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Dear Superintendents and BOCES Directors:

I trust you all had a relaxing summer break and are busy preparing for a new academic year. The Office of School Safety wishes you well and provides the following updates:

- OSS staff training schedules are starting to fill. If you have training needs, [please reach out](#). If you need customized training, that is possible too. A note to all new superintendents, the OSS school site training courses are free.
- The OSS Crisis Response Unit stands ready to train your professionals in crisis response and is available, on a limited basis, to support your team's response to any critical incident. [Again, there are no charges for their services](#).
- The next round of grants will be School Access for Emergency Response (SAFER) grants. This opportunity is for your interoperability needs and will open in the spring. Please be sure your EOPs are up-to-date, and you have an MOU with your emergency responders as required. [Please reach out to the Grants Unit with any questions](#).
- Educator injury is endemic, normalized, and leads to both physical and emotional injuries as well as decreased morale, burnout and retention issues. These were the findings of the Educator Safety Task Force (ESTF). The task force also identified a number of recommendations that require little or no funding. [Please see the roadmaps here](#).
- De-escalation training for all staff was one of the recommendations of the ESTF. The OSS team has been trained by the Crisis and Trauma Resource Institute (CTRI) in verbal de-escalation. [Please sign up via the training list if you would like to bring this training to your schools](#).

Our nineteen member team, including seven members embedded in rural communities, is here to assist you. Please reach out with any questions.

Have a safe and successful school year,

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