

The following is an excerpt from a report authored by the US Secret Service and the US Department of Education. The goal of their 2008 study was to observe trends in bystanders to school tragedies and gauge behaviors in reporting.

The report outlines Eight Recommendations, based on the findings of their research, to combat reluctance to report and foster more proactive school environments. P3 Campus is designed to allow schools to follow these eight recommendations. Each recommendation is followed by a brief description of how P3 Campus addresses it.

from *Prior Knowledge of Potential School-Based Violence: Information Students Learn May Prevent a Targeted Attack* (2008)

School districts are encouraged to develop policies that address the many aspects of reporting a threat.

While many schools have policies that address threatening behavior, these policies do not always attend to all aspects of reporting threats, such as what procedure a student should follow in reporting a threat and what the school's role is when such information is received. School policies should:

RECOMMENDATION ONE

Encourage students, staff, faculty, parents, and others to report all apparent threats or threatening or disturbing behaviors.

The P3 Campus package includes a range of promotional and awareness materials, which were designed in consultation with real students to be attractive, informative, and relevant. These include:

- A complete collection of print-and-hang 11" x 17" posters promoting compassion and proactivity
- Training videos and interactive training webinars (for tip managers and staff)
- Student lesson and supplementary activities
- Recommendations for promotional/engagement activities
- Templates for emails to parents, to staff, and to the local community (+ press release template)

RECOMMENDATION TWO

Provide several options for the reporting of threats, including reporting anonymously if necessary.

With P3 Campus, students have a range of ways to make reports about concerning behaviors or situations, beyond simply verbally notifying an adult. P3 Campus is accessible on a computer, tablet, or smartphone. Students can report through our mobile app or at P3Campus.com (either through their mobile browser or desktop browser). All of these methods are completely anonymous. Additionally, reports aren't restricted to school hours. Programs are required to secure an after-hours, Life Safety monitoring mechanism for this reason. This technology removes significant barriers to speaking up.

RECOMMENDATION THREE

Ensure that all those who report a threat or threatening situation will be treated with respect and that the information they provide will be closely guarded.

P3 Campus's parent company, Anderson Software, wrote the book on anonymous reporting and secure encryption. P3 Campus uses Tier One data security; we also have protocols in place to protect reporters when using school-owned devices.

If reporters accidentally include any self-identifying information in a report, such information can be sanitized out of the report by Admin Users. P3 Campus training is thorough and required for anyone managing reports, ensuring responsible and sensitive handling of the valuable information.

Reports are handled by different types of experts, depending on the nature of the report. Mental health professionals, peace officers, and school administration work together to deliver the most appropriate and effective intervention. Too, when a reporter wants help but doesn't want to walk up to someone and ask for it directly, they have the option to self-identify through P3 Campus and get that help.

RECOMMENDATION FOUR

Emphasize that the school will take appropriate action on all reports and will, within the confines of privacy laws, provide feedback to the reporting student that the information was received, and that appropriate action was taken.

When students submit a report, they are immediately given a receipt (customizable by the program) that includes a randomly-generated, unique code, which allows them to check back in on the report or offer any new information. They can also engage in real-time 2-way dialogue with a member of a program's multidisciplinary team (MDT). When a disposition has been logged on a report by a member of the MDT, the reporting party is shown an update on the app that an action has been taken on their report. Every step is taken to give the reporting party a sense of being listened to and taken seriously.

P3 Campus allows for school counselors, SROs, peace officers, and school administration to collaborate within the Disposition module to decide together the appropriate action to be taken on reports. All this information is protected by privacy laws.

RECOMMENDATION FIVE

Articulate what types of student information and knowledge can be shared, with whom it can be shared, and under what conditions it can be shared.

Programs are provided a host of P3 Campus promotional, educational, and operational materials, from a full collection of print-and-hang posters to discussion questions and PowerPoint explaining exactly how P3 Campus is used, when to use it, and why. These materials are all available at no cost through the P3 Campus Portal. Programs are encouraged to designate staff who will facilitate classroom discussion so students really think about and share why reporting is important.

RECOMMENDATION SIX

Be clear as to who is responsible for acting on information received regarding threats.

Admin Users get to select their multidisciplinary team of Contacts (tip managers). Training for Admin and Contacts clearly explains how the P3 Campus platform can be integrated into existing protocol for threats and student wellness concerns, and provides a centralized place for members of the MDT to communicate and collaborate in providing needed care or intervention.

RECOMMENDATION SEVEN

Where law permits, include law enforcement and mental health officials in the review process.

This involvement of law enforcement and mental health officials is the cornerstone of the P3 Campus philosophy. Within the P3 Campus platform, school administration uses the Team Communication module to coordinate with law enforcement and mental health professionals to decide on the best processes and interventions, individually for each unique concern. This forum is the heart of P3 Campus.

RECOMMENDATION EIGHT

Track threats over time so that the information collected regarding threats can be used.

When a report is made through P3 Campus, all the information that is in that report is saved and can be pulled up at a later time. This ensures all threats and reports are used together to see the whole picture of a student or incident. Within the P3 Campus platform, you can collect information to monitor trends and query events, to better target resources and inform policy decisions.