



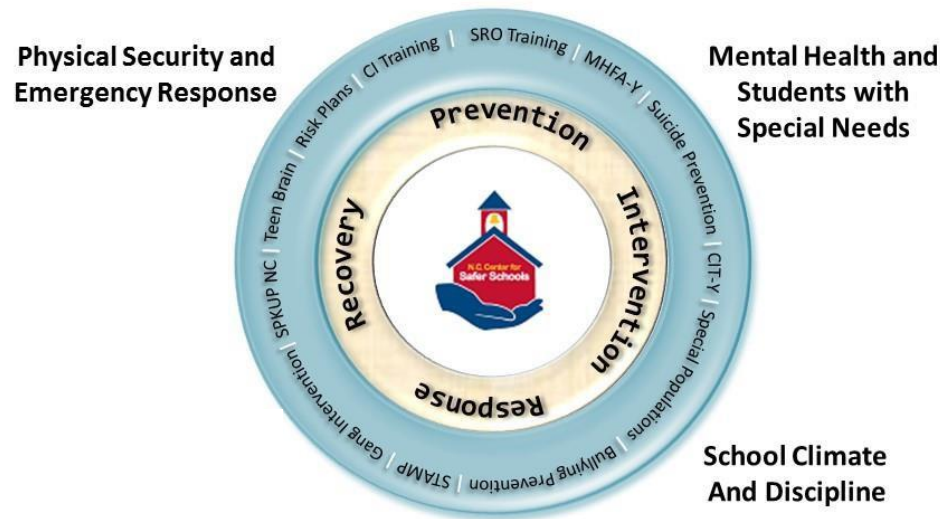
NC Center for Safer Schools

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NC: A New Look At School Safety

What Makes a Safer School?



Physical Security and Emergency Response

- Critical Incident Response Training
- SRO Training
- School Risk Management System

Mental Health

- Mental Health First Aid - Youth
- School-Based Mental Health
- Suicide Toolkit
- School Threat Assessment Teams

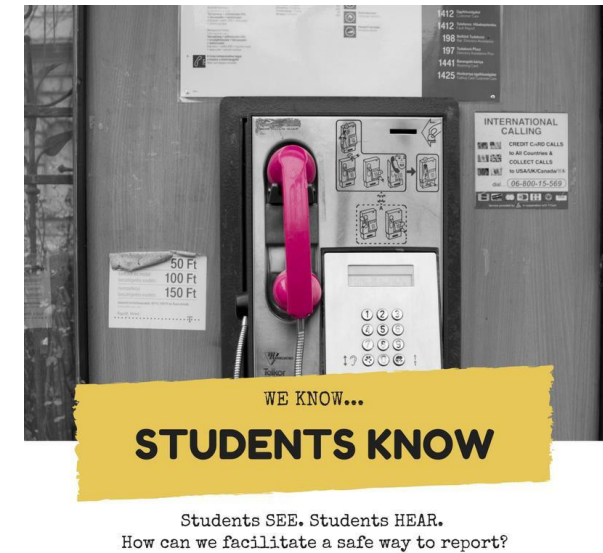
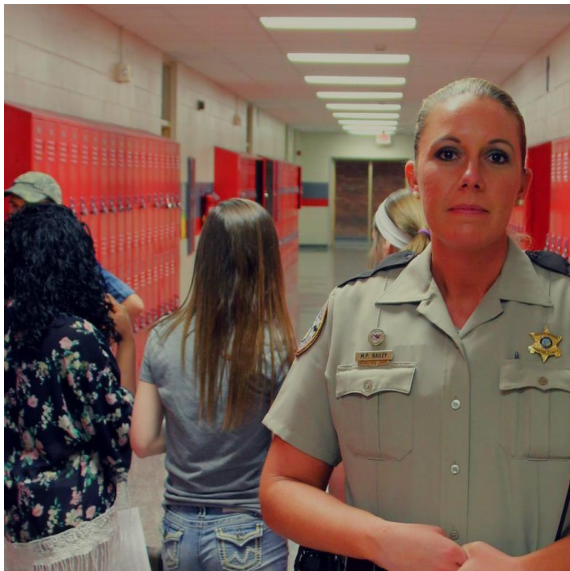
School Climate & Discipline

- Bullying & Cyberbullying
- Anonymous Reporting for Students / SpkUp
- Student Tutoring and Mentoring Program



Results: The Big 3 - Guiding Principles

- The value & need for SROs
- Collaboration among agencies
- A better system of communication between students and school personnel





Anonymous Reporting

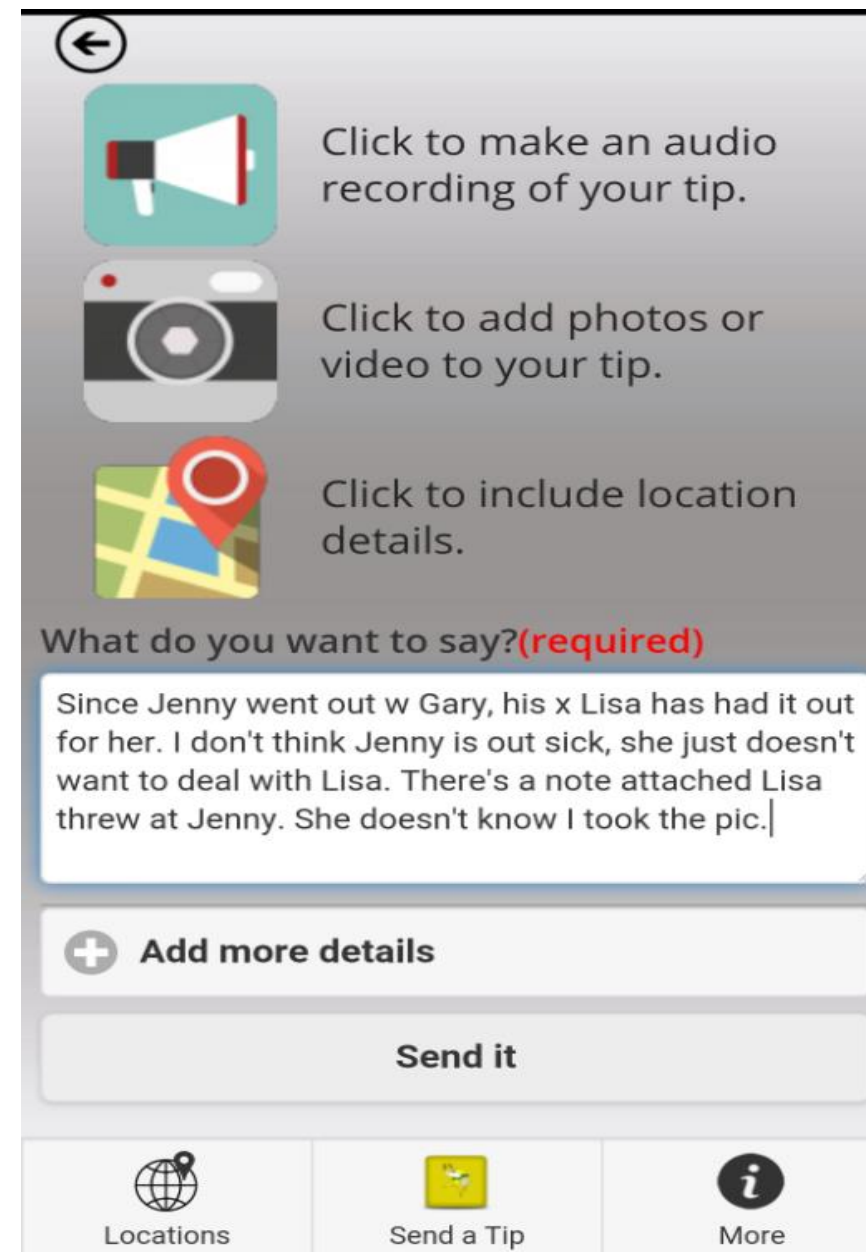
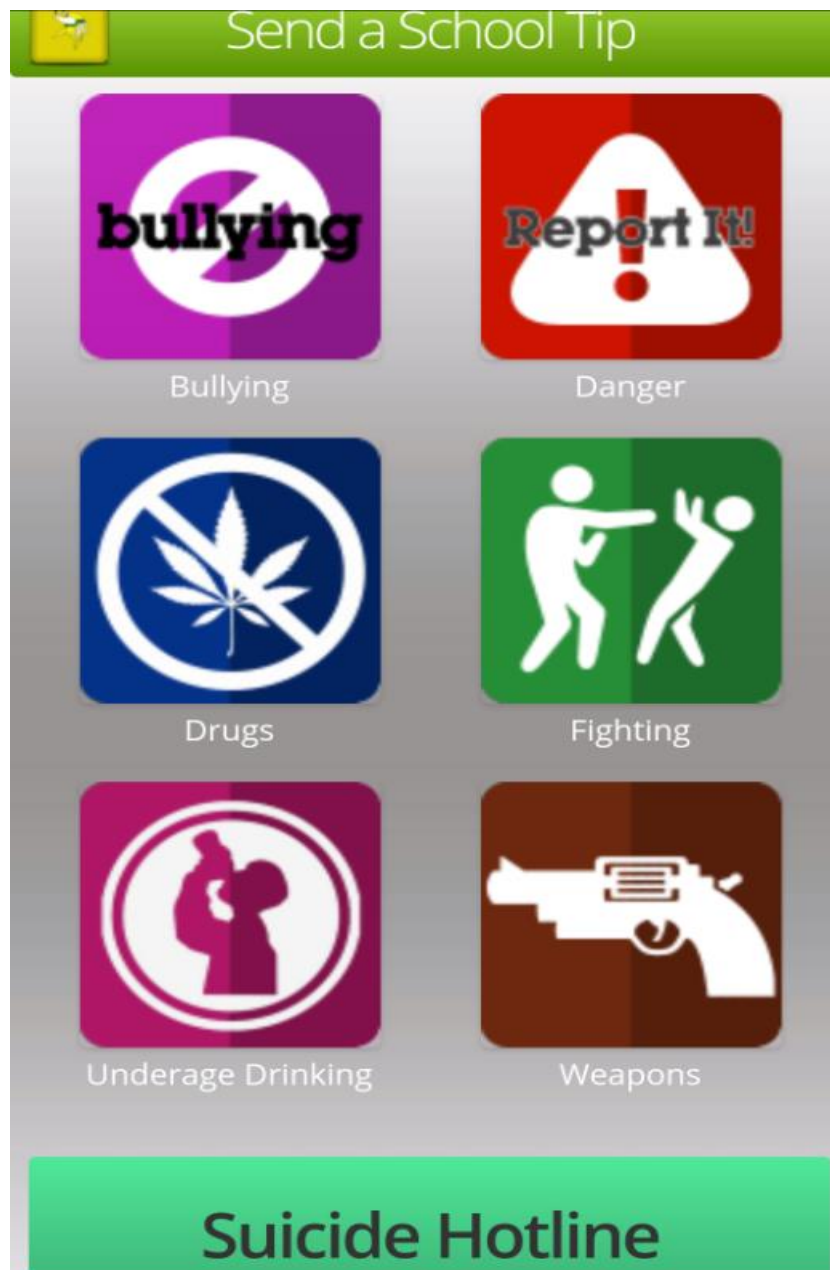
GS § 115C-105.51.- Anonymous Tip Lines and monitoring and response applications.

The governing body of each public secondary school shall develop and operate an anonymous tip line, in coordination with local law enforcement and social services agencies, to receive anonymous information on internal or external risks to the school population, school buildings and school related activities.

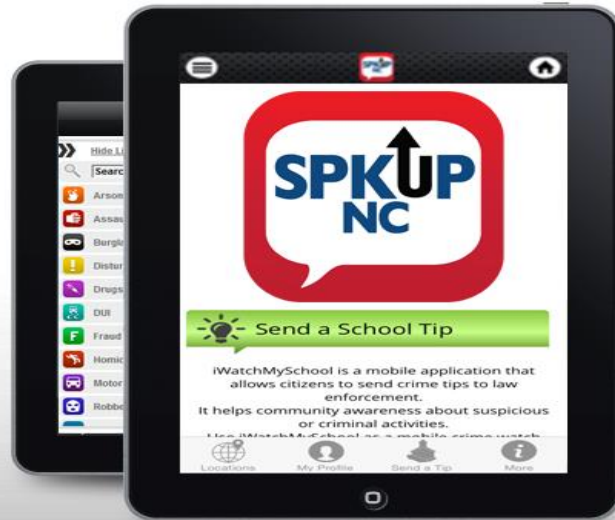
To date, there have been 2,991 downloads of the app.

90% of students say they would use an anonymous form of reporting





SPEAKUPAPP.TIPS

[How Does The App Work?](#)[FAQ](#)[Send A Tip](#)[Find Your School](#)

SpeakUpNC Works on Computers, Laptops and Tablets.

Use your tablet or computer to report tips.

Get Connected

Your computer or tablet is a great way to use SpeakUpNC from this website, or you download the app to your phone or tablet. Join the team.

[Get App](#)

What SpeakUpNC! Means In North Carolina

It's Powerful Technology

SpeakUpNC is a mobile application that enables students and parents to turn in tips, images and videos about potential crimes, school violations, or suspicious activities to the appropriate school officials and your school resource officer from almost any

It's A Direct Line

Submit digital photos or videos along with text information from cell phones directly to the SpeakUpNC school administrative team to investigate a tip.



Update on Anonymous Reporting Application for Students

- ☐ Procurement Process with RFI
- ☐ Working with DIT and DPS on Project Requirements and Integration
- ☐ Moving toward Meeting the July 1, 2019 Deadline
- ☐ Key Elements
 - ☐ 24/7 Command Center
 - ☐ Product that is Already in Use
 - ☐ Training and Marketing
 - ☐ Scalable to All NC Middle and High Schools

Best Practices for School Threat Assessment Teams

- Definition of a Threat- a concerning communication or behavior that indicates that an individual poses a danger to the safety of school staff or students through acts of violence or other behavior that would cause harm to self or others.
- Met with Local Education Units to Learn About Threat Assessment policies
- Convened an Interagency School Threat Assessment Committee
- Conducting Survey to Determine Where Schools are In Threat Assessment Processes
- Work with task Force on Safer Schools to Develop a Toolkit of Best Practices for School Threat Assessment Teams

School Safety Grants Program

\$12 M

SROs

Grants for SROs in
Elementary and
Middle Schools

\$ 2 M

Students In Crisis

Grants to
community
partners for crisis
services

\$ 3 M

Training to Increase School Safety

Grants to community
partners to help
students develop
healthy responses to
trauma and stress

\$ 3 M

Safety Equipment for School Buildings

Grants for the
purchase of safety
equipment for
government-
owned school
buildings

\$10 M

School Mental Health Support Personnel

Grants to provide all
or a portion of the
salary and benefits
costs needed to
employ additional
school MH support
personnel