

# FY21 Budget Request - \$510,685

## Safe and Supportive Schools

### Line Item 7061-9612

Lead Sponsors: Sen. Sal DiDomenico and 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 where all students feel a sense of safety, connection and belonging and can learn and achieve at high levels. Continued support is crucial for spreading implementation across the Commonwealth.

The Safe and Supportive Schools Commission will issue its fifth annual report soon 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-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.
  - Update the online 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. **Include 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 a further independent evaluation** of the activities funded by the line item to help DESE and the Commission learn what is working well.

## Safe and Supportive Schools Grantees - 73 Total

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

### 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**

### 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 Governor's Budget**  
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