



## New Jersey Department of Education and New Jersey Schools Development Authority Joint Broadcast

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### Release of Alyssa's Law Compliance Application on NJDOE Homeroom

The New Jersey Schools Development Authority (NJSDA) and the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) are pleased to announce the opening of the Alyssa's Law compliance application through the [EWEG System](#) on NJDOE's Homeroom portal. Please note that all districts are required to demonstrate compliance with [Alyssa's Law](#) using the Homeroom application regardless of whether they intend to apply for a school security grant authorized by the Securing Our Children's Future Bond Act, P.L. 2018, c. 119 (Bond Act).

To be eligible for a school security grant under the Bond Act, districts must first demonstrate Alyssa's Law compliance or provide a proposed plan for Alyssa's Law compliance for each school building in the district. Districts should therefore begin work on the Alyssa's Law compliance application as soon as possible and obtain a certification of compliance or approval of planned work to comply with Alyssa's Law before applying for a Bond Act grant. The deadline for obtaining Alyssa's Law compliance certification or submitting proposed work to comply through this application will be the deadline for the school security grant applications, August 12, 2020.

#### Alyssa's Law Compliance Information

Alyssa's Law defines a "panic alarm" as a silent security system signal generated by the manual activation of a device intended to signal a life-threatening or emergency situation requiring a response from law enforcement. The law states that each public elementary and secondary school building in New Jersey shall be equipped with at least one panic alarm that is directly linked to local law enforcement authorities. Further, the law requires that the panic alarm adhere to nationally recognized industry standards, including those of the National Fire Protection Association and Underwriters Laboratories, and installed by a licensed alarm system installer.

In December 2019, the NJSDA adopted regulations addressing [Procedures for Compliance with Alyssa's Law](#) and, in collaboration with NJDOE, issued [Preliminary Guidance on Alyssa's Law Compliance and School Security Grants](#). Districts should review NJSDA's regulations and the preliminary guidance for information on compliant systems as they complete the online application. Please note that approval of an alternative system to comply with Alyssa's Law by NJDOE will also be completed through the online application, but requests for reimbursement or funds for planned work will require a Bond Act school security grant application, is anticipated to be released May 2020.

The application will be preloaded with the schools in each district and will walk districts through the information and supporting documentation necessary to achieve a certification of compliance for each school building. Districts will be notified through the EWEG system of NJSDA's certification of compliance, requests for further supporting information, or denial of certification.

Questions regarding Alyssa's Law compliance should be directed to the [Alyssa's Law email inbox](#).

**Technical Information**

The district's Homeroom administrator must grant access to EWEG for any individuals working on the district's Alyssa's Law compliance submission. For more information, please review the [Homeroom Administrator Manual](#) or email the [Homeroom administrator help desk](#) with questions.

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