



# SCHOOL SAFETY PRIORITIES

Following the tragedy at Oxford High School, MASSP worked with our Board of Directors and members to set policy priorities specific to school safety. In surveying our members, their priorities became clear when the same five items topped the list both when we asked our members to rank the issues most important to them and when we asked them where they felt they had the greatest need in terms of their district's current level of implementation.

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- MENTAL HEALTH**
- 1 Provide state funding to recruit and retain school mental health staff.
  - 2 Expand access to onsite behavioral health services for students.
  - 3 Expand access to community and wraparound supports (*esp. Community Mental Health*).
  - 4 Fund positive climate and culture initiatives (*incl. anti-bullying, DEI, restorative practices, peer mentoring*).
  - 5 Create and distribute a comprehensive threat assessment protocol (*incl. early assessment, screening, response team*).

**“State needs to unify language and response.”**

- Collective comment from our board members

**75%**

Would support a **fully funded** state mandate for districts to implement a set of basic physical security standards in school buildings.

**80%**

Would support a **fully funded** state mandate for threat assessment training for all school administrators.

