



Public Schools of North Carolina

Center for Safer Schools Staff:

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Newest CFSS Members:

- West Region Safety Coordinator-
- **Jay Jackson- Retired Chief of Police, Worked closely with schools on safety planning**

- East Regional Safety Coordinator-
- **Donna Dougherty- Former Teacher, Principal, School District Director of Disciplinary Review and School Safety**

- Funded for two years with COPS SVPP Federal Grant funds:
 - **COPS (Office of Community Oriented Policing Services)**
 - Award: \$344,394
 - Match: \$114,798
 - To improve security at schools and on school grounds in the jurisdiction of the grantee through evidence-based school safety programs.

Additional CFSS Federal Grants:

- **Preventing School Violence: BJA's STOP School Violence Program**
- **Mental Health & Training Program (Partnership with SHP)**
- \$1,000,000
- The development and operation of anonymous reporting systems for threats of school violence, including mobile telephone applications, hotlines, and internet websites and student engagement programs. Also, specialized training for school officials in responding to mental health crises.

- **Preventing School Violence: BJA's STOP School Violence Program**
- **Center Enhancement & Technology (partner with RTI)**
- \$955,532
- The development and technical assistance for school threat assessment and intervention teams that include coordination with law enforcement agencies and school personnel.



CFSS Collaboration:
State Exchange for Student & Staff Wellbeing (SIS)

School Counseling

School Psychology

School Social Work

School Nursing

WSCC Healthy Schools

Homeless Education

Character Education

SEL/MTSS

School Safety/Mental Health

Mental Health/Project
AWARE

Mental
Health/Medicaid

Occupational Therapy

Adapted Physical
Education



CFSS Collaboration:

Homeland Security Advisory Workgroup- monthly updates:

- Department of Homeland Security/Office of Intelligence and Analysis
- Department of Homeland Security/Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency
- Federal Bureau of Investigation
- Department of Justice/U.S. Attorney's Office
- United States Secret Service
- North Carolina State Highway Patrol
- North Carolina National Guard
- North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation
- North Carolina Information Sharing and Analysis Center
- State Capitol Police
- Alcohol Law Enforcement
- North Carolina Department of Transportation/DMV
- North Carolina Department of Information Technology
- **North Carolina Department of Public Instruction**
- North Carolina Department of Public Safety
- North Carolina Division of Emergency Management



Youth Mental Health Amid COVID-19

The COVID-19 pandemic has caused substantial uncertainty and a perceived loss of control.

- Students worry about:
 - Contracting the illness
 - Death of a loved one
 - Isolation due to quarantine restrictions
 - Food, housing, grades, graduating, etc.
- Students may have difficulty concentrating, disrupted sleep patterns, fatigue, aggression, withdrawal, and a decline in self-care.
- May lead to poor academic outcomes and risky and problem behaviors such as truancy/ school refusal, dropping out, delinquency, suspension/ expulsion, bullying, harassment, self-harm, substance use, and or suicide.

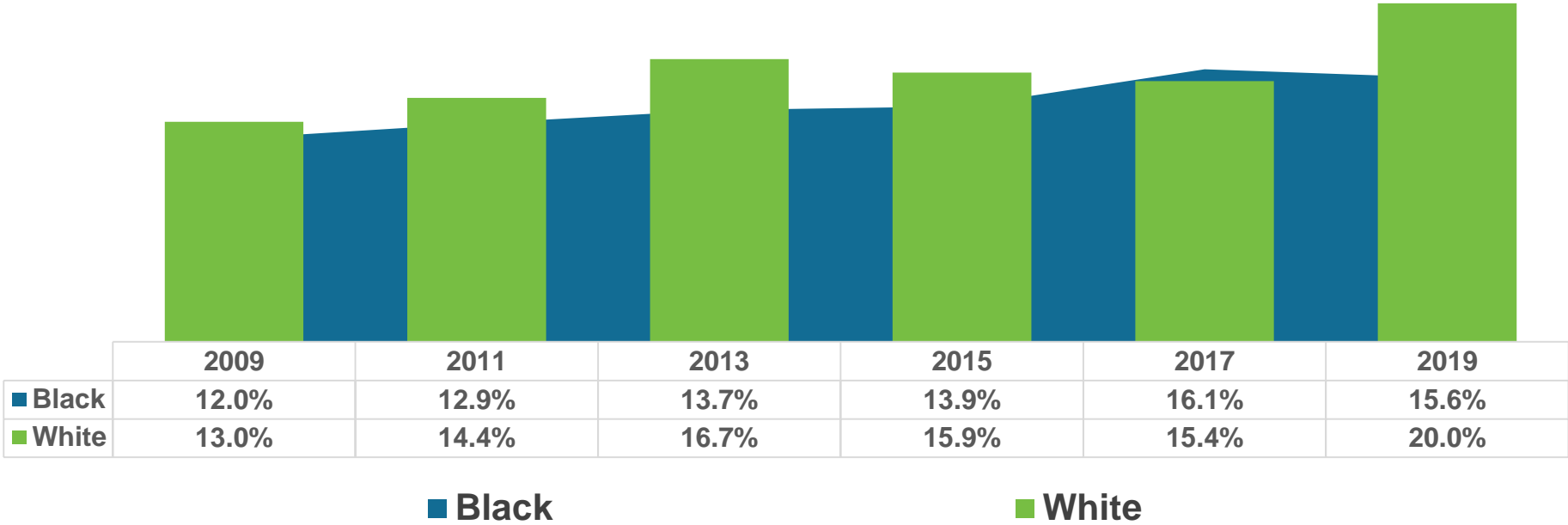


Gaggle Annual Report

- 19% increase in Suicide Ideation and Self-harm from 2018/19 to 2019/20 school years
- (See Eboard-page 10)



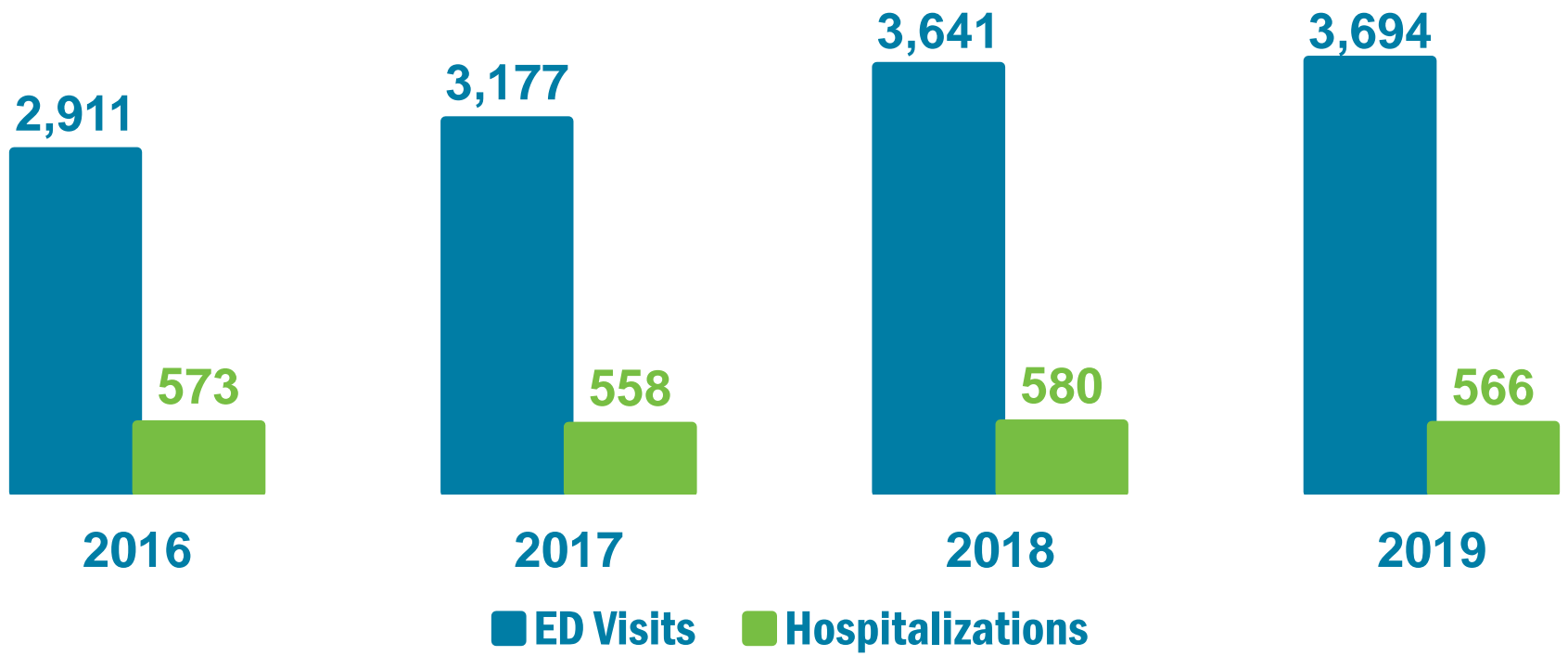
Seriously Considered Suicide 2009-2019 NC High School Students



Source: NC High School Youth Risk Behavior Survey

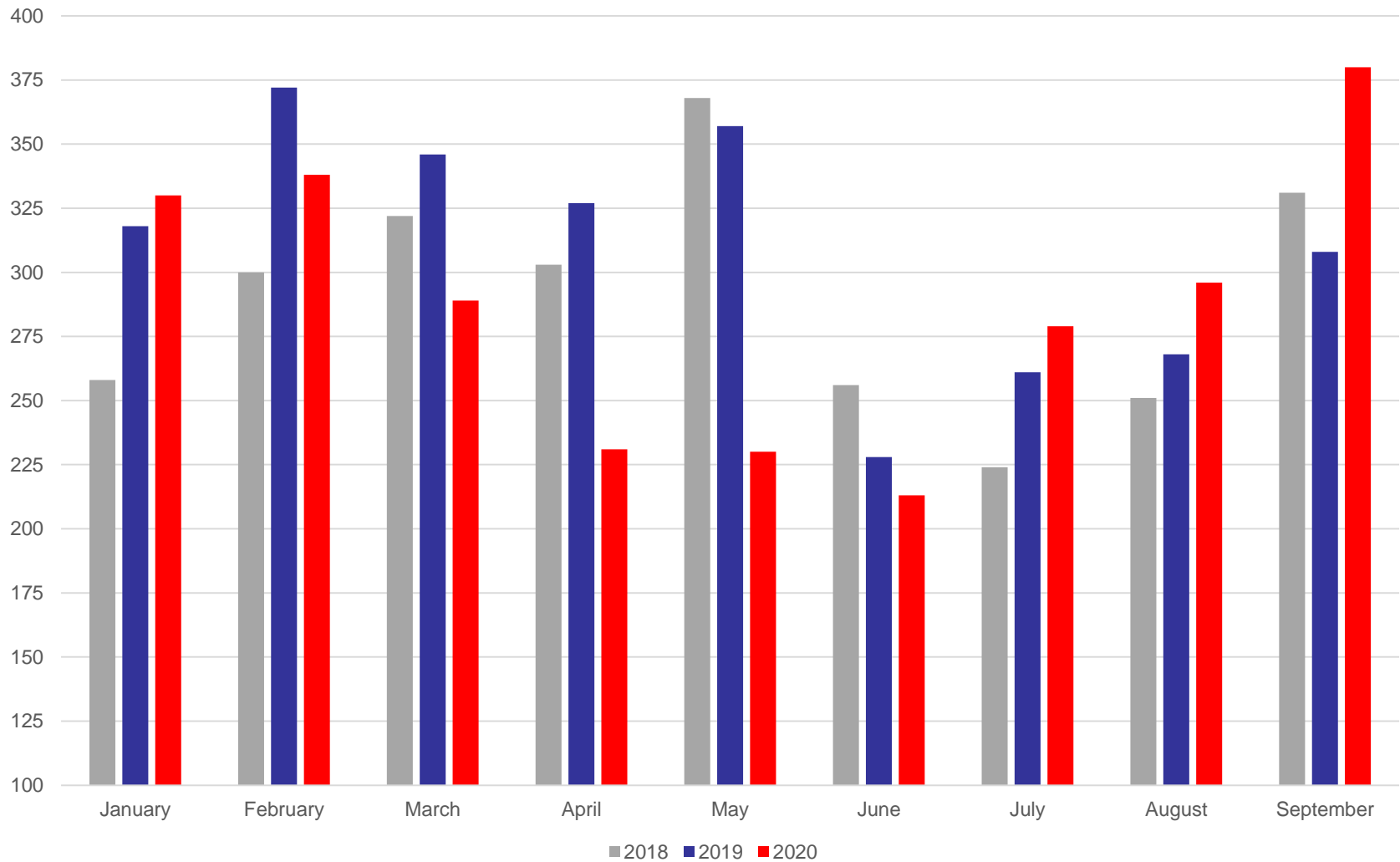


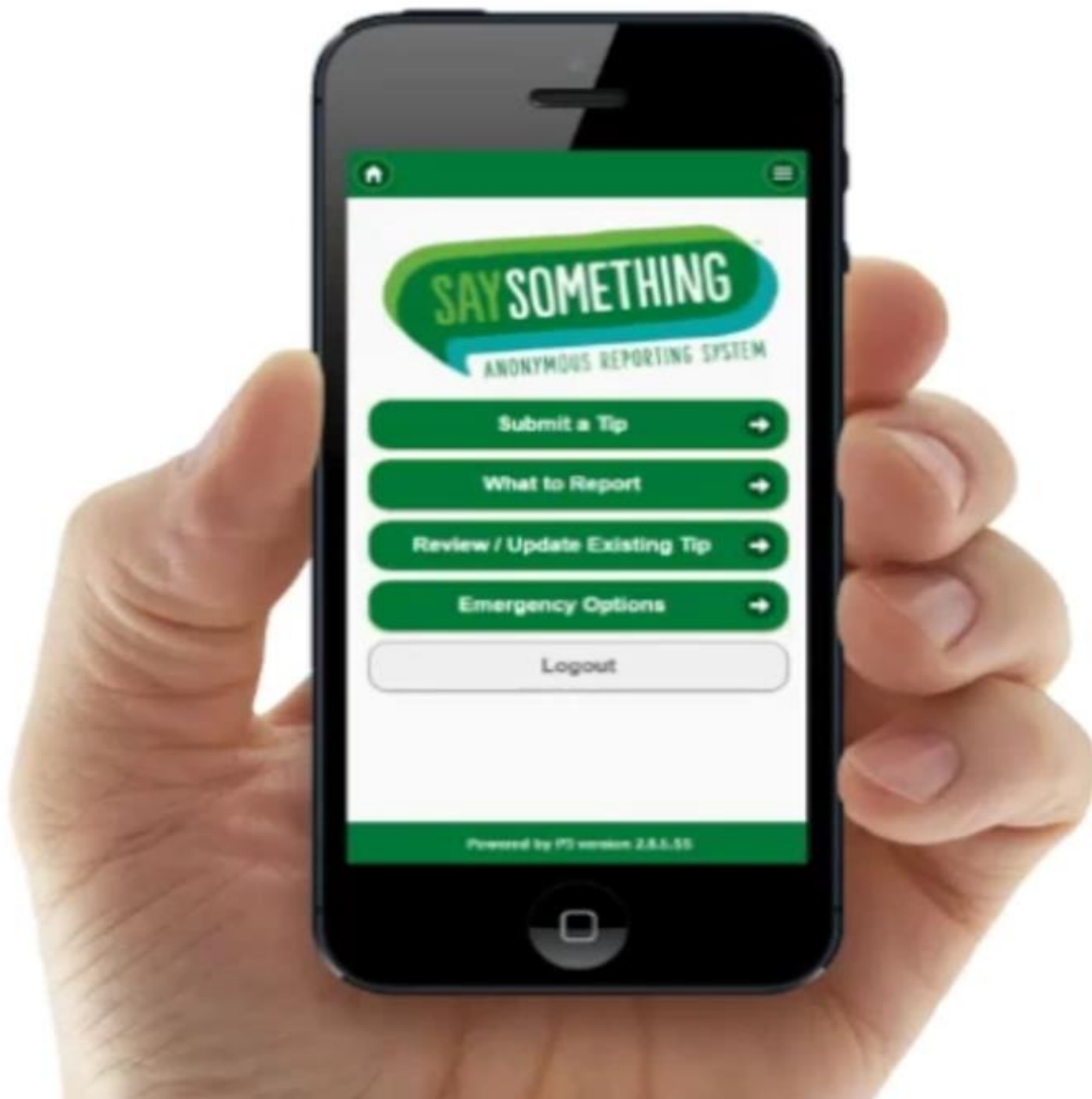
Self-Harm/Self-Inflicted Injury Related Hospitalizations and Emergency Department Visits, NC Residents Ages 10-18



Source: NC DETECT Emergency Department Visit and State Center of Health Statistics Hospital Discharge Data, 2016-2019
Analysis by the Injury Epidemiology, Surveillance and Informatics Unit

Emergency Room Visits:





North Carolina 10/20/2020
SS-ARS NORTH CAROLINA DATA.SS-ARS

North Carolina top 5 tip types. (52% of overall tips)

- #1- Bullying-732-17%
- #2- Cutting/Self Harm- 537-12%
- #3- Suicide 373-8%
- #4- Depression- 365-8%
- #5- Drug Use- 264-6%



Pre vs Post School Closure Tips:

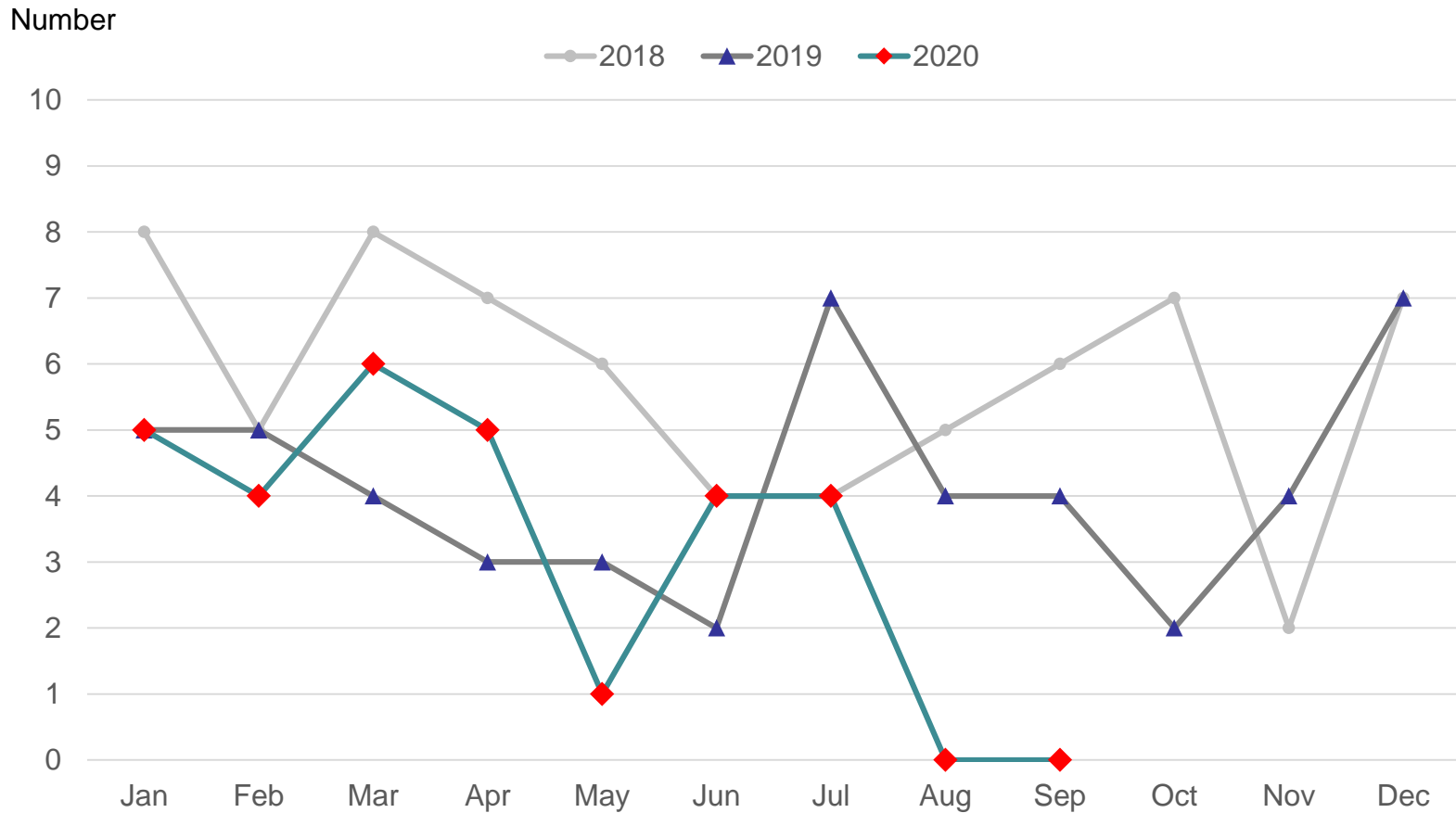
- Pre-COVID (11/1/2019-3/15/20)
- Total Tips- **3606**
- Total Life Safety tips- **427**
- Total Mental Health related tips- **987** (*27% of tips total*)
- Total Life safety tips (Mental health related tips)-**179** (*5% of tips total*)
- **64-Saves**
- **558- Interventions**

- Post-Covid (3/16/20-10/20/20)
- Total Tips-**780**
- Total Life safety tips- **190**
- Total mental health related tips-**273** (*35% of tips total*)
- Total Life safety (Mental health related tips)-**145** (*19% of tips total*)
- **28-Saves**
- **148-Interventions**
- *To date (10/21/20) these tips (Both pre and post Covid) have resulted in **92** different saves (Hospitalizations) and **706** successful interventions (Counseling/Mental health support plan).



DHHS Suicide deaths reported, ages 10-18:

Suicide deaths among North Carolina residents ages 10-18, 2018-2020^



Mike Anderson:
Update on Safety App Rollout



CURRENTLY LIVE !

- 70 LEA's that represents 553 total schools
- 116 CHARTER SCHOOLS
- 669 TOTAL SCHOOLS IN THE PROGRAM



Semester	New Students Trained	Returning Students Trained	Total Students Trained by Semester
Fall 2019	118210	0	118210
Fall 2020	79992	272837	352829
Spring 2020	215874	0	215874
Total Students Trained by Type	414076	272837	686913



Semester	Students whose training was obstructed by COVID	LEAs with obstructed Student Training Plans (COVID)	Individual Schools with obstructed Student Training Plans (COVID)
Fall 2019	0	0	0
Fall 2020	0	0	0
Spring 2020	94634	55	230



TRAINING DELIVERY

Format	# of Students (6-12) Trained	Projected # of Students (6-12) Trained
In-Person Trainer	26,805	46,320
Plug-n-Play Video	294,804	397,900
Virtual-Live Trainer	12,475	15,802
Total	334,084	460,022



Date	Registered Team Members	Teams Created	% Teams Created	Teams Still Needed	Teams Trained	% Teams Trained	Plans Submitted	Progressing	Non-Live LEAs	Live! LEAs	% Live! LEAs	New Students Trained (Y1+Y2)	SAVE Clubs	% SAVE Clubs
10/22/2020	4,914	966	98%	20	863	88%	232	93%	66	184	74%	319,280	194	20%
10/20/2020	4,898	966	98%	20	859	87%	231	92%	66	184	74%	319,280	194	20%
10/15/2020	4,876	965	98%	21	858	87%	227	91%	70	180	72%	319,280	194	20%
10/09/2020	4,807	961	98%	24	847	86%	216	87%	69	180	72%	319,280		
09/30/2020	4,677	954	97%	31	813	82%	206	83%	69	180	72%	319,280		
08/31/2020	4,471	938	95%	48	834	85%	99	40%	70	180	72%	392,395		
08/26/2020	4,452	933	95%	53	834	85%	23	9%	70	180	72%	392,438		
08/24/2020	4,252	891	92%	73	839	85%	234	88%	86	180	68%	392,438		
03/18/2020	4,293	902	92%	75	865	88%	235	88%	87	181	68%	366,721		
02/17/2020	4,273	877	89%	108	727	74%	207	77%	118	151	56%	258,905		



Mike Daniska: Department of Public Safety
Director - Office of Policy and Strategic Planning

- Update on State Action Plan for School Safety
 - (See Eboard)
 - See DPS PowerPoint



QUESTIONS?



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State Action Plan for School Safety: Update

November 4, 2020

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Acknowledgments

- ▶ Local Representation / Subject Matter Experts
- ▶ Department of Public Instruction
- ▶ Department of Health and Human Services
- ▶ Department of Justice
- ▶ Department of Public Safety

Acknowledgments

- ▶ Executive Steering Committee on School Safety
- ▶ Task Force for Safer Schools Committees
 - Physical Security and Emergency Preparedness
 - Mental Health
 - School Climate
 - Gang Prevention and Intervention
 - School Resource Officers
 - Substance Abuse

Update

- ▶ Past Actions
 - Since June 2020 State Board of Education Update
- ▶ Current Efforts
- ▶ Future Steps

Past Actions

- ▶ Task Force for Safer Schools
 - Briefings: October 2019; January 2020; September 2020
 - Committee Work: Task Force for Safer Schools
 - February 2020 to May 2020
- ▶ Executive Steering Committee
 - Meetings: October 2019; December 2019; January 2020
 - Virtual Meetings: April 2020, June 2020; September 2020
- ▶ State Board of Education
 - Update: June 2020

Since June Update

▶ Additions

- COVID-19 related
 - Initiatives 1.1.1 and 1.1.2
- School Resource Officer related
 - Objectives 3.2 and 3.3
- Task Force on Racial Equity in Criminal Justice
 - Initiative 3.3.6

Current Efforts

- ▶ Finalizing Public Comments
- ▶ Finalizing State Action Plan for School Safety
 - Accountability Designations (RACI)
 - Initiative Language and Details
 - Documentation and Final SAPSS
 - Governance
- ▶ Finalizing Documentation

Future Steps

▶ Task Force for Safer Schools

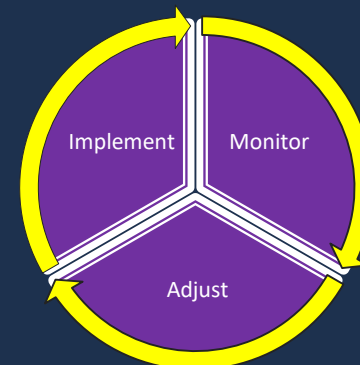
◦ Committees

1. Promote Positive Learning Environments
2. Prevent Incidents of School Violence from Occurring
3. Protect Students, Teachers, and Staff from Incidents of School Violence
4. Strengthen Capability for Effective Responses to Incidents of School Violence
5. Build Capacity and Readiness for Recovery from Incidents of School Violence

▶ 2020 to 2025:

◦ Implement> Monitor> Adjust> Repeat

Task Force for Safer Schools
Department of Public Safety
RACI Framework



State Action Plan for School Safety

▶ Vision

- Through a whole of community approach, every school in North Carolina will be a safe school where all students can learn, all teachers can teach, and all school staff can do their work without any concerns for their well-being.



Questions

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