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Friends of PACAPE,

We trust the beginning of the New Year has started well for you. We have a lot of information that may be helpful for you as you head into these winter months. We wanted to get this into your hands as soon as possible.

1. **PACAPE is actively working to make sure the Federal Tax Credit is adopted in PA.** We hosted a meeting of PA coalition team members to strategize ways to encourage the Governor to opt into the credit as soon as possible. We are encouraged by some things we are seeing, but our whole private school community must work together to help message this in a positive way! You can also see the comments we filed with the Department of the Treasury which are located at <http://www.pacape.org/sites/default/files/fedtaxcomments.pdf>. Just a reminder that there is a School Choice Rally at the Capitol on January 27th. Find out more at www.paedchoice.org.
2. **Safety Grant Announcement #1:** PCCD has released a SEPARATE safety grant for non-profits that you might be interested in looking at: The grant is now open and is due on January 12th. Here is the announcement: <https://www.pa.gov/content/dam/copapwp-pagov/en/pccd/documents/funding/documents/funding-announcements/npsgf%20funding%20announcement%20template%20%20final.pdf> Grant awards will be approved on March 11, 2026. Projects have an 18-month completion timeline: April 1, 2026 - September 30, 2027. David and his team can help you with this grant as well! The good news is that PACAPE has TWO OFFICIAL SPONSORS THAT CAN HELP YOU WITH THIS AND THE UPCOMING SCHOOL SAFETY GRANT. Look for information below.
3. **Safety Grants Announcement #2:** PCCD has noted that they will be releasing this year's PRIVATE SCHOOL safety grant early in January.
4. **Safety Grants Announcement #3:** PACAPE has secured two high quality sponsors who provide amazing services and will help you with managing the grant process. They are:
 - a. The **Critical Response Group** who provide mapping services for school buildings to interface with emergency services. There is a webinar link from a short PACAPE presentation located at: <https://vimeo.com/1096604374/f61ccdff98?share=copy>. See more information on our website at www.pacape.org/sponsors about these services.
 - b. The **Convoy Group** provide facility security assessments, training and resources that are all eligible for PCCD Grants. We will be hosting a webinar with the Convoy Group on Tuesday, January 6th to learn about their services. You can log into this webinar at: <https://acsi.zoom.us/j/98237774919>. To learn more about these services on our website at www.pacape.org/sponsors.
5. **PACAPE Presents – The Proactive Health Management Plan**
 - a. Please join us on Friday, January 9th at 10am Eastern for an educational session on how PHMP can redefine your health benefits. [Click Here to Register](#). This is a complementary group benefit offering that is easily bolted on to whatever existing health benefits are already in place by your school. The plan is a fully insured indemnity plan focusing specifically on the health of your population and is designed to drive healthier employees by rewarding them for engaging in their health on a monthly basis. The benefit has no-net cost to your organization and includes a full-service implementation by Key Benefit

Administrators, the creator of PHMP and one of the largest well-tenured third party administrators in the country. It can actually save your organization and employees money by participating.

- b. You can find out more information on our website at www.pacape.org/sponsors .

Look for more information from us about this exciting year in PA.

Regards,

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