Creating Safe and Supportive Schools During Traumatic Times

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 where all students feel a sense of safety, connection and belonging and can learn and achieve at high levels. This work is more important now than ever as schools prepare to welcome students back after the unprecedented and traumatic disruption caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Continued funding for the Safe and Supportive Schools Line Item 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-Reflection 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.

2. **Prioritize student voice in the action planning process used by grantee schools.**

3. **Maintain DESE staffing** that will continue to:
   - Coordinate the Grant Program
   - Hold state and regional trainings and conferences

4. **Provide for statewide conferences and leadership summits** to help spread the work beyond grantee schools and districts.

5. **Conduct regular independent evaluations** of the activities funded by the line item to help DESE and the Commission learn what is working well.

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Safe and Supportive Schools Grantees - 80 Total Districts

*Agawam Public Schools (FY14, 19, 20, 21)
*Arlington Public Schools (FY17, 18, 19, 20, 21)
Athol/Royalston Regional School District (Athol) (FY19, 20)
Avon Public Schools (FY19, 20)
Barnstable Public Schools (FY16)
*Berkshire Arts and Technology Charter Public School (Adams) (FY17, 18, 19, 20, 21)
Berkshire Hills Regional School District (Stockbridge) (FY18, 19)
Beverly Public Schools (FY14)
Boston Public Schools (FY14, 16, 18, 19)
Brimfield Elementary School District (FY16)
Bristol-Plymouth Regional Technical School (Taunton) (FY19, 20)
Brockton Public Schools (FY14, 21)
*Carver Public Schools (FY18, 19, 20, 21)
Central Berkshire Regional School District (Dalton) (FY19, 20)
City on a Hill Charter Dudley Square (Boston) (FY17)
City on a Hill Charter New Bedford (FY17)
*Chelsea Public Schools (FY17, 18, 19, 20, 21)
Chicopee Public Schools (FY21)
Clinton Public Schools (FY17, 18)
Concord-Carlisle Regional High School (FY20, 21)
Easthampton Public Schools (FY18, 19)
Everett Public Schools (FY21)
Essex North Shore Agricultural and Technical School (FY20, 21)
Fall River Public Schools (FY17, 19, 20)
Framingham Public Schools (FY16)
*Gateway Regional School District (Huntington) (FY19, 20, 21)
*Gill-Montague Regional School District (Turners Falls) (FY17, 19, 20, 21)
Global Learning Charter School (New Bedford) (FY19, 20)
Groton-Dunstable Regional School District (Groton) (FY17, 21)
Holyoke Public Schools (FY16)
Lawrence Public Schools (FY17, 21)
Leominster Public Schools (FY17)
Libertas Academy Charter School (FY20, 21)
Lowell Public Schools (FY14)
Lower Pioneer Valley Educational Collaborative (FY21)
Maspee Public Schools (FY14)
Melrose Public Schools (FY17)
*Methuen Public Schools (FY19, 20, 21)
*Milton Public Schools (FY17, 18, 19, 20, 21)
*Monomoy Regional School District (Chatham) (FY18, 19, 20, 21)
Monson Public Schools (FY20, 21)
Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School District (FY21)
Newburyport Public Schools (FY14, 16)
Newton Public Schools (FY14)
North Adams Public Schools (FY17, 18, 19, 20)
North Central Charter Essential School (FY14)
North River Collaborative (FY20, 21)
Northbridge Public Schools (FY19, 20)
Northampton Public Schools (FY16)
Norwood Public Schools (FY19, 20)
Orange Elementary School District (FY14)
Phoenix Charter Academy Network (Chelsea, Lawrence & Springfield) (FY19, 20)
Pioneer Valley Performing Arts Charter Public School (South Hadley) (FY19, 20)
Pioneer Valley Regional School District (Northfield) (FY18, 19)
Plainville Public Schools (FY21)
Quaboag Regional School District (FY14, 16, 18, 19, 20, 21)
Ralph C. Mahar Regional School (FY21)
Randolph Public Schools (FY19, 20)
Reading Public Schools (FY14, 16)
Sandwich Public Schools (FY18, 19)
Saugus Public Schools (FY17)
Seven Hills Charter School (FY14)
Shrewsbury Public Schools (FY14)
*Southbridge Public Schools (FY18, 19, 20, 21)
Southern Worcester Regional Vocational Technical High School (Charlton) (FY19, 20)
Springfield Public Schools (FY19, 20)
Stoneham Public Schools (FY18, 19)
Swampscott Public Schools (FY20, 21)
Tantasqua Regional School District (Fiskdale) (FY14, 17)
Triton Regional School District (Byfield) (FY14, 19)
Walpole Public Schools (FY19, 20)
Wareham Public Schools (FY14)
Wayland Public Schools (FY19, 20)
West Springfield Public Schools (FY18, 19, 21)
Westfield Public Schools (FY21)
Whitman-Hanson Public Schools (Whitman) (FY17)
Whittier Regional Vocational Technical High School (Haverhill) (FY19, 20)
*Wilmington Public Schools (FY17, 19, 20, 21)
Winchendon Public Schools (FY14)

Number of Grantees by Year

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There are 45,000 students attending the 92 schools that received Safe and Supportive Schools grants in FY21.

Line Item Funding History

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