



# Staff: It's Back-to-School Time!

The following considerations may prove helpful to staff as you plan and prepare for students returning to the classroom:

## Consider School Safety Strategies

Implementing [restorative practices](#) or [social-emotional learning curriculums](#) can help support student relationships and well-being.



## Build a Culture of Faculty and Staff Compassion Resilience

Building personal resilience is an important first step in supporting the mental and emotional well-being of students. [Section 3 of the Trauma-Informed, Resilience-Oriented Toolkit](#) discusses ways to address compassion fatigue and burnout.

## Develop and Sustain School Environments That Foster Safety and Learning

One strategy that helps identify wellness or safety concerns and will help to maintain a safe community is the [bystander reporting toolkit](#).

## Keep Communication Lines Open with Caregivers and the Community

[The Fostering Family Engagement On-Demand webinar](#) offers guidance on forging these partnerships with caregivers and the community. The [School Safety Communications planning guide](#) provides tips and resources for communicating with your school community.

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## About the National Center for School Safety

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