022-2025 School Safety Standards Formula Grant

Must first be exhausted prior to utilizing Cycle 1 funding, if applicable

LEAs that have certified compliance and **DID NOT** apply for Cycle 1 funding may utilize any remaining funds on any other locally identified school safety requirements that are aligned with the allowable costs.

### Expend Second (if applicable)

2023-2025 Safety and Facilities Enhancement Grant (SAFE) – Cycle 1

Only once the Safety Standards Formula Grant is exhausted shall LEAs use Cycle 1 funding to meet the remaining requirements.

LEAs should not use Cycle 1 funding for anything other than meeting the School Safety Standards.

### Expend Last

2024-2025 Safety and Facilities Enhancement Grant (SAFE) – Cycle 2

LEAs still not in compliance with the School Safety Standards are required to utilize Cycle 2 funding to first meet any remaining requirements.

Once compliant, the LEA is able to utilize funds on any other locally identified school safety requirements that are aligned with the allowable costs.

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