

Shrewsbury Public Schools

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To: School Committee

Subj: SPS SAFETY AND SECURITY REVIEW

Background

Shrewsbury Public Schools commissioned *The Olson Group, Ltd.* through a Public 'Request for Proposal' bid process in September of 2023 to conduct a Comprehensive Safety and Security Review for the District. This review was conducted in October and November of 2023 with the goal of assessing the safety and security of our public school buildings and internal safety protocols to highlight what we are doing well, and identifying areas where we can make improvements.

SPS Safety and Security Project Team

The Project Team for the SPS Safety and Security Review consisted of members from the School Department, Public Facilities, Shrewsbury Police Department, and Shrewsbury Fire Department. Having members from each of these departments provided a collaborative and comprehensive approach to conducting the review of our safety and security infrastructure. The members of the team are:

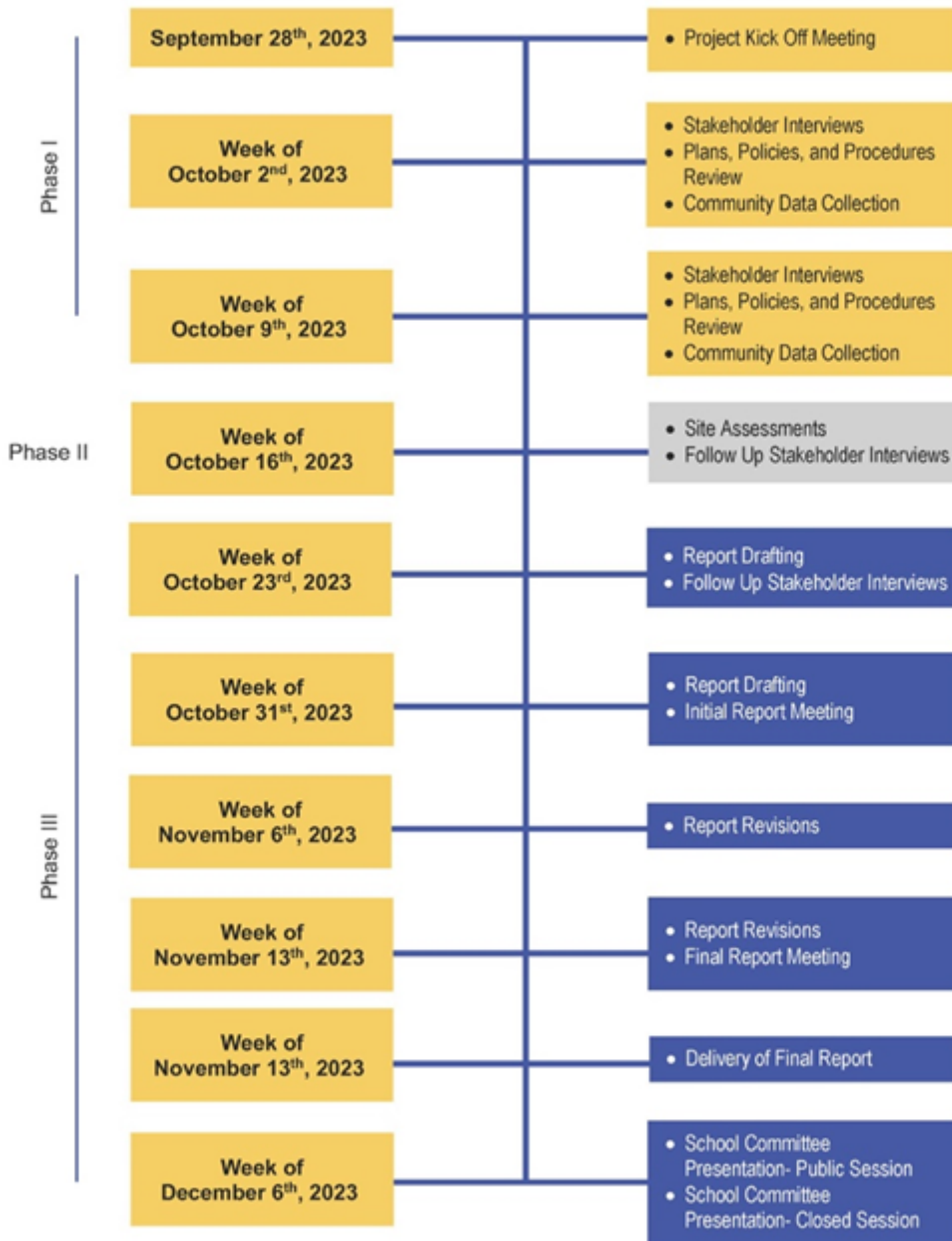
- Dr. Joseph Sawyer- Superintendent of Schools
- Chris Girardi- Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations
- Brian L'Heureux- SPS Director of Information Technology
- PJ O'Connell- Shrewsbury High School Assistant Principal
- Keith Baldinger- Assistant Town Manager- Operations
- Bill Tuttle- Director of Public Facilities
- Kevin Anderson- Chief of Police- Shrewsbury Police Department
- Adam Cameron- Lieutenant Operations Division Commander- Shrewsbury Police Department
- Alicia Brownell- School Resource Officer
- Shawn Valliere- School Resource Officer
- James Vuona- Fire Chief- Shrewsbury Fire Department
- Seth Colby- Deputy Fire Chief- Shrewsbury Fire Department

Timeline

The Olson Group conducted their assessment in three phases. Phase 1 consisted of a kick-off meeting with the district representatives listed above on Tuesday, October 10th. This was

followed by a schedule of interviews with stakeholders during the week of October 16th. Phase 2 consisted of the site-review of all buildings, with their four member team visiting Shrewsbury during the week of October 23rd. Phase 3 consisted of data review and report writing, with follow-up interviews and draft report reviews.

Chart 1- Timeline for the Shrewsbury Public Schools assessment project.



Summary

The Olson Group will present their report on Wednesday, December 6, 2023. Included in the report will be identified strengths of the district, as well as opportunities for improvement to strengthen an already strong safety and security system.