

FY22 Budget Request - \$510,685

Safe and Supportive Schools

Line Item 7061-9612

Lead Sponsors: Sen. Sal DiDomenico and Rep. Ruth Balser



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.
 - Support schools to use the revised Framework and Self-Reflection Tool
 - Provide technical assistance
 - Staff the Commission
 - Convene focus groups
 - Collect feedback from students, families, experts and other stakeholders
 - Disseminate model 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.

Safe and Supportive Schools Grantees - 80 Total Districts

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

Number of Grantees by Year

FY14 - 17 Districts

FY15 - 0 Districts (9c)

FY16 - 10 Districts

FY17 - 18 Districts - 35 Schools

FY18 - 17 Districts - 43 Schools

FY19 - 30 Districts - 69 Schools

FY20 - 37 Districts - 90 Schools

FY21 - 31 Districts - 92 Schools

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

Line Item Funding History

FY14 - \$200,000

FY15 - \$0 (9c)

FY16 - \$500,000

FY17 - \$400,000

FY18 - \$500,000

FY19 - \$700,000

FY20 - \$508,128

FY21 - \$510,684

**FY22 Governor's Budget
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