



## ITG® CONSULTANTS, INC.

### SCHOOL SECURITY ASSESSMENT PROGRAM

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#### The Challenge

ITG® recognizes that there is great diversity within our nation's school systems. Across our nation, there is wide diversity in school plant design, available law enforcement infrastructure, safety and security approaches, and within community tax base and budgetary framework. We also recognize there is diversity among key stakeholders within our communities who are genuinely concerned with the safety and security of our nation's most precious resource: our children. Community cultures, society norms and ethos vary. School boards and administrators have strong desire to make informed decisions pertaining to the security solutions provided to the communities they serve. Parent Teacher Organizations, Teacher Unions, community leadership and government officials have a vested interest in contributing to security solutions, in the face of ever-increasing concern for the safety of all on campus. Shrinking budgets, dwindling tax base and public scrutiny of school budgets demand strong oversight of spending and efficient use of taxpayer funded initiatives. How do school boards and administrators determine how to develop security solutions that can be justified and cost effective that actually affect the perceived risk factors concerned?



#### The Approach

ITG® Consulting Services' School Security Assessment Programs (SSAP™) provide incredibly useful tools for school boards and administrators for school systems of all sizes and levels of complexity. Our proven assessment approach can assist in identifying vulnerabilities that can be exploited, weighs them against the perceived threat factors, and evaluates the effectiveness, acceptability and suitability of security solutions before those solutions are procured or implemented. Our assessment programs are designed to provide these leaders with a thorough understanding of their school security program issues and the alternatives available to address them. They also serve as an aid in validating current programs and expenditures or creating enhancements and budgetary justifications to improve security measures at their campuses.

ITG®'s SSAP™ creates a detailed picture, a snap shot in time, of the current security measures, policies and procedures, and protective postures of your school campus. Our assessment process includes multiple methodologies to bring about this total picture. ITG®'s consultants interview specific key stakeholders and conduct Open Source Information Research (OSIR™), developing information on both internal and external threats which assists in creating consensus pertaining to the perceived threats of concern. Our consultants conduct physical inspections of the buildings and grounds to identify physical security vulnerabilities. Policies pertaining to access control, security guidelines and incident response are reviewed. Existing security program configuration, components and efficiency is evaluated for suitability and effectiveness as weighed against the perceived threats of concern.

At ITG® we are students of crime and terrorism, researchers of current events, participants in national level discussions, volunteers supporting safety and security issues and we have come to know the issues well. ITG® is actively involved in Homeland Security related conferences and associations and we practice our trade on a global stage. We understand security and we understand those who commit crimes. We understand their tactics, their techniques and their procedures: their modus operandi. We also understand the effective security cycle of deter, detect, respond, mitigate and resumption of normal activities. We understand the law enforcement and tactical response issues. We use our training, education and experience to help our clients craft sound, justifiable policy and solutions that can be accepted by the parties concerned.

#### The Solution

Our philosophy is that we never simply conduct an assessment, prepare a report, and then walk away. Instead, we work with our clients throughout the assessment process to ensure they are getting exactly what they need in terms of the depth, breadth, and width of their tailor-made project. We follow through to assist safety and security managers in gaining organizational acceptance for our findings, thereby doing all we can to ensure the project has met their needs and made a real difference in those areas that are of the highest priority.

We will provide support; assist our clients in weighing and identifying which options and solutions are best suited for their campus and their communities. We recognize that we provide advice, assistance, counsel and options. Our clients always



retain ownership of their programs and while we support their ability to make sound decisions, we recognize that the decisions are theirs to make.

The product of our **SSAP™** is a comprehensive and overarching report that captures a snap shot in time. It encapsulates the perceived threat / risk factors, and clearly identifies exploitable vulnerabilities. Our reports provide discussion and education on why those vulnerabilities are relevant to the overall security posture, and recommends cost-effective, suitable and acceptable solutions. We do not seek to create a bunker mentality, rather we strive to assist in creating a campus environment that is safe, secure and facilitates the educational process.

**ITG®**'s comprehensive assessment process is a useable tool administrations and school boards and can utilize to insure their security funding is spent wisely. They will know and understand how their program provides support to the concepts of deterrence, detection, response, mitigation and resumption of normal activities.

### **Additional Support**

**ITG®** can provide additional support to our clients by assisting in drafting of policy guidance, response matrixes, standard operational procedure policies, incident response plans, request for proposals for security support and other documents related to such programs.

**ITG®** can work with law enforcement authorities who support the jurisdictions supporting your campus and school districts. We can conduct gap analysis between school policy and law enforcement response policies and assist in assuring that the community has a well coordinated and effective capability in responding to major incidents that may occur on campus.

**ITG®** can assist schools and communities with developing and evaluating effective table top and field exercises that test policy implementation, response procedures and capability effectiveness.

**ITG®** can work with school boards and administrators to craft security awareness and preparedness seminars and conduct them for administrators, teachers and school staff members. We can assist in developing awareness and preparedness programs for students, parents and community leaders as well.

### **Leverage Our Network!**

**ITG®**'s network of professional associates can bring a wealth of additional resources to our clients. We have established, professional relationships with providers of complimentary essential services, such as; architects, system integrators and vendors of security services who have proven records of accomplishment and a histories of ethical business practices.

### **Benefit From Our GSA Contract!**

Public schools are considered government agencies by the US General Services Administration and are able to purchase from GSA contract holders at established discounted pricing rates. **ITG®** is proud to be able to offer our services under this contract vehicle. There is no additional burden under this contract for our clients; **ITG®** will handle all related processes.



**Contract Holder**  
Contract GS-07F-288AA

### **Experience Matters**

**ITG®**'s core consulting staff has decades of practical experience in conducting executive level consulting, assessing threat factors, security program effectiveness and developing effective security solutions on a worldwide basis. Our experience spans the risk and threat spectrum, from terrorism through developing regions experiencing strife to supporting those operating in areas of conflict. We have a record of success often earned in politically sensitive environments or under intense media scrutiny. We have conducted specially tailored assessment, policy development and training programs to organizations of all types on a global basis that have helped our clients and colleagues be successful in their own rights.

### **Take The Next Step!**

Call **ITG®** today for a free, no-obligation 30 minute discussion to determine if you believe that obtaining **ITG®** support would benefit your school or district.