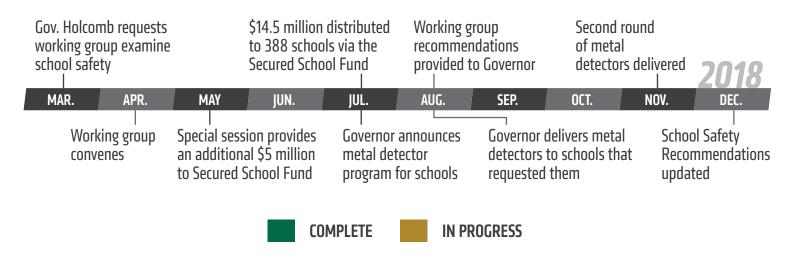
SCHOOL SAFETY RECOMMENDATIONS UPDATE



DIRECT FSSA TO IDENTIFY AND PROVIDE SCHOOLS WITH A UNIVERSAL AND EFFECTIVE MENTAL HEALTH SCREENING TOOL, WHICH WOULD EVALUATE A STUDENT ON AN INDIVIDUAL BASIS AND ALLOW THE SCHOOL TO TAKE PERSONALIZED PREVENTIVE ACTION.

FSSA will work directly with schools to guide and implement an individual assessment tool, currently available to schools upon request. *Legislation is not required.*

DIRECT FSSA TO PROVIDE MORE TRAINING TO EDUCATORS ON MENTAL HEALTH RISK FACTOR RECOGNITION; DIRECT SCHOOLS TO IMPLEMENT THE MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID PROGRAM AND REPORT THE PROGRESS (VIA A SHARED REPORT) TO FSSA AND DOE.

Upon request, FSSA will direct training on location to school personnel or implement a train-the-trainer model. *Legislation is not required.*

REQUIRE SCHOOLS TO PROVIDE A BASELINE LEVEL OF PROFESSIONAL MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TO STUDENTS AND FAMILIES THROUGH COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH CENTERS (CMHC) OR PROVIDERS.

The Governor proposes legislation to require a school district to contract directly with local mental health providers, creating a direct referral network with the CMHC.

DIRECT FSSA TO LEAD A STATEWIDE MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMMING INITIATIVE TO PROVIDE SUPPLEMENTAL, EVIDENCE-BASED, PREVENTIVE PROGRAMMING TO STUDENTS IN SCHOOLS.

FSSA personnel will proactively build relationships with schools to provide school-based training upon request. Legislation is not required.

ENDORSE PsyStart AS THE PREFERRED MENTAL HEALTH EMERGENCY RESPONSE MODEL AND TRAIN COMMUNITIES TO USE PsyStart IN EMERGENCIES.

PsyStart is ready and available for schools to implement immediately. FSSA will increase training and outreach related to PsyStart. *Legislation is not required*.

IMPLEMENT AND REQUIRE THE CDC YOUTH RISK BEHAVIOR SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM (YRBSS) AS THE SINGULAR RISK BEHAVIOR SURVEILLANCE TOOL IN INDIANA HIGH SCHOOLS.

Require selected schools to participate annually in the YRBSS survey; individual students/parents may opt out. The survey will provide meaningful data to assess progress.

ENHANCE TECHNOLOGY RELATED TO SCHOOL SAFETY BY INVESTING IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF A SCHOOL SAFETY TECHNOLOGY SITE OR "INDIANA SCHOOL SAFETY HUB."

On December 6, IOT and IDHS launched the Indiana School Safety Hub (www.in.gov/schoolsafety) to provide a one-stop location for resources related to safety issues, including mental health, funding, training, building safety and more. Legislation is not required.

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DIRECT THE INTEGRATED PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION (IPSC) TO DEVELOP A SELF-EVALUATION TOOL FOR SCHOOLS TO DETERMINE THE CURRENT POSTURE OF THEIR COMMUNICATION CAPABILITIES.

In August, IPSC launched a communications evaluation tool to inform the level of preparedness for individual school districts. *Legislation is not required.*

- INCORPORATE SCHOOL SAFETY AND RISK FACTOR RECOGNITION TRAINING INTO NEW TEACHER TRAINING PROGRAMS.

 ISP, DOE and the Commission for Higher Education are developing an online module that will focus on the fundamentals of school safety. Teachers and administrators will receive a certification upon completion. Legislation is not required.
- INITIATE THE DEVELOPMENT AND USE OF AN ANONYMOUS, STATEWIDE REPORTING TIP LINE.

 On December 6, the Indiana Intelligence Fusion Center added a new mobile app feature called "See Something, Send Something" that allows users to report threats via texts or pictures. Imminent threats remain best directed to 911. Legislation is not required.
- ENSURE THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL PROVIDES ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE TO ASSIST SCHOOLS WITH PREPARING FOR MODERN-DAY THREATS WHILE REMAINING IN COMPLIANCE WITH CODE.

The Indiana State Fire Marshal created and posted a template for schools to practice unplanned fire alarms and allow schools to implement policies related to the evacuation of buildings during a confirmed fire event. *Legislation is not required.*

- AMEND INDIANA CODE TO REQUIRE ACTIVE SHOOTER DRILLS IN EVERY SCHOOL.

 The Governor proposes legislation to require each school conduct at least one active shooter drill per year.
- ASSURE THE OVERALL SUSTAINABILITY FOR FUNDING FOR SCHOOL SAFETY GRANTS.

 The Governor proposes to increase the annual appropriation to the Secured School Safety Grant Fund (SSSG Fund) by \$5 million.
- REVISE THE CURRENT MATCH REQUIREMENT AND AWARD FORMULA OF THE SECURED SCHOOL FUND WITH THE GOAL OF EXPANDING ACCESSIBILITY TO ALL SCHOOLS; BETTER DEFINE AND PROMOTE THE AVAILABILITY OF DONATIONS OR MATCHING OPTIONS.

The Governor proposes legislation to enhance the funding formula for the SSSG Fund to provide better access to rural and large school districts.

BROADEN THE SCOPE OF ELIGIBLE PROJECTS UNDER SECURED SCHOOL FUND; AMEND IND. CODE 10-21 TO ALLOW FOR THE EMPLOYMENT OF EITHER A SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER OR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER.

The Governor proposes legislation to amend current statute to expand grant funding for the employment of law enforcement officers in addition to SROs.

16 CONSOLIDATE FUNDING SOURCES FOR SCHOOL SAFETY GRANTS.

The Governor proposes legislation to amend statute to ensure that all SROs funded through the state are through a single source: the SSSG Fund.

17 REQUIRE SCHOOLS TO CONDUCT A THREAT ASSESSMENT BY JUNE 30, 2021.

The Governor proposes legislation to require all schools to conduct threat assessments by June 30, 2021, as a condition to applying or receiving grants from the SSSG Fund. *Legislation is not required.*

DIRECT POLICY CHANGES TO SUPPORT SHARING OF DATA BETWEEN VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS.

State agencies have been directed to identify personnel and processes to specifically improve the sharing of information about students, when possible under privacy laws.