

# FY20 Budget Request - \$700,000

## Safe and Supportive Schools

### Line Item 7061-9612

Lead Sponsor: Rep. Ruth Balser



## Realizing the Vision for Safe and Supportive Schools

In 2014, the Legislature incorporated the Safe and Supportive Schools law into its groundbreaking *Act Relative to the Reduction of Gun Violence*. The Legislature's vision was to help schools create safe and supportive whole-school cultures that effectively address many barriers to learning, such as substance abuse, gun violence, and bullying, so that all students can succeed in school. Continued support is crucial for spreading implementation across the Commonwealth.

The Safe and Supportive Schools Commission will issue its fourth annual report in February 2019 and is expected to recommend **continued funding for the Safe and Supportive Schools Line Item**. This funding would be used to accomplish the following:

1. **Continue the Safe and Supportive Schools Grant Program.** Grantee schools use the Safe and Supportive Schools Framework and accompanying online Self-Assessment Tool. New Grantees develop school-wide Action Plans; Continuation Grantees implement them and include them in their annual School Improvement Plans; Mentor Grantees help others learn best practices.
  - Staff the Commission
  - Convene focus groups
  - Collect feedback from students, families, experts and other stakeholders
  - Develop and disseminate model practices
2. **Maintain DESE staffing** that will continue to:
  - Coordinate the Grant Program
  - Hold state and regional trainings and conferences
  - Update the online Framework and Self-Assessment Tool
  - Provide technical assistance
3. **Provide for statewide conferences and leadership summits** to help spread the work beyond grantee schools and districts.
4. **Conduct a second independent evaluation** of the activities funded by the line item to help DESE and the Commission learn what is working well.
5. **Support schools to integrate and align student supports** to improve student learning outcomes.

## Safe and Supportive Schools Grantees

### **FY14 - (17 districts)**

Agawam Public Schools  
 Beverly Public Schools  
 Boston Public Schools  
 Brockton Public Schools  
 Lowell Public Schools  
 Mashpee Public Schools  
 Newburyport Public Schools  
 Newton Public Schools  
 North Central Charter Essential School  
 Orange Elementary School District  
 Quaboag Regional School District  
 Reading Public Schools  
 Seven Hills Charter School  
 Shrewsbury Public Schools  
 Tantasqua Regional School District  
 Wareham Public Schools  
 Winchendon Public Schools

### **FY16 - (10 districts)**

Barnstable Public Schools  
 Boston Public Schools  
 Brimfield Elementary School District  
 Framingham Public Schools  
 Holyoke Public Schools  
 Newburyport Public Schools  
 Northampton Public Schools  
 Quaboag Regional School District  
 Reading Public Schools  
 Triton Regional School District

### **FY17 - (18 districts)**

Arlington Public Schools  
 Berkshire Arts and Technology Charter Public School (Adams)  
 City on a Hill Charter Dudley Square (Boston)  
 City on a Hill Charter New Bedford  
 Chelsea Public Schools  
 Clinton Public Schools  
 Fall River Public Schools  
 Gill-Montague Regional School District (Turners Falls)  
 Groton-Dunstable Regional School District (Groton)  
 Lawrence Public Schools  
 Leominster Public Schools  
 Melrose Public Schools  
 Milton Public Schools  
 North Adams Public Schools  
 Saugus Public Schools  
 Tantasqua Public Schools (Fiskdale)  
 Whitman-Hanson Public Schools (Whitman)  
 Wilmington Public Schools

### **FY18 - (17 districts)**

Arlington Public Schools  
 Berkshire Arts and Technology Charter Public School (Adams)  
 Berkshire Hills Regional School District (Stockbridge)  
 Boston Public Schools  
 Carver Public Schools  
 Chelsea Public Schools  
 Clinton Public Schools  
 Easthampton Public Schools  
 Milton Public Schools  
 Monomoy Regional School District (Chatham)  
 North Adams Public Schools  
 Pioneer Valley Regional School District (Northfield)  
 Quaboag Regional School District (Warren)  
 Sandwich Public Schools  
 Southbridge Public Schools  
 Stoneham Public Schools  
 West Springfield Public Schools

### **FY19 - (30 districts)**

Agawam Public Schools  
 Arlington Public Schools  
 Athol/Royalston Regional School District (Athol)  
 Avon Public Schools  
 Berkshire Arts and Technology Charter Public School (Adams)  
 Bristol-Plymouth Regional Technical School (Taunton)  
 Carver Public Schools  
 Central Berkshire Regional School District (Dalton)  
 Chelsea Public Schools  
 Fall River Public Schools  
 Gateway Regional School District (Huntington)  
 Gill-Montague Regional School District (Turners Falls)  
 Global Learning Public Charter School (New Bedford)  
 Methuen Public Schools  
 Milton Public Schools

Monomoy Regional School District (Chatham)  
 North Adams Public Schools  
 Northbridge Public Schools  
 Norwood Public Schools  
 Phoenix Charter Academy Network (Lawrence)  
 Pioneer Valley Performing Arts Charter Public School (South Hadley)  
 Quaboag Regional School District (Warren)  
 Randolph Public Schools  
 Southern Worcester Regional Vocational Technical High School (Charlton)  
 Springfield Public Schools  
 Triton Regional School District (Byfield)  
 Walpole Public Schools  
 Wayland Public Schools  
 Whittier Regional Vocational Technical High School (Haverhill)  
 Wilmington Public Schools

## Line Item Funding History

<b>FY14 - \$200,000</b>	<b>FY17 - \$400,000</b>	<b>FY20 Governor's Budget</b>
<b>FY15 - \$0 (9c)</b>	<b>FY18 - \$500,000</b>	<b>\$508,128</b>
<b>FY16 - \$500,000</b>	<b>FY19 - \$700,000</b>	