



School Safety Center Administration and Training

1. **Purpose:**

The purpose of these funds is to support the [School Safety Center](#) within the office of the superintendent of public instruction. The School Safety Center provides resources to districts and schools to help in the development of high-quality safety/emergency operations plans, HIB (Bullying), Threat Assessment, Suicide Prevention, and Behavioral Health plans. It provides resources and technical assistance on a wide variety of school safety-related issues.

2. **Description of services provided:**

The [School Safety Center](#) develops and provides online resources, in-person (now primarily virtual) trainings on a wide range of school safety topics; serves as the hub for the statewide network of ESD Regional School Safety Centers; staffs SS-SWAC meetings, as well as several advisory and work groups; maintains and regularly updates the [School Safety Center website](#); coordinates with numerous departments, agencies and community constituency groups; contributes regularly on school and district safety matters to the AWSP blog; and regularly responds to inquiries from district and community questions and issues.

3. **Criteria for receiving services and/or grants:**

N/A

Beneficiaries in 2020-21 School Year:

Number of School Districts:	0
Number of Schools:	0
Number of Students:	0
Number of Educators:	0
Other:	0

Number of OSPI staff associated with this funding (FTEs): 1.14

Number of contractors/other staff associated with this funding: 0.0

FY21 Funding: State Appropriation:	\$196,000
Federal Appropriation:	\$0
Other fund sources:	\$0
TOTAL (FY21)	\$196,000

4. **Are federal or other funds contingent on state funding?**

- No
- Yes, please explain.

5. **State funding history:**

Fiscal Year	Amount Funded	Actual Expenditures
FY21	\$196,000	\$142,833
FY20	\$196,000	\$156,920

6. **Number of beneficiaries (e.g., school districts, schools, students, educators, other) history:**

N/A

7. **Programmatic changes since inception (if any):**

The School Safety Center continues to provide resources to ESDs, districts and schools to help in the development of high-quality emergency operations safety plans. HS 1216 established a statewide network of Regional School Safety Centers across the 9 ESDs. The OSPI Safety Center functions as the hub of those collaborative efforts. In addition, the Safety Center has staffed the School Safety and Student Well-Being Advisory Committee, as well as several safety-related working groups, state-wide.

8. **Evaluations of program/major findings:**

N/A

9. **Major challenges faced by the program:**

The major challenge to the work of and within the School Safety Center is the need of additional resources in order to provide the depth of supports needed to support school safety efforts across the state. The staff funded by this proviso support a wide range of topics and issues covering planning for the full range of natural, technological, biological and behavioral threats and hazards. They are supported by one administrative assistant.

10. **Future opportunities:**

As noted earlier, OSPI is recognized as the hub of the network of regional safety centers. Currently, three positions in each ESD have been identified and the Regional School Safety Centers are being implemented. The 9 ESDs are also not fully funded for the work; however, they and OSPI recognize the opportunity to continue the work in fully implementing the regional safety center across the state.

11. **Statutory and/or budget language:**

ESSB 5092 Sec. 1501 (4)(e)(iv) - \$196,000 of the general fund -- state appropriation for fiscal year 2020 and \$196,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2021 is provided solely for the school safety center within the office of the superintendent of public instruction. (A) Within the amounts provided in this subsection (4)(e)(iv), \$100,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2020 and \$100,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2021 are provided solely for a school safety program to provide school safety training for all school administrators and school safety personnel. The school safety center advisory committee shall develop and revise the training program, using the best practices in school safety. (B) Within the amounts provided in this subsection (4)(e)(iv), \$96,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2020 and \$96,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2021 are provided solely for administration of the school safety center. The safety center shall act as an information dissemination and resource center when an incident occurs in a school district in Washington or in another state, coordinate activities relating to school safety, review and approve manuals and curricula used for school safety models and training, and maintain a school safety information web site.

12. **Other relevant information:**

As noted in previous proviso reports, over time, there have been several short-term efforts to fund pieces of school safety. In the meantime, safety mandates have increased in number and safety issues have also increased in type and in complexity.

13. **Schools/districts receiving assistance:**

See [OSPI's Grantee List](#)

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