

# West Virginia School Safety Network

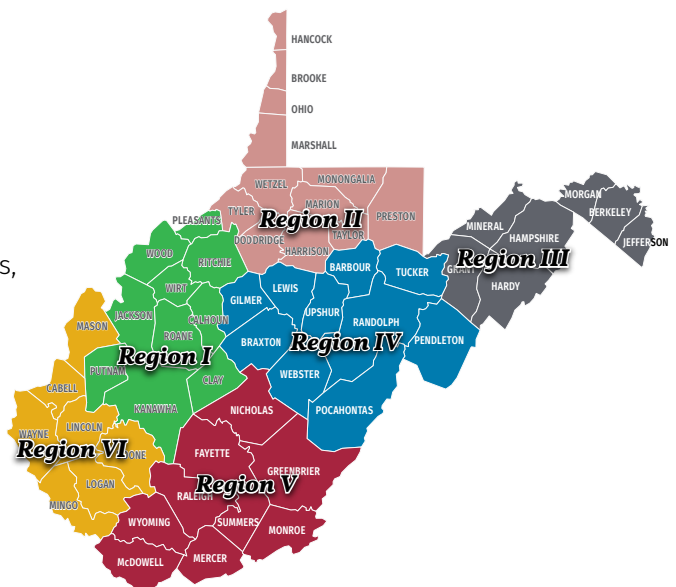
## **West Virginia Department of Education (WVDE), West Virginia Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), and West Virginia School Building Authority (SBA)**

- ▶ Agencies will collaborate to provide all available resources to improve facilities and enhance understanding of how to prevent and respond to a school safety incident

## **School Safety Coordinator**

- ▶ Acts as liaison between the WVDE and DHS
  - ▷ Blends safety and security need with educational best practice
- ▶ Assists in WVDE and DHS initiatives
- ▶ Supervises 6 regional school-safety directors
- ▶ Works with county and school administrators to develop a safety needs assessment
- ▶ Stays current with research-based methods of prevention and response and informs school safety directors and county/school personnel
- ▶ Coordinates school-based efforts with DHS, WVDE, FBI, and each county and implements efficient communication among all stakeholders
- ▶ Communicates with WV Prevention Resource and School Resource Officers regarding school safety needs

## **West Virginia Homeland Security Regions**



## **School Safety Directors**

- ▶ Regionally based
- ▶ When requested by counties:
  - ▷ Provide technical assistance related to school-safety initiatives, needs assessments, and crisis response plans
  - ▷ Conduct school safety audits and provide recommendations
  - ▷ Provide training on research-based methods of prevention and response
- ▶ Facilitate communication among counties, schools, and law enforcement agencies



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