



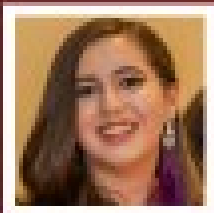
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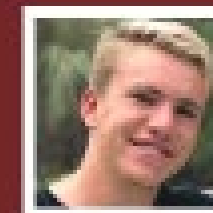
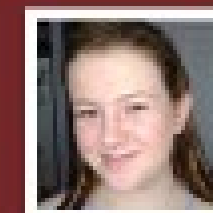
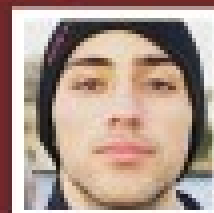
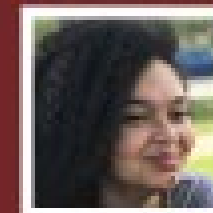
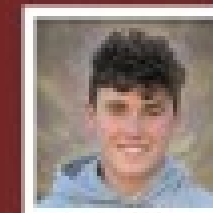
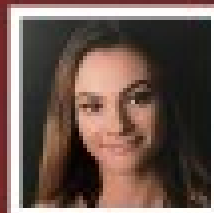
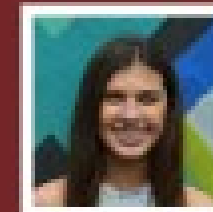
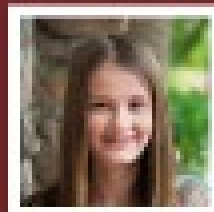
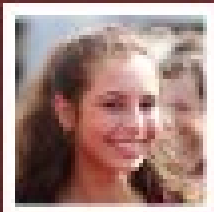
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Office of Safe Schools



# #NEVERFORGET



## HB 1473 – School Safety: Guardian Program

### *Section 30.15, Florida Statutes*

- Former law enforcement officers with current certification may serve as Guardians without completing Guardian training.
- Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) will maintain data related to school Guardians.
- Florida Department of Education (FDOE) will provide FDLE records of safe-school officers who have been disciplined, dismissed or who have discharged their firearm.



## HB 1473 – School Safety: Safe-School Officers

### *Section (s.) 1006.12, Florida Statutes (F.S.)*

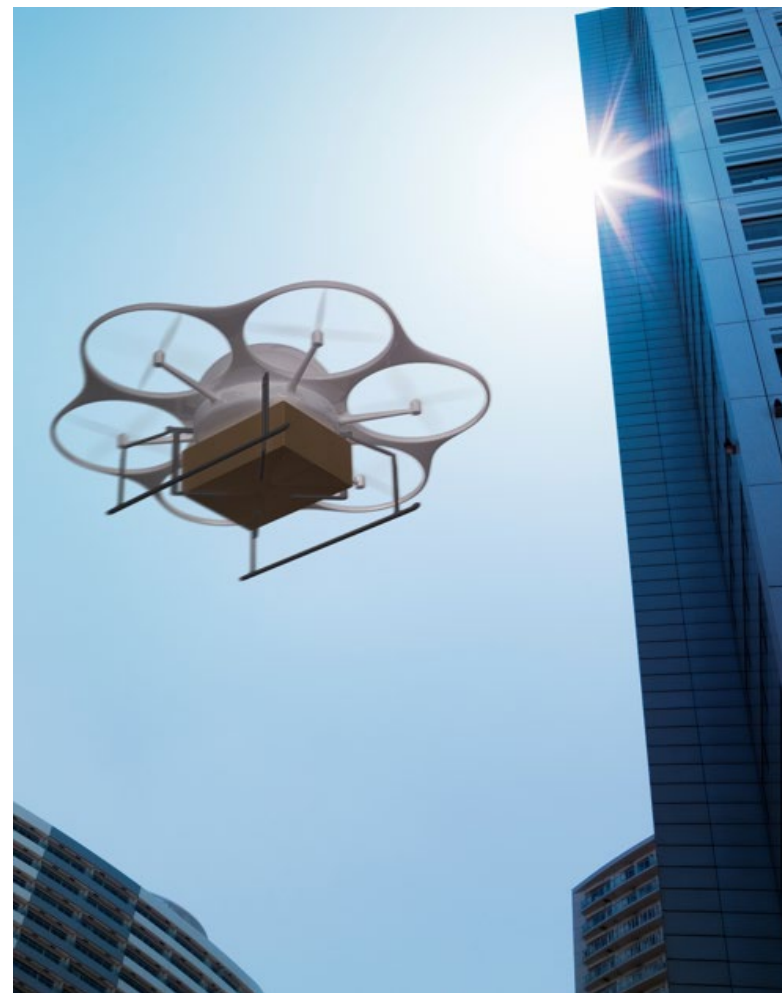
- Agreements between a school board and a law enforcement agency must include the responsibility for maintaining school resource officer training records.
- Before appointing a school guardian, the district or charter school must contact FDLE and review all relevant information on the guardian candidate.

## HB 1473 – School Safety: Drones

### *Section 330.41, Florida Statutes*

It is a misdemeanor to knowingly or willfully:

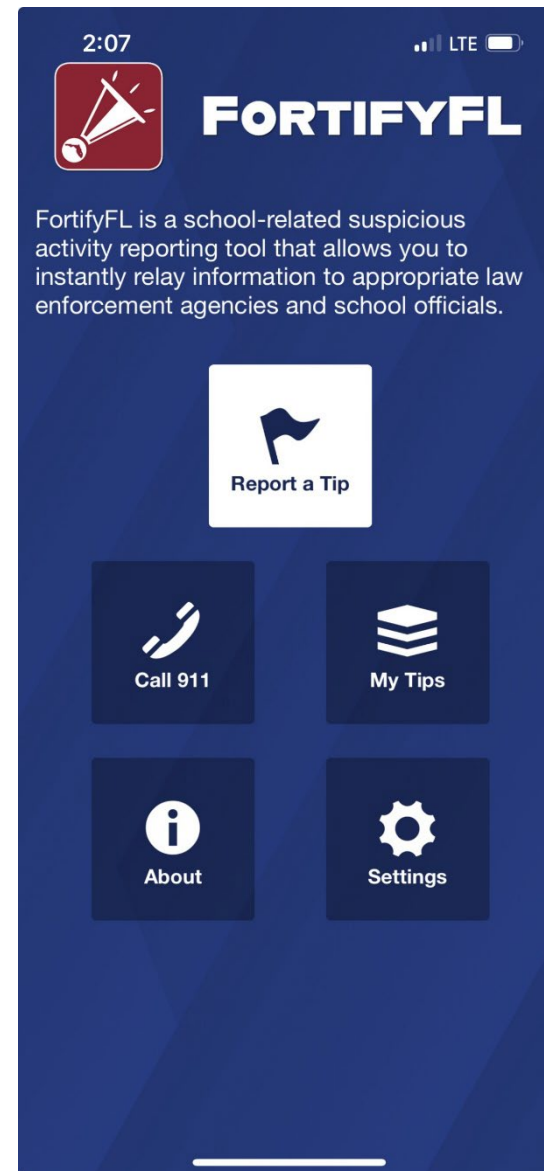
- Operate a drone over a public or private PK-12 school; or
- Allow a drone to make contact with a school, or any person or object on campus.



## HB 1473 – School Safety: FortifyFL

### *Section 943.082, Florida Statutes*

Each district school board and charter school governing board must ensure that **instruction on the use of FortifyFL** is provided to students within the first 5 days of each school year; instruction must include consequences for making a threat or false report.



## **FortifyFL Training 6A-10018(10)(e)**

- Annually, each district school board must make available a training for parents and guardians on the use of FortifyFL prior to the start of each school year or at the time of a student's enrollment if during the school year.
- This training must explain the potential consequences for anyone making a threat or false report concerning school or school personnel's property, school transportation, or a school sponsored activity, including disciplinary actions that may occur at school and possible criminal charges.
- Information concerning criminal charges must include a summary of Sections 790.162, 790.163, 836.10 and 837.05, F.S., and the penalties for violating those statutes. School districts may develop procedures concerning how this training is disseminated.



## HB 1473 – School Safety: Student in Custody

### *Section 985.04, Florida Statutes*

If a dual enrolled student is taken into custody for certain serious offenses, the superintendent or designee must **notify the police chief or safety director of the postsecondary institution** within 1 business day.





## HB 1473 – School Safety: Office of Safe Schools (OSS)

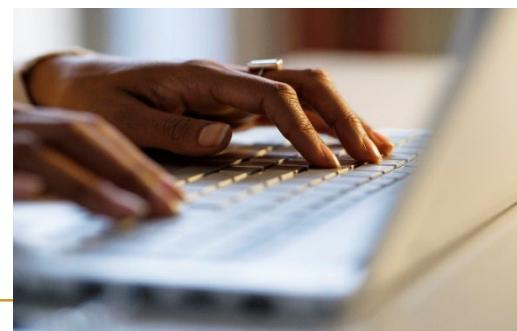
### *Section 1001.212, Florida Statutes*

- By August 1, 2024, OSS must develop and adopt a Florida school safety compliance inspection report, which is completed and adopted in Rule 6A-1.0018, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.)
- OSS will conduct triennial, unannounced inspections of all public and public charter schools while school is in session.
- OSS will investigate reports of noncompliance with school safety requirements.

## HB 1473 – School Safety: Office of Safe Schools

### *Section 1001.212, Florida Statutes*

- OSS has 3 days post-inspection to provide the report to certain district and school staff; recipients have 1 school day to acknowledge receipt.
- The school safety specialist, charter school administrator or designee has 3 days to provide OSS notice of how noncompliance has been remediated for specific violations of access control and safest area requirements.



## HB 1473 – School Safety: Office of Safe Schools

### *Section 1001.212, Florida Statutes*

- OSS must provide quarterly reports to superintendents and school safety specialists with data on which schools were inspected and which had no school safety requirement deficiencies.
- Additionally, the school safety specialist must report quarterly to the superintendent and school board on any noncompliance with school safety laws or rules.



## HB 1473 – School Safety: Office of Safe Schools

### *Section 1001.212, Florida Statutes*

- OSS must also refer any staff to the superintendent or charter school administrator for disciplinary action if they knowingly violate the new access control requirements found at s. 1006.07(6)(f), F.S.
- Annually, OSS must notify all administrative and instructional personnel via email of new access control requirements.

## **HB 1473 – School Safety: School Board Duties**

### *Section 1006.07, Florida Statutes*

New access control requirements:

- All gates and other campus access points must remain closed and locked when students are on campus.
- Exceptions are limited to placing an attendant at an open gate while students are on campus; a shared use agreement pursuant to s. 1013.101, F.S.; or the school safety specialist or designee documenting that the access point is not subject to this requirement based upon other safety measures in place (or, per Rule 6A-1.0018, F.A.C., based on compliance with the Fire Code).

## **HB 1473 – School Safety: School Board Duties**

### *Section 1006.07, Florida Statutes*

New access control requirements:

- Doors of school classrooms and other instructional spaces must be locked to prevent ingress when occupied by students, except between classes.
- If such a door must be left unlocked, the door must be actively staffed.



## **HB 1473 – School Safety: School Board Duties**

### *Section 1006.07, Florida Statutes*

New access control requirements:

- All campus building access doors, gates and other access points shall remain closed and locked at all times.
- Exceptions:
  - People are actively entering or exiting; or
  - The school safety specialist or designee has documented that the access point is not subject to the requirement based upon other safety measures.

## **HB 1473 – School Safety: School Board Duties**

### *Section 1006.07, Florida Statutes*

- All instructional spaces must have clearly marked safest areas for student sheltering.
- Students must be notified of these areas within the first 10 days of the school year.
- Where marking these areas is not feasible, the school safety specialist or designee must document such, and identify where students must shelter in an emergency.

## **HB 1473 – School Safety: School Board Duties**

*Section 1006.07, Florida Statutes*

- Each school must maintain a record that is accessible on each campus or by request of OSS of all current school year and prior school year drills, including the names of law enforcement personnel present on campus for each active assailant emergency drill.

## HB 1473 – School Safety: School Board Duties

### *Section 1006.07, Florida Statutes*

- Each district school board and charter school governing board must adopt a progressive discipline policy for personnel who knowingly violate school safety requirements.

## Senate Bill 1470 – School Safety **signed**

- Updates components of the Chris Hixon, Coach Aaron Feis and Coach Scott Beigel Guardian Program. (ss. 30.15 and 402.305, F.S.)
  - Child care facilities.
  - Contracting for school security guards (including additional requirements in s. 1006.07, F.S.).
- Requires the Office of Safe Schools to convene a workgroup of stakeholders to make recommendations for the establishment of a Florida Institute of School Safety, including programs and functions to enhance school safety. (s. 1001.212, F.S.)
  - Workgroup to include school facilities staff, school safety specialists, school administrators, superintendents and school-based mental health professionals, among others.
  - Workgroup report due no later than January 1, 2026.

## **Senate Bill 1470 – School Safety **signed****

- Amends s. 1006.07, F.S., District school board duties relating to student discipline and school safety.
- Subject to an appropriation, FDOE, in cooperation with the Department of Management Services, shall identify a centralized system for use by all public safety answering point infrastructure which can receive alerts from all panic alert systems and integrate digital maps used by public schools, charter schools, and other educational institutions.
- If established, each public school and charter school shall confirm with the district school board that the school's respective panic alert system is connected to the centralized system.



## **Senate Bill 1470 – School Safety **signed****

- Specifies that school safety access control requirements apply from 30 minutes before the school start time until 30 minutes after the end of the school day.
- Defines “exclusive zone” and “nonexclusive zone” and identifies which requirements apply to each regarding access control.
  - Permits temporary door locks in emergencies.
  - Revises access control requirements for career and technical education classrooms and common areas.
- Requires each substitute teacher to be provided all school safety protocols and policies before beginning his or her first day of substitute teaching at a school.



## Office of Safe Schools Overview



## 2018 - 2019 Funding

| Project   | Recurring          | Non-Recurring      | Total              |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Office of Safe Schools Funding                                  | 344,393            |                    | 344,393            |
| Active Shooter Training   | 100,000            |                    | 100,000            |
| Mental Health Awareness Training                                | 500,000            | 6,200,000          | 6,700,000          |
| Review and analyze Florida Safe Schools Assessment Tool (FSSAT) |                    | 1,000,000          | 1,000,000          |
| School Safety Portal  | 3,000,000          |                    | 3,000,000          |
| Aaron Feis Guardian Program                                     | 500,000            | 67,000,000         | 67,500,000         |
| School Hardening Grant  |                    | 98,962,286         | 98,962,286         |
| Safe Schools Allocation   | 161,956,019        |                    | 161,956,019        |
| Mental Health Assistance Allocation                             | 69,237,286         |                    | 69,237,286         |
| <b>TOTALS</b>   | <b>235,637,698</b> | <b>173,162,286</b> | <b>408,799,984</b> |

## Office of Safe Schools Origins

The Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Act, Chapter 2018-3, Laws of Florida:

- Created s. 1001.212, F.S., which launched the Office of Safe Schools, to include:
  - Florida Safe School Assessment Tool (FSSAT)
  - Training and technical assistance for school district personnel
  - School Safety Specialist training program
  - Safe Schools data portal
  - Hardening grants
  - FortifyFL education
- Allocated funding for 3 full-time staff.



## 2024 - 2025 Funding

| Project                                      | Recurring          | Non-Recurring     | Total              |
|--|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Office of Safe Schools Funding               | 3,230,614          | 70,525            | 3,301,139          |
| Alyssa's Alert                               | 6,400,000          |                   | 6,400,000          |
| Active Shooter Training                      | 100,000            |                   | 100,000            |
| Reunification/Diversion                      | 425,000            |                   | 425,000            |
| Mental health Awareness Training             | 5,500,000          |                   | 5,500,000          |
| Florida Safe Schools Assessment Tool (FSSAT) | 845,000            | 350,000           | 1,195,000          |
| School Safety Portal                         | 3,000,000          |                   | 3,000,000          |
| Florida Safe Schools Canine Program          | 3,306,121          | 175,000           | 3,481,121          |
| District Threat Management Coordinators      | 5,000,000          |                   | 5,000,000          |
| Threat Management Portal                     | 5,000,000          |                   | 5,000,000          |
| SESIR System                                 | 1,500,000          |                   | 1,500,000          |
| Guardian Program                             | 6,500,000          |                   | 6,500,000          |
| School Hardening Grant                       |                    | 42,000,000        | 42,000,000         |
| Safe Schools Allocation                      | 290,000,000        |                   | 290,000,000        |
| Mental Health Assistance Allocation          | 180,000,000        |                   | 180,000,000        |
| <b>TOTALS</b>                                | <b>510,806,735</b> | <b>50,570,525</b> | <b>561,377,260</b> |

## Office of Safe Schools Staffing 2024

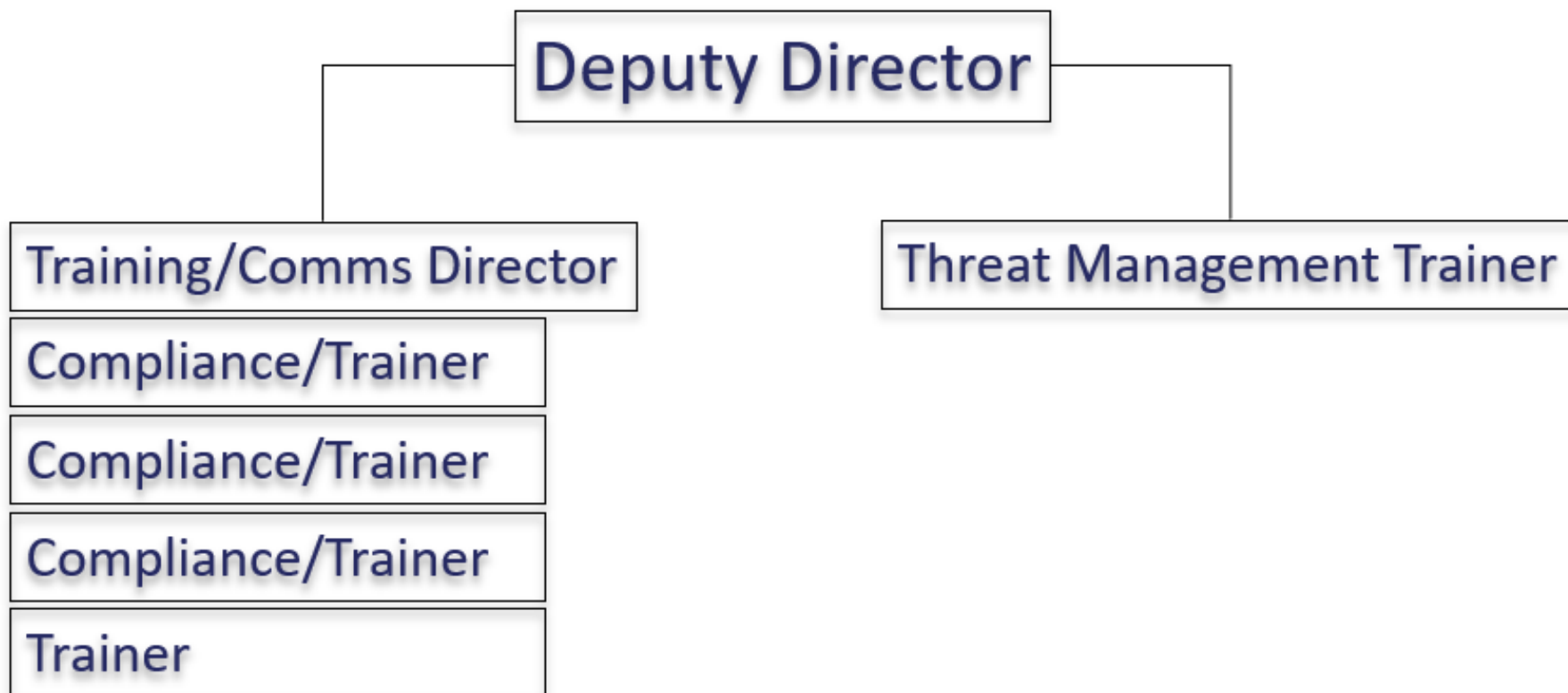


**37 Total Positions**

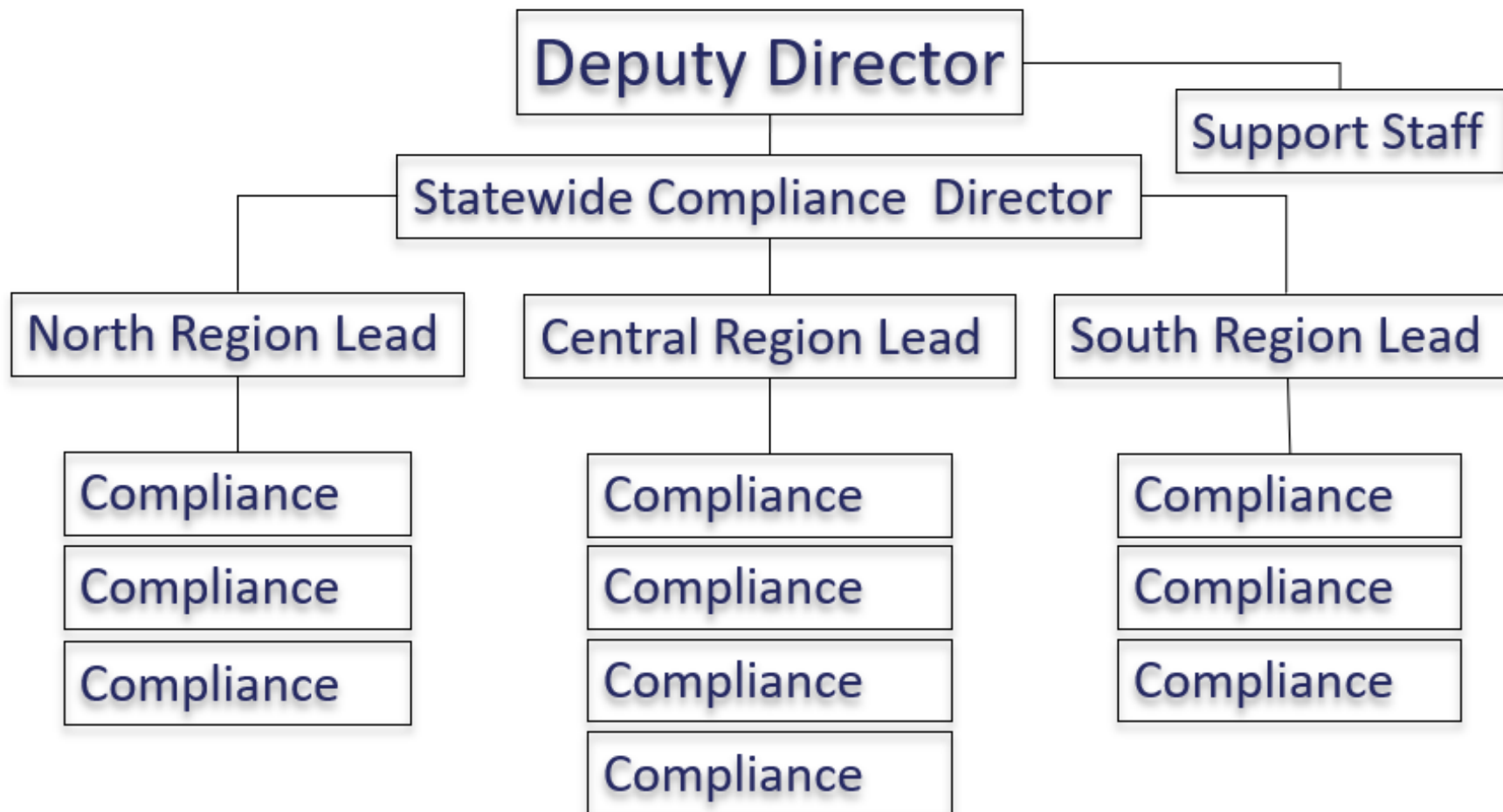




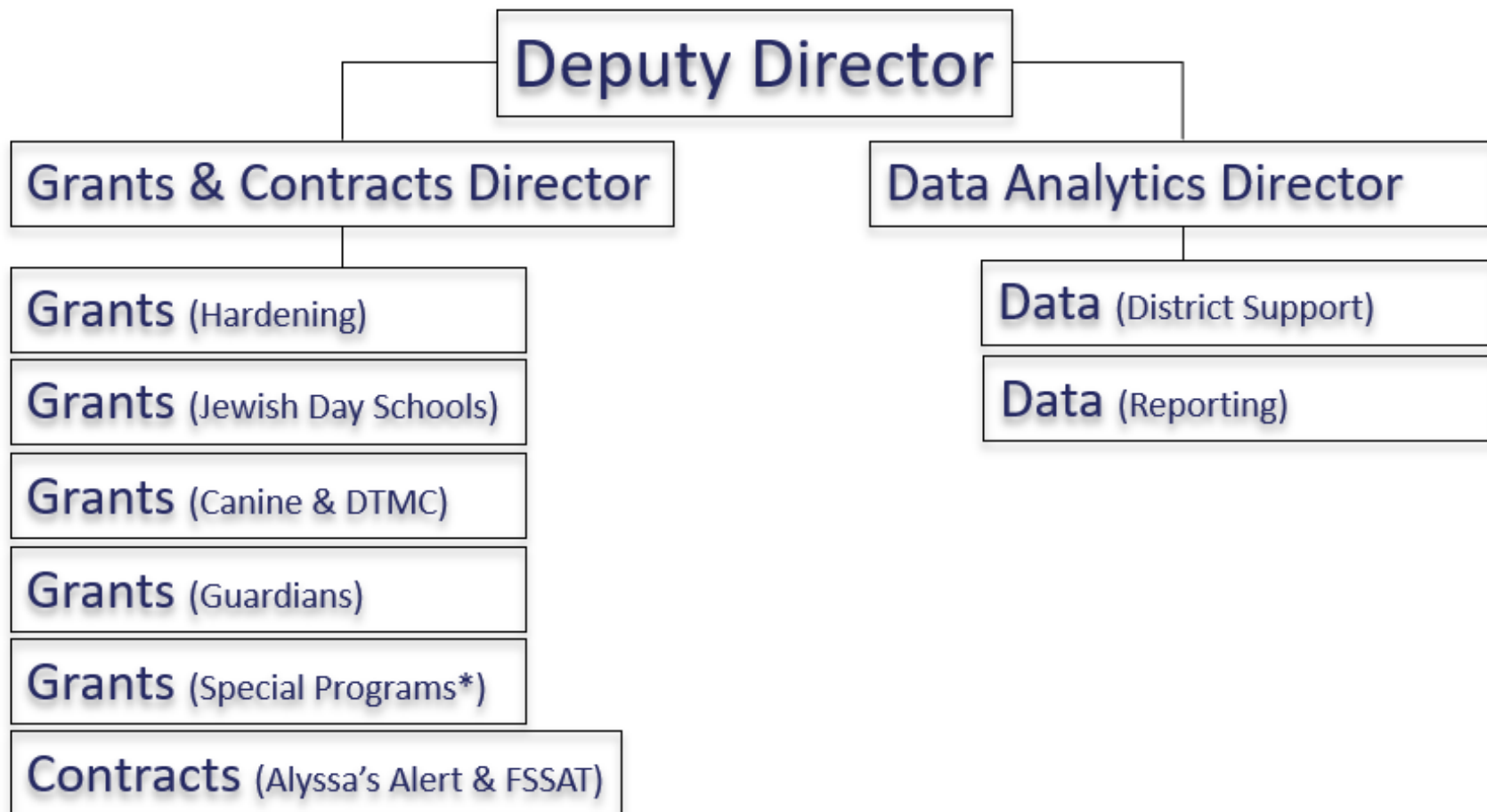
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## Office of Safe Schools – Compliance



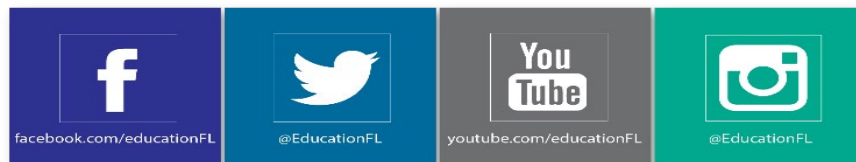
# Office of Safe Schools – Contracts, Grants & Data Analytics



\*School Safety Specialist training,  
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