

# House Bill 2327

## The Oregon Safe to Learn Act

### Implementing a Statewide School Safety and Prevention System

A Proposal Submitted by the  
Oregon Task Force on School Safety



# Our Proposal

- We propose establishing a statewide school safety and prevention system, with a four-pronged approach to improving school safety.
- Our model focuses on addressing four significant threats to student safety: bullying, harassment, physical violence and youth suicide.



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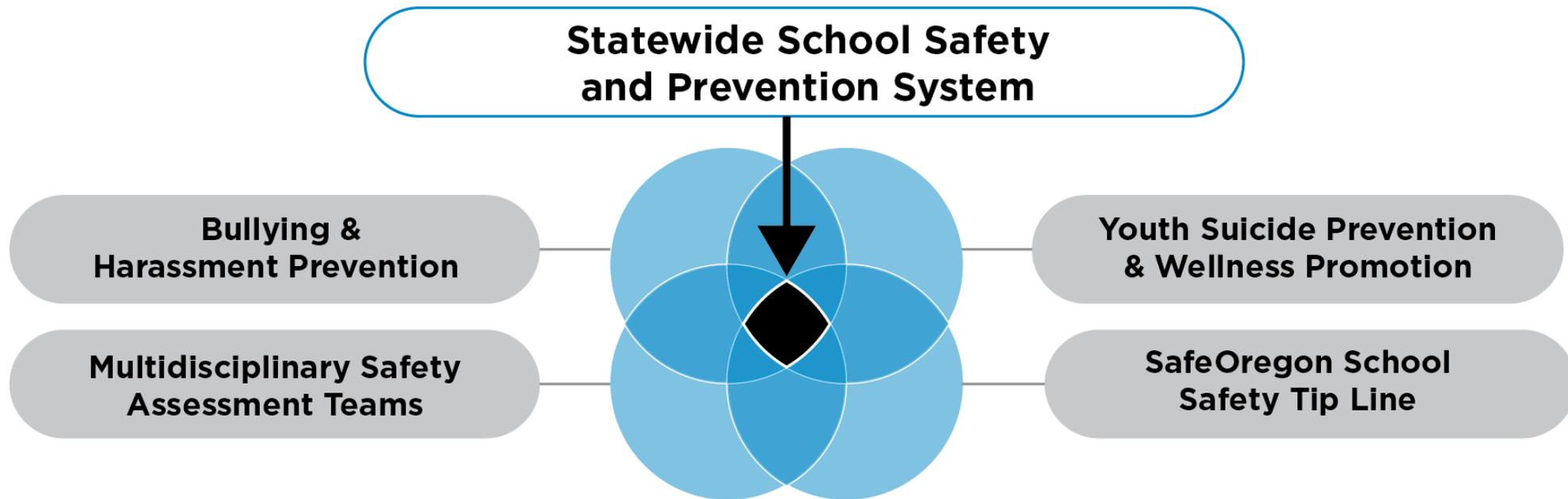
Our recommendation includes four main components:

1. Implement effective, evidence-based bullying and harassment prevention programs and support resiliency building/trauma informed care practices in Oregon Schools.
2. Promote student wellness and enhance youth suicide prevention efforts in schools.
3. Implement multi-disciplinary safety assessment teams to help school personnel identify, assess and support students who present a potential risk for violence toward others.
4. Promote the use and implementation of SafeOregon, our statewide school safety tip line.



# Systems Integration

## Connection, Synergy and Coherence

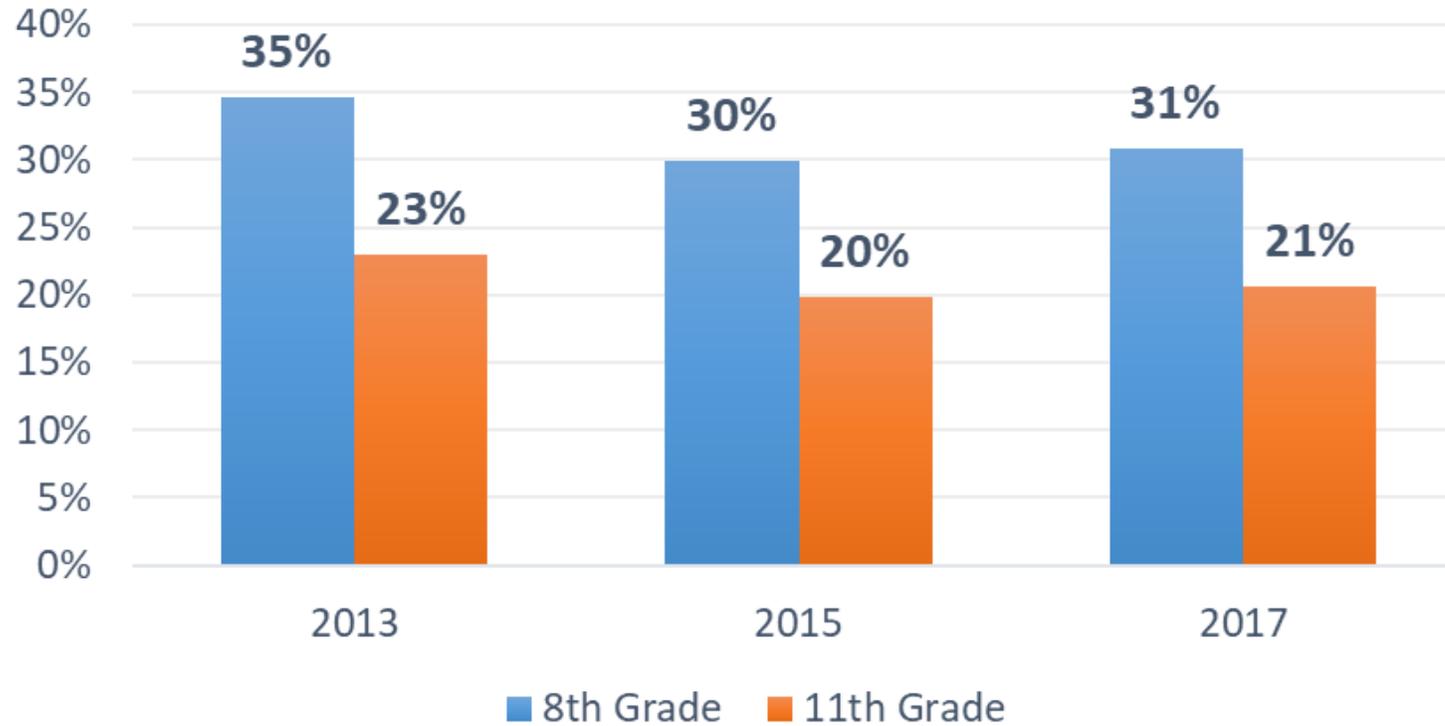


# Bullying and Harassment Prevention

- A review of relevant data illustrates why bullying and harassment prevention efforts need to be a central focus of any school safety and prevention system.



## Bullied in the Last 30 Days



Source: 2013, 2015, 2017 Oregon Healthy Teens Survey.

NOTE: Bullying was referred to as "harassment" in 2013 questionnaire.

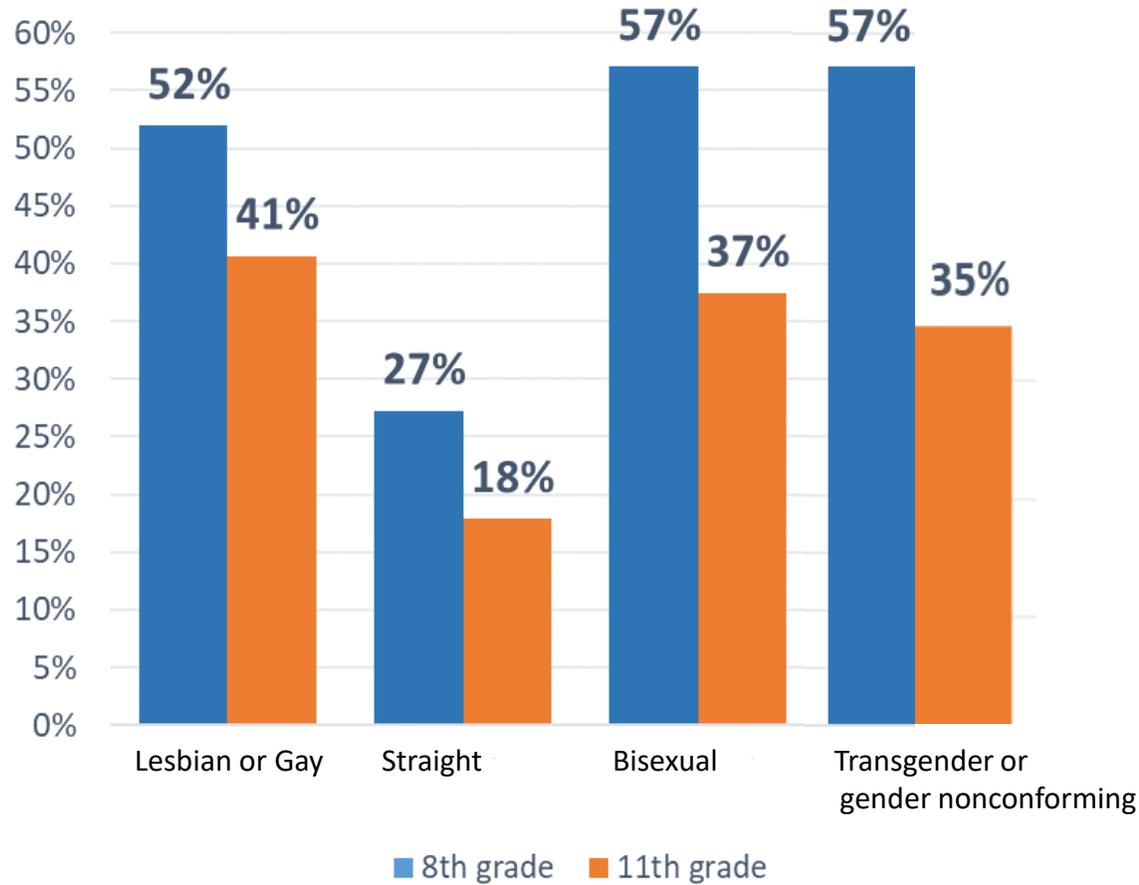
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## Bullied in the Last 30 Days



*Note: "Transgender or gender.." includes those who identified as transgender, gender fluid, genderqueer, gender nonconforming, intersex/intergender, multiple responses, and "not sure of gender"*

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Source: 2017 Oregon Healthy Teens Survey



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# Youth Suicide Prevention and Wellness Promotion Efforts

- Suicide is the second leading cause of death among youth ages 10-24 in Oregon.

\* Oregon Healthy Authority,  
2018



# Number of Youth Suicides

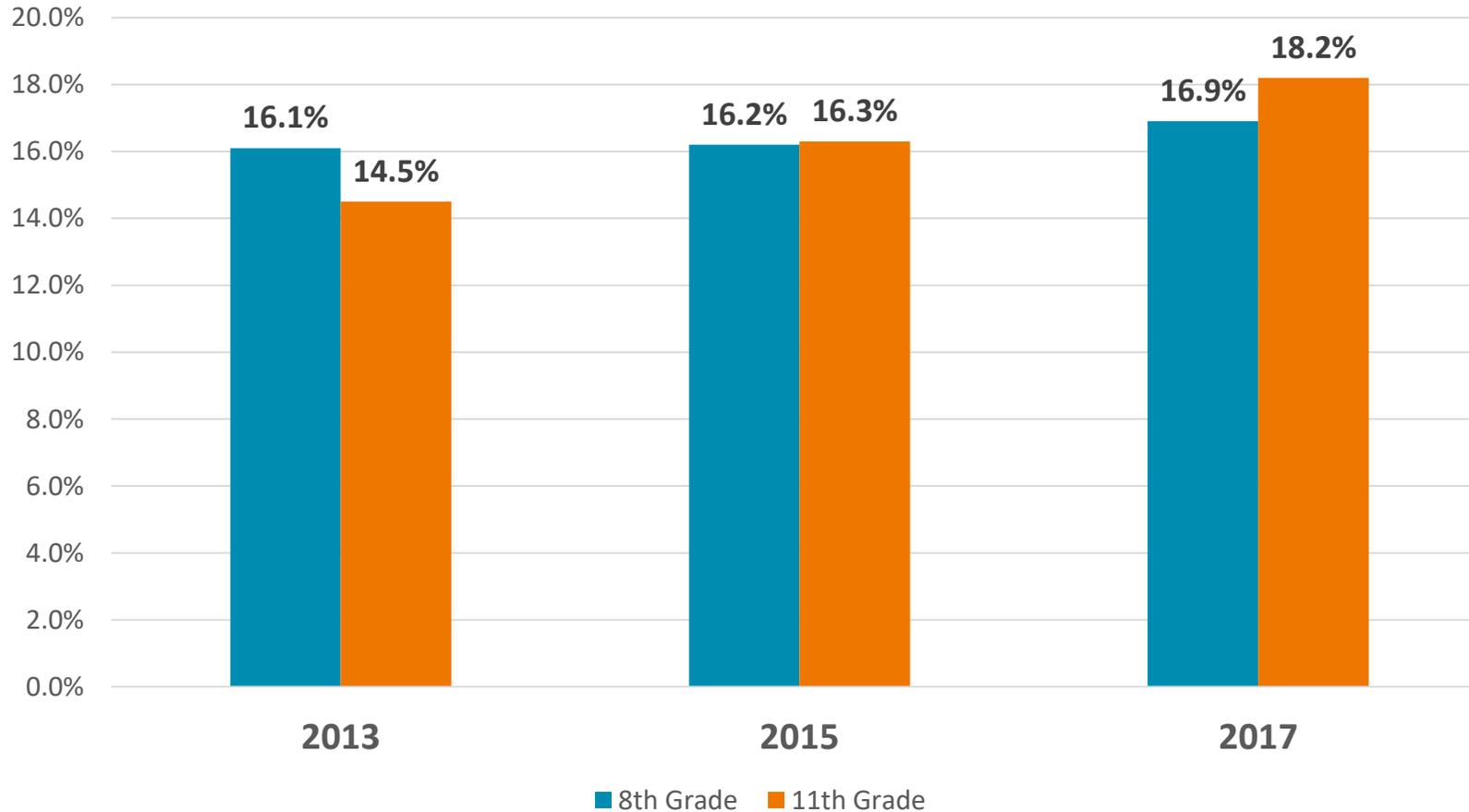
Oregon Youth aged 10-24

<b>97</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>107</b>
2014	2015	2016	2017

OREGON HEALTH AUTHORITY data, 2018



## Seriously Considered Attempting Suicide in the Last 12 Months



Source: 2017 Oregon Healthy Teens Survey

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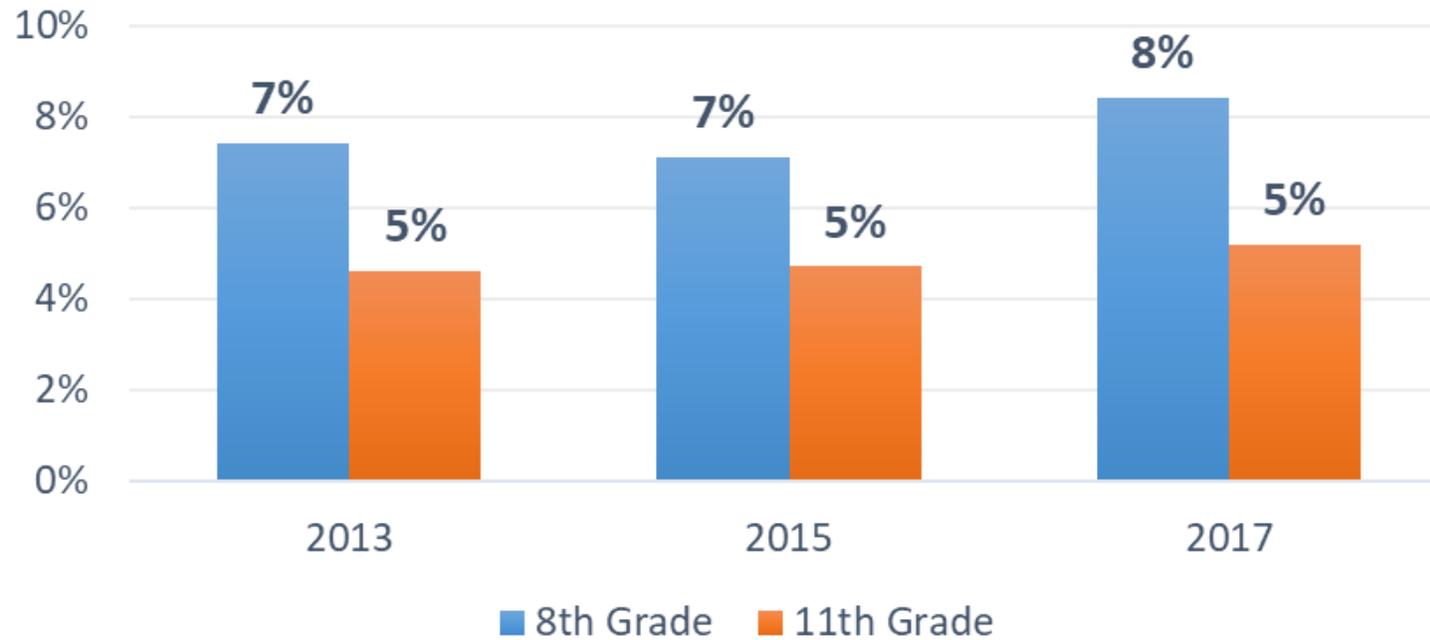
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# Multidisciplinary Safety Assessments

- Safety assessments are a promising practice recommended by the U.S. Departments of Education and Justice, National Association of School Psychologists, the FBI and U.S. Secret Service.



## Threatened With a Weapon at School in Last 12 Months



Source: 2013, 2015, 2017 Oregon Healthy Teens Survey

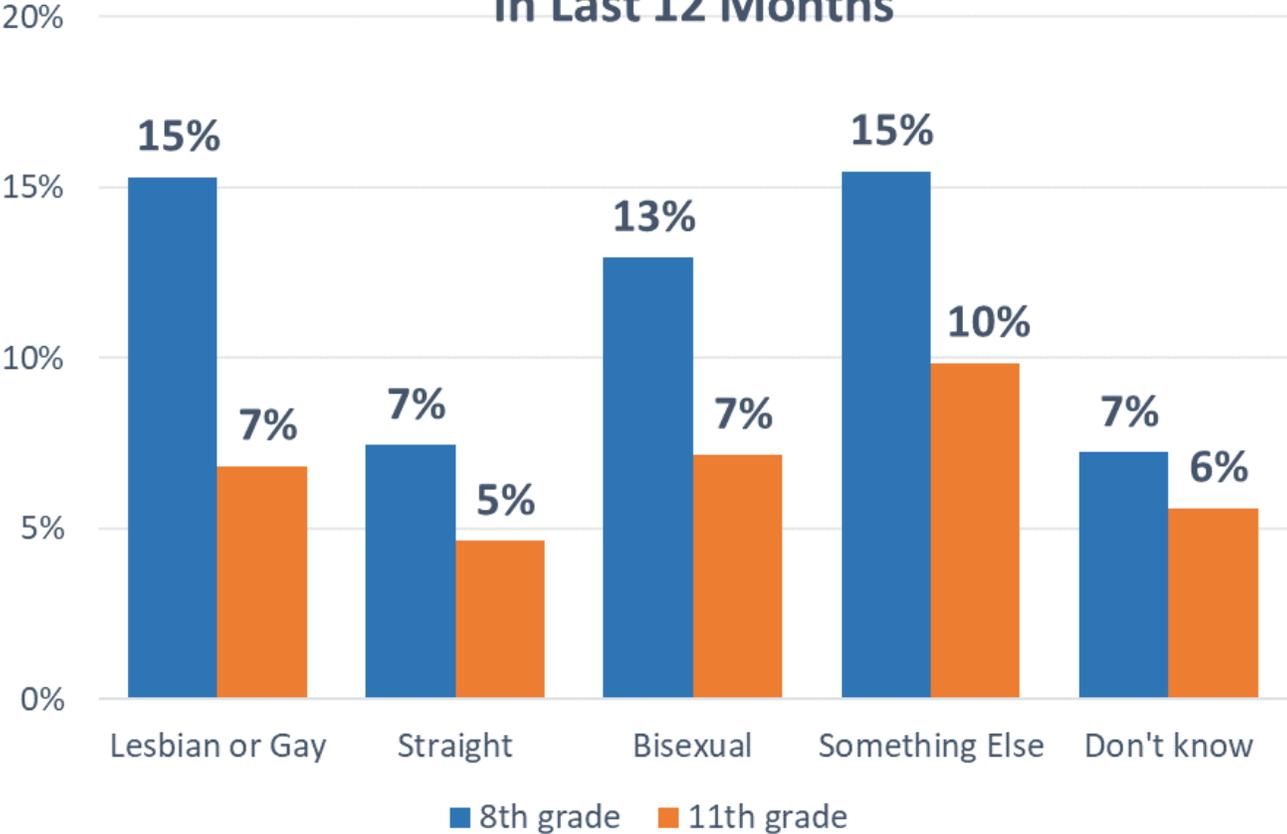
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# SafeOregon Data

## Concerns reported to the Statewide School Safety Tip Line



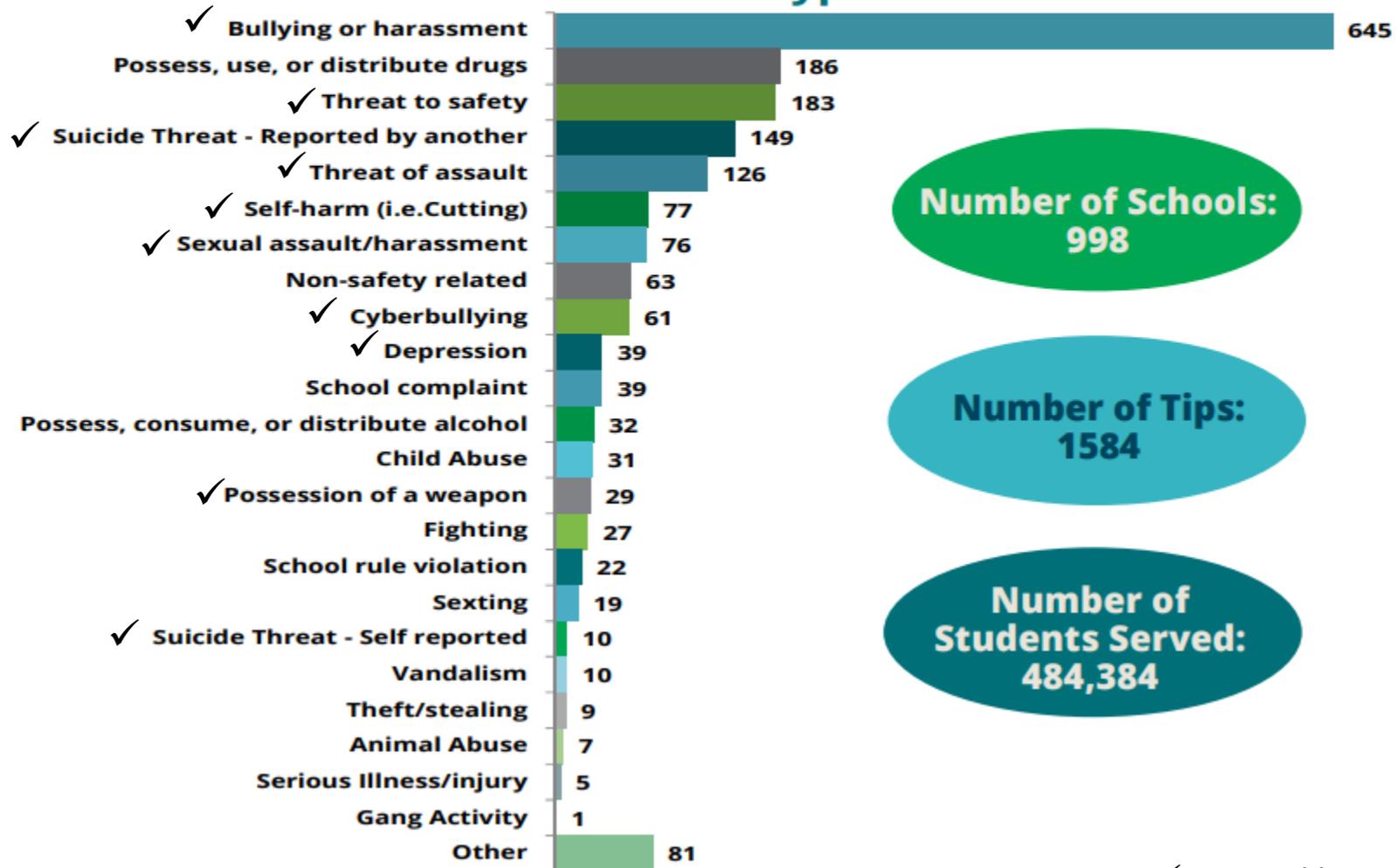


# SafeOregon Cumulative Data Report

January 31, 2017-June 15, 2018

(this page includes all data since program launch, see accompanying page for latest yearly data)

## Incident Types\*



**Number of Schools:  
998**

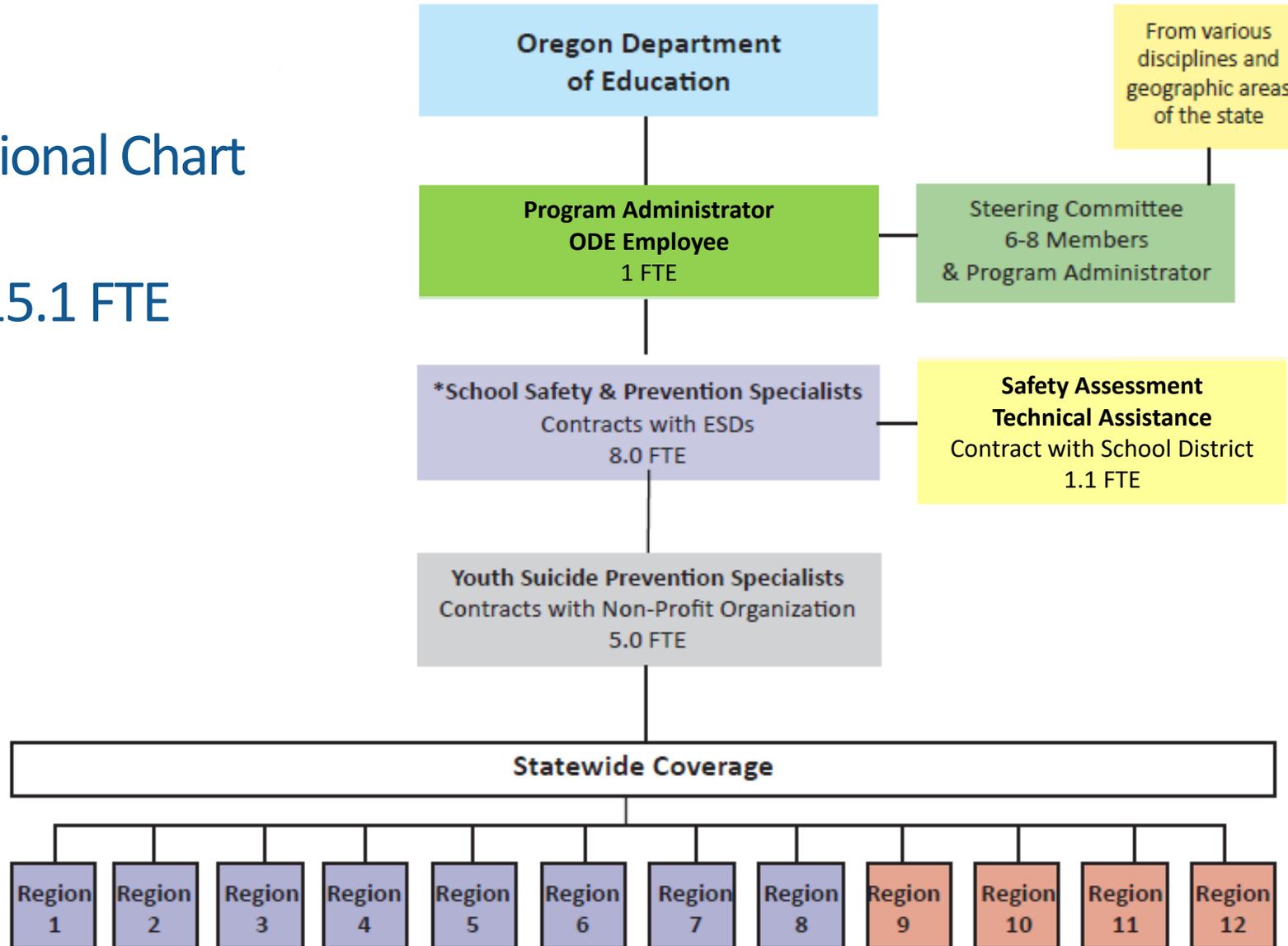
**Number of Tips:  
1584**

**Number of Students Served:  
484,384**

✓ Issues addressed by School Safety proposal.

# Organizational Chart

Total 15.1 FTE



\*Regions TBD by Steering Committee, based on geography, student population, access, need, etc.

# Budget

Estimated costs to support a statewide school safety and prevention system in its first year are:

<b>Regional School Safety and Prevention Specialists (ESDs)</b>	<b>FTE</b>	
Salary, APC and Benefits	8.00	\$ 791,009
Training, Supplies & Mileage		421,814
Total		1,212,823
<b>Contracted Service - Youth Suicide Prevention &amp; Wellness Promotion</b>		
Salaries, APC and Benefits		
Manager	1.00	86,100
Youth Suicide Prevention Specialists	4.00	294,000
Training, Supplies and Mileage		45,196
Total	5.00	425,296
<b>Contracted Service - Student Safety Assessment Training &amp; Technical Assistance</b>		
Salaries, APC and Benefits		
Specialist	.50	70,000
Clerical Support	.50	35,000
Supervision	.10	15,000
Training, Supplies and Mileage		37,000
Total	1.10	157,000
<b>Program Administration - ODE</b>		
Salary, APC and Benefits	1.00	110,000
Training, Supplies and Mileage		30,000
Total	1.00	140,000
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>15.10</b>	<b>\$1,935,119</b>

# Conclusion

Our proposal is not only a school safety proposal.

It is also...

- ✓ An equity initiative
- ✓ An initiative to improve school climate
- ✓ A chronic absenteeism/attendance improvement initiative
- ✓ A student achievement initiative
- ✓ An initiative to improve the psychological safety for students and staff
- ✓ A moral imperative



# Oregon Safe to Learn Act

## HB 2327 & SB 584

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### A Statewide School Safety and Prevention System Will Help Ensure Safe Schools

Incidents of school violence have created a critical challenge for schools and communities around the country -- how to ensure that schools are safe havens where students can learn and thrive without being bullied, harassed, or face physical harm from violent acts.

The Oregon Task Force on School Safety proposes establishing a statewide school safety and prevention system, with a four-pronged approach to strengthen safety in Oregon schools. This model focuses on the primary drivers of safety threats to students: bullying, harassment, physical violence and suicide. Increased communication and collaboration among schools, law enforcement, mental health providers, juvenile justice and other agencies are a key part of this solution.

The Task Force's goal is to ensure that every Oregon student and parent is confident their school is a physically and emotionally safe place to be.

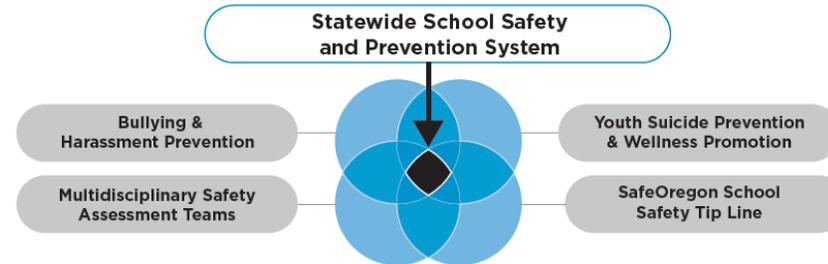
#### THE HARD FACTS

- More than 9% of 8th graders report not going to school at least one day in the previous 30 due to safety concerns.\*
- Nearly one in three 8th graders -- and over one in five 11th graders -- report having been bullied at school.\*
- More than 30% of Oregon 8th graders report feeling so sad or hopeless almost every day for two weeks in a row that they stopped doing some usual activities.\*
- Suicide is the second leading cause of death among youth ages 10-24 in Oregon. \*\*
- In 2017, 107 youths ages 10-24 took their own lives in Oregon.\*\*
- 239 shootings at schools nationwide since 2014, including 138 deaths\*\*\*

\* 2017 Oregon Healthy Teen Survey  
 \*\*Oregon Health Authority, 2018  
 \*\*\*Gun Violence Archive, 2018

#### Systems Integration

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The Statewide School Safety and Prevention System will be aligned with the Oregon Equity Lens in order to mitigate any potential disproportionate impact on students of color; students who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning, intersex, asexual, or two spirit (LGBTQIA2); female students; students with disabilities; as well as other protected classes of individuals.



Thank you for the opportunity to  
share this information.

Questions?

