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**Secretary of Homeland Security Kirstjen M. Nielsen to Host Federal
Commission on School Safety Field Visit
“Best Practices for School Building Security”**

On Thursday, August 23, Secretary of Homeland Security Kirstjen M. Nielsen will join representatives from the Federal Commission on School Safety to tour the Miley Achievement Center in Las Vegas, Nevada. The purpose of the visit is to highlight how physical security measures in schools have proven successful in keeping students safe. While at the Miley Achievement Center, Secretary Nielsen will tour the school and meet with local school and law enforcement officials to discuss ways of improving school building security.

Who: Department of Homeland Security

Kirstjen M. Nielsen, Secretary of Homeland Security

U.S. Department of Education

Mick Zais, Deputy Secretary of Education

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Dr. Elinore McCance-Katz

Assistant Secretary for Mental Health and Substance Use

U.S. Department of Justice

Beth Williams, Assistant Attorney General

Clark County School District

Dr. Diane Gullett, Deputy Superintendent

Miley Achievement Center

Joanne Vattiato, Principal

ASIS

Richard "Dick" Chase, President

What: Federal Commission on School Safety Field Visit

Panel 1: Local Law Enforcement Perspective on School Building Security

- James Ketsaa, Chief of Police, Clark County School District
- Tim Troyer, Sheriff, Steuben County, Indiana and President, Indiana Sheriff's Association

Panel 2: Designing School Building Security

- Paul Timm, Vice President, Facility Engineering Associates
- Russell Davidson, Managing Principal and President, KG+D Architects and former President of the American Institute of Architects

When: Thursday, August 23 at 2:20pm – 4:00pm PDT

Press will be required to arrive at 11:00am PDT to be swept by security.

Where: Miley Achievement Center, 245 North Pecos Road, Las Vegas, NV, 89101

Media planning to attend must RSVP to Dave Sheehan at 702-799-5304 by Wednesday, August 22 at 4:00PM PDT. Upon confirmation, press will receive additional logistical information. The panel conversations will be livestreamed [here](#).

All media must RSVP and present government-issued photo I.D. (such as a driver's license) as well as valid media credentials.

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