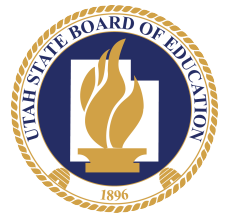


# 2020 School Safety Collaborative Priorities and Recommendations



## The Background

The School Safety Collaborative works to coordinate school safety efforts for students across Utah. Their priorities and recommendations provide guidance to increase best-practices, training, resources, and policy improvements for all schools and involved partners.

### Preventative Information Sharing

- The committee agrees to support the procedure of “Handle with Care” as a best-practice communication from local law enforcement to school officials when there has been an interaction with a youth outside of school that may be deemed “traumatic”.
- The committee directs the School Safety Center to prioritize training, guidelines, and models to support the use of the multi-disciplinary teaming process in schools.

## Emergency Response Protocol

The committee agrees that the School Safety Center prioritize the creation/adoption of a model Emergency Response Plan to be a resource to all LEAs.

### Building Improvements

- The committee supports the request for one-time monies for building construction, technology, and network improvements for safety and wellness in schools.
- The recommended amount is **\$65 million**, as indicated by LEAs through the Legislative Offices survey on building safety 2019. The funds will be used to remodel existing facilities with physical safety enhancements and communication tools.

## School Resource Officers

- The committee requests that the School Safety Center, in coordination with local law enforcement agencies, create a proposal for ongoing funds to increase access to a School Resource Officer for all Utah schools.
- The committee requests that the Department of Public Safety Liaison, working with the School Safety Center, provide training, support, and best-practices to ensure law enforcement coordination on emergency/crisis response and threat management.

## School-Focused Mental Health Professionals

The committee requests that the Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health Liaison, in coordination with the School Safety Center, determine the projected graduation rates in mental health professions and make a plan for recruitment and retention.

## Mental Wellness Education

The committee recommends that the Utah State Board of Education staff develop and implement strategies to support the wellness of all school staff (compassion fatigue, burnout, stress, etc.).