**AT A GLANCE**

The State of Dating Violence Policies in Public School Districts in PA’s Lackawanna and Susquehanna Counties

**Did you know?**
Dating violence can lead to depression, anxiety, self harm, low self esteem, eating disorders, future violence, suicidal thoughts, truancy, and changes in academic performance.

**PA Department of Education Model Policy Recommended Elements:**
1. Purpose And Authority
2. Definitions
3. Delegation of Responsibility
4. Guidelines
5. Notice of Policy
6. Training for Staff & Students
7. Reference Relevant Law

**Future Considerations for a Comprehensive Dating Violence Policy:**
- Address Intervention, Response and Prevention
- Trauma informed
- Survivor led response
- Use of clear and basic language
- Do more than check a box
- Change social norms
- Create positive school climates
- Train staff on the policies, review and update regularly

**Average Score**
36% (out of 100%) in terms of consistency with PA DOE policy recommendations

**Average Rating**
1.09 (out of 3) Meaning “partially consistent” with PA DOE policy recommendations

**School districts with a written Dating Violence policy (out of 16 public school districts across the two counties)**

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