



School Safety Center Administration and Training

1. **Purpose:**

State appropriation is provided solely for 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 emergency operations, 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 (and now with COVID, virtual) trainings on a wide range of safety topics; serves as the hub for the statewide network of ESD regional 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 2019-20 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): 1.25

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

FY20 Funding: State Appropriation:	\$196,000
Federal Appropriation:	\$0
Other fund sources:	\$0
TOTAL (FY20)	\$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
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 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 previous School Safety Advisory Committee, which the Safety Center has staffed since its inception, was also codified into law as the School Safety and Student Well-Being Advisory Committee, and is still staffed by the Safety Center staff.

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 funding. Current proviso funding provides for only a portion of the FTE 1 Supervisor and the 1 assistant. Currently, there are three program supervisors who handle 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. Although all mandated positions across the 9 ESDs are also not fully funded, OSPI recognizes the opportunity to continue its work in developing regional safety center across the state.

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

ESSB 6168 Sec. 501 (4)(f)(v) - \$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)(f)(v), \$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)(f)(v), \$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](#)

14. **Program Contact Information:**

Name: Mike Donlin

Title: Program Supervisor, School Safety Center

Phone: 360-725-6041

Email: mike.donlin@k12.wa.us