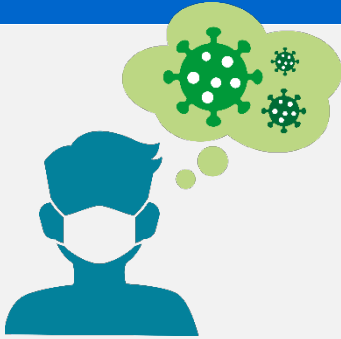


# Mental Health Services Funding



## COVID-19 Intensifies Need

Prior to the pandemic, at least one in five students faced a mental health issue, and nearly 60% of high schoolers self-reported significant mental health needs. Social emotional needs have grown as students navigate disruptions to learning and life due to COVID-19.

## More Pupil Services Staff

As mental health needs grow, more school staff are needed to support students. The DPI is requesting \$28.5 million in FY22 and \$30 million in FY23 to expand state funding beyond school social workers to school psychologists, counselors, and school nurses.



## Mental Health Training

DPI is requesting \$1 million over the biennium to expand trainings available to schools on bullying prevention, school violence prevention, and Trauma-Sensitive Schools.

## Connecting Youth to Services

Schools and community providers, together, can better serve the needs of students and families. DPI is requesting \$7 million over the biennium for collaborative grants to assist schools in connecting students to needed mental health services in collaboration with community partners and mental health agencies.

