

School Safety, Current Landscape

*State Board of Education Meeting
April 9, 2024*

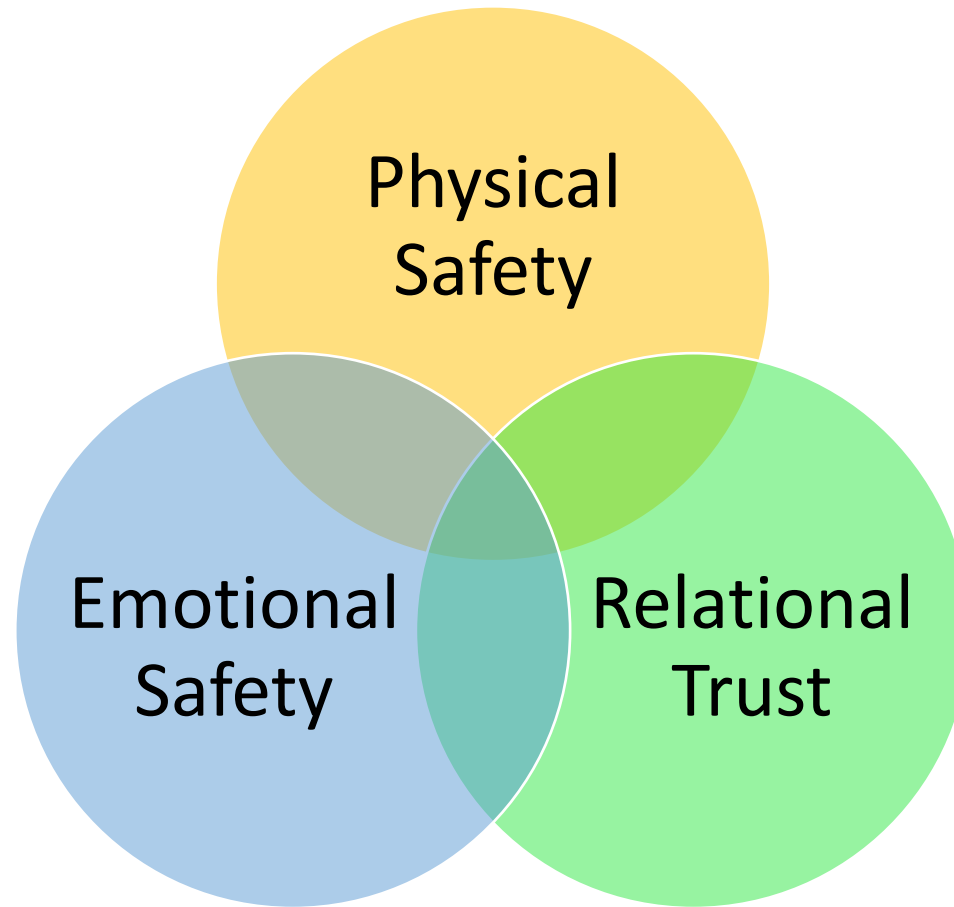


Presenters

- Dr. Diane Golzynski, RDN, SNS, deputy superintendent, Division of Finance and Operations
- Aimee Alaniz, director, Office of Health and Safety
- Kim Root, section manager, Office of School Safety, Michigan State Police
- Dr. Wanda Cook-Robinson, superintendent, Oakland Schools

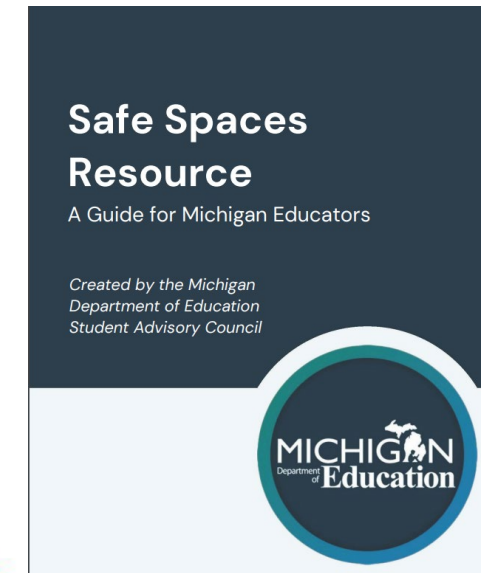


Comprehensive School Safety



MDE Student Advisory Council

- Emotional safety and relational trust tie into council's work outlined in December presentation to state board
- Selected *How to Create Safe Spaces in Schools* guidance as their project
- Why are safe spaces important?
 - Mental & social support
 - Affinity & allies
 - Builds a sense of belonging and community
 - Increase academic and social success



School Safety

- Not strictly about physical safety aspects of school buildings.
- As a rule, the average person with mental health challenges is not a threat to others.



Laws Effective February 13, 2024

- Universal Background Checks for Firearms.
 - “Red Flag” Law
 - Safe Storage of Firearms.
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- In addition: Sale and Use Tax Exemption for Firearm Safety Devices
(Effective May 13, 2024)



State Board of Education Resolutions

On October 11, 2022, and again on March 14, 2023, the State Board of Education passed resolutions on safer school environments.

- Included a statewide poll conducted by EPIC-MRA that found that there is substantial agreement among Michiganders on commonsense gun safety initiatives.
- Both the poll and the resolutions served as prelude to the legislative debates over the gun safety bills, now law.



State School Aid Funding for Children's Mental Health

Fiscal Year	Recurring	Non-Recurring
FY18	\$0	\$0
FY19	\$31.8m	\$0
FY20	\$31.8m	\$0
FY21	\$46.3m	\$0
FY22	\$54.4m	\$125.4m
FY23	\$79.4m	\$282.5m
FY24	\$112.8m	\$343m*

*Section 31aa funding (\$328m) may be used for mental health and a portion for safety.



State School Aid Funding for School Safety

Fiscal Year	
FY18	\$10m
FY19	\$10m
FY20	\$10m
FY21	\$10m
FY22	\$37.5m
FY23	\$193m
FY24	\$337m*

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School Safety Commissions

- School Safety Commission
 - Created by Public Act 548 of 2018, effective March 28, 2019
 - Led by Michigan State Police (MSP)
 - Purpose:
 - Provide recommendations to the MSP Office of School Safety, including model practices for determining school safety measures and to carry out final recommendations from the School Safety Task Force.
- School Safety and Mental Health Commission
 - Created in 2023
 - Currently led by Wayne RESA
 - Purpose:
 - Provide recommendations to reduce youth suicides and strengthen the mental health of school-age children, adolescents, and their families through a comprehensive, statewide approach.



Prevent 2 Protect Project

- \$15 million over five years (through September 30, 2027)
- Pilot project led by Michigan State University
- Goal: To support high-risk adolescents and their families by connecting them to the project's intensive support teams
 - Provides specialized violence prevention expertise to facilitate management of high-risk, high-need adolescents, clinical consultation, and mentoring.
 - Staffed by a case manager and a mentor to support schools, community mental health agencies, law enforcement, courts, and other community stakeholders in the prevention of violence and facilitation of rehabilitation.
 - Conducts ongoing risk and needs assessments and coordinates individual care plans.



OK2SAY

- Student safety program for confidentially reporting tips on potential harm or criminal activities directed at students, school employees, and schools.
- Technicians address the immediate need and forward to schools, local law enforcement agencies, community mental health agencies or the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services.
- Students can
 - **Call:** 8-555-OK2SAY (855-565-2729)
 - **Text:** OK2SAY (652729)
 - **Email:** OK2SAY@mi.gov
 - Download the **app**



Stop the Silence. Help End the Violence.



HB 5549

- Would require schools to have a behavior threat assessment and management team that includes an administrator, mental health professional, and school resource officer or other law enforcement official.
- Team duties:
 - Define concerning behavior and educate the school community
 - Monitor, assess, and perform inquiries into concerning behavior
 - Distinguish between credible and noncredible threats
 - Develop and educate on a central reporting mechanism
 - Outline relationship between school personnel and law enforcement
 - Develop a plan to assist a student engaged in concerning behavior



School Safety Academy Overview

Michigan State Police (MSP)
Grants and Community Services Division (GCSD)
Office of School Safety (OSS)

Presentation to State Board of Education
April 9, 2024



MSP/OSS School Safety Academy 2024

- Six, two-day sessions
 - Grand Rapids (March)
 - Southeast Michigan (April)
 - Northern Michigan (May)
 - Upper Peninsula (June)
 - Mid-Michigan (August)
 - Southeast Michigan (September)
- Learning objectives
- Who should attend
- National-caliber speakers



MSP/OSS School Safety Academy 2024

- Funded with a fiscal year 2023 appropriation to the School Safety and Mental Health Commission
- Offered at no cost to attendees
- SCECH and MCOLES credits offered





**Mental &
Behavioral Health**



Health & Wellness



**Physical
Safety & Security**

Our Framework for Comprehensive School Safety Planning & Development



**Culture, Climate
& Community**



**Leadership, Law
& Policy**



**Operations & Emergency
Management**

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MSP/OSS School Safety Academy 2024

- Each session capped at 150 learners
- Daily evaluation opportunity
- Same format and content for each academy session
- Resources provided:
 - Trauma kit
 - Books
 - Flash drive



Day One Sessions

Understanding
childhood trauma
and the developing
brain

Behavioral Threat
Assessment and
Management
(BTAM)

Sextortion

Legal considerations
for K-12 schools

Day Two Sessions

Digital Threat
Assessment

Standard
Reunification and
Response Protocols

Best practices in
school safety –
including OK2SAY

Incident command
structure for K-12
schools

Stop the Bleed

MSP/OSS School Safety Academy 2024

- School Safety Academy learners will:
 - Takeaway a deep understanding of their school community's safety needs.
 - Have tools to create school communities where students feel safe.
 - Develop an understanding of key principles of school safety.
 - Generate actionable items to improve safety and security in school communities.



Guidance

- MSP Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) Guidance
 - Districts are required to have a local board approved EOP
 - Guidance documents contain customizable templates
 - Plans must be reviewed with law enforcement at least every other year
- MDE and MSP continue to partner around a comprehensive school safety system framework for school districts



Dr. Wanda Cook-Robinson

- School safety has always been a priority for schools.
- November 30, 2021 forever changed the community of Oxford and our school communities in Oakland County.
- Physical safety AND psychological safety must be the priority.

**Planning &
Prevention**

**Intervention &
Mitigation**

**Crisis Response &
Recovery**

Dr. Wanda Cook-Robinson

Lessons Learned

1

It's not if crisis will occur, it's when.

2

To various degrees, everyone has a role in school safety.

3

Both physical and psychological safety are critical aspects to school safety.

4

There is no perfect crisis response.



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RECOVERY:

Crisis Response and Recovery

INTERVENTION:

Crisis Mitigation and Response

PLANNING AND PREVENTION:

Crisis Planning and Protection
Climate and Well-Being



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