



# Center for Safer Schools Update

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# CFSS Update-Executive Summary



- Transition to SBI – Effective 1 Year Today
- Operational Update
- Program Update
- Funding Summary & Close

# Transition to NC SBI

- Strong support from Director Hawley
  - Fully integrated CFSS into the SBI in a supportive and professional manner
  - Clear roles without blurred lines
  - Improved consistency & statewide coordination
  - Stability, structure, and statewide alignment for school safety efforts



# Operational Update



- Staffing shortages; applicant quality concerns
- DPI transition issues: \$300K equipment funds reverted
- CFSS worked with DPI Finance in their reluctance in assisting in preserving federal funds
- CFSS working with federal partners to regain/retain funds
- Need for independent grants management system

# Operational Update



- BTAM System Needed for Statewide Reporting
  - Need for statewide integrated BTAM platform
  - Standardizes threat assessments & reduces duplication of entry
- Qualtrics funded only through this school year
- Estimated cost for a system: \$3 million-\$4 million recurring

# Program Updates

- Protect Our Student Videos
  - Statewide training & awareness tools
    - Supports safety culture, prevention, and consistency
    - Over 87,000 views
    - Some districts have not complied
- School Safety Trainings
  - In person & virtual trainings
    - Over 1700 participants



# Funding Summary & Close

- \$400K nonrecurring – training equipment & supplies
- \$3M-4M recurring – statewide BTAM system
- SBI transition strengthened school safety posture



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### 2026 RISE Back to School Safety Summit

The Center for Safer Schools' Back to School Safety Summit will be held from **Tuesday, Aug. 4 to Thursday, Aug. 6** in Greenville, N.C. Scan the QR code to register.

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