

AGENDA

October 7, 2025

1:30 – 2:30 PM Board

Training Executive Session

2:30 - 3:30 PM Public Meeting

Virtual meeting



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1:30 - 2:30 Welcome and Advisory Board Business - Stacey Scardino, Executive Director, Safe2Tell, chair, (Rebecca Hall, Superintendent of Hinsdale School District is secretary), and Christine Harms, Director, Office of School Safety

- Welcome and Introductions
- The first half of the meeting will be in Executive Session with Finnuala Tessier, Colorado Office of the Attorney General, conducting the annual board etiquette training. Everyone should have received two Google Meet links. We will use the second link at 2:30 when the public can sign on to the meeting.
- [Approve the notes from August 4, 2025](#)

2:30 - 3:00 OSS Update - Christine Harms, OSS Director

- Staff
 - o Accountant - will be starting on October 14th
 - o Welcome to Kristin Kushmider, Ph.D. and Ali Harris, Ph.D., the two new Crisis Response Specialists.
 - o Kelly Addington, SW RTC is retiring and moving to Wyoming. She has done a wonderful job in the southeast corner of the state and leaves very big shoes to fill. We wish her all the best! Kelly's last day with us will be October 31st.
- 2025 Legislative Update
 - o SB25-027: Trauma-informed School Safety Procedures
 - No funding has yet been found for this work
 - However, the National Academies of Sciences, Medicine and Engineering just completed their report on best practices. [You can access it here.](#)
- Grants Unit Update (Charli North)
 - o FY26 SAFER RFP - All 14 agreements have been fully executed and disbursements requested and sent
 - o We are holding the School Security Disbursement grants until the excise tax money is received.
 - o The Emergency School Safety Incident Response (ESSIR) grant is now competitive. The RFP was released on August 28th with a deadline for applications was September 26th. The reviewers are law enforcement and/or school security directors. We appreciate their assistance with this.
- Crisis Response Unit Update (Kati Garner)
 - o Recap of the response to Evergreen High School.

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- o As mentioned, Dr. Kristin Kushmider joined the team on September 9th. We are very happy to have her.
- o Western Slope Crisis Response Specialist, Dr. Alison Harris joined the team today.
- CSSRC Update- Margaret Ochoa, CSSRC
 - o Farewell to Kelly.
 - o With Kelly's departure, we have made some adjustments to the east and southeast region. Mike Vagher will take over much of Kelly's region, Chelsey Lehmkuhl will take some of Mike's districts and the new South Central RTC will focus on Pueblo and the rest of the south central area. A new [regional training consultant map](#) is now on our website.
 - o Upcoming Events
 - October 15 - Student/Staff Summit at Yuma School District
 - October 23 - Annual Colorado Safe Schools Summit at Adams 12
 - November 13, Annual Youth Suicide Prevention & Intervention Symposium at the Lowry Conference Center
 - January 20 & 21st - Mini-Summit at Aims Community College, Greeley
 - February 10 - Student/Staff Summit at Colorado Mesa University, Grand Junction
 - February 24 - Student/Staff Summit at Pueblo Community College
 - March 6 - Mini-Summit at Durango Public Library
 - May - IHE Date and Venue TBD

Board members are always invited. Just contact melissa.rubeo@state.co.us to register you so you receive the links.

3:00 - 3:30 Member Updates

3:30 Adjournment. Next Meeting **February 3, 2026**

An update will be sent to all Advisory Board Members in December.