



## Safe and Supportive Schools

January 24, 2011 – Monthly Meeting

### Agenda

- School Profile
- School Safety Score
- Online YRBS



## Welcome and Housekeeping

- Welcome and introductions
- Hold general discussion questions until the end
- Private chat box accessible via Q&A
- Introductions and topic discussions in alphabetical order by district.
- Please mute phone or computer mic when not talking to reduce background noise.
- Microphones will be un-muted during discussions.



## Participating School Districts

- Beloit School District
- Green Bay Area School District
- Janesville School District
- Kenosha Unified School District
- Madison Metropolitan School District
- Milwaukee Public Schools
- Racine Unified School District



## Participating School Districts (continued)

- Bayfield School District
- Bowler School District
- Brown Deer School District
- Greenfield School District
- Hayward Community School District
- Horicon School District
- Maple School District
- Mukwonago School District
- Saint Francis School District
- Superior School District
- Suring School District
- West Allis West Milwaukee School District



## DPI Project Staff

- Steve Fernan - Project Director
- Brian Weaver - Online YRBS Coordinator
- Joan Lerman - Grant Manager
- Brenda Jennings - Grant Manager

In addition to these SSPW team members, the DPI will involve additional staff to help support data collection and analysis tasks, professional development needs, and fiscal claim processing procedures throughout the life of the project.



## Selection of High Schools for Data Collection

- Public schools within the district that enroll students in grades 9-12
- Regular, alternative, and charter schools with enrollment >100 students
- Virtual schools, transitional schools or programs, private schools, and small schools (<100 students) will be excluded from the data collection/reporting processes



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### Selection of High Schools for Data Collection

- Letter of notification to be sent to Superintendent, Project Contact, and Principals of selected schools
- Timeline and steps involved in survey administration will be highlighted
- Any discrepancy in the roster of selected schools can be discussed/negotiated with department project staff separately



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### Flexibility In Using Project Funds

- Flexibility in directing project funds toward non-selected high schools can be considered.
- Inclusion of staff from non-participating high schools in PD events or in-service can be considered
- Likewise purchase of curriculum materials for such schools might be considered as well.



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### School Safety Score Formula Elements

#### YRBS Violence Questions

- Hurt on school property
- Bullied on school property
- Harassment/Bullying a problem at school
- Feel safe at school



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### School Safety Score Formula Elements

#### YRBS Alcohol Drug Questions

- Attended school under the influence of alcohol or other illegal drugs during the past 12 months
- Illegal drugs on school property during past 12 months



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### School Safety Score Formula Elements

#### YRBS School Climate Questions

- Teachers care about you
- Belong at school
- At least one teacher/adult you can talk to



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### Proposed Weights of Element Types

• YRBS Violence	Moderate
• YRBS Drug	Moderate
• YRBS School Climate	Lower
• Behavioral Incident Data	Higher



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### Sample School Safety Score Calculation

- Percent reporting injury at school 20%
  - Percent reporting being bullied 60%
  - Percent believes bullying a problem 75%
  - Percent feels safe at school (disagree) 20%
  - Percent AODA impaired at school 10%
  - Percent offered drugs at school 25%
  - Teachers care, I belong, Adult available to turn to (combined climate index-disagree)  $60\% \times 1.5$
- Total Score 300**



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### Input/Feedback

#### Heard from:

- Suring
- Bowler
- Racine
- Green Bay
- CESA 11
- Bayfield
- Madison Metro



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### Input/Feedback

- Add weapons on school grounds to indicators
- Increase weight of school climate questions
- Provide written comments on live meeting forum
- Email or call DPI grant staff



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### Safe and Supportive Schools Survey

#### DPI has created a Safe and Supportive Schools survey

- 9 demographic questions
- 25 YRBS questions
- Number of school climate questions (TBD)
- Additional questions could be added at the school district's discretion.



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### Safe and Supportive Schools Survey

#### Survey sample options

- **Census (all students)** – Schools with a combined student population of fewer than a 1,000 students in grades 9th and 11th.
  - *The school's goal will be to have 70% of the students in the sample complete the survey.*
- **Randomized selection** – Schools with a combined student population of more than a 1,000 students in grades 9th and 11th.
  - *The school's goal will be to have 85% of the students in the sample complete the survey.*



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### Safe and Supportive Schools Survey

**Timeline:** February – April

**Population:** 9th and 11th grade students (at a minimum)

#### Other survey details:

- Surveys need to be administered during an hour of the day that has high attendance rate, e.g., 2nd hour.
  - *Exceptions will be made for those schools selecting a class that all students of a given population are enrolled that semester, e.g., 9th grade English*
- Passive parental permission will be required unless district policy states otherwise





## Safe and Supportive Schools Survey

### Planning Phase

- Determine who will be the survey administrator for the school district
- Determine the survey sample, the purpose of survey, and what audience(s) will use the survey results
- Review district policies related to student surveys
- Student privacy, parental consent, confidentiality



## Safe and Supportive Schools Survey

### Design Phase

- Determine how the student sample will be selected
  - *Census*
  - *Random sample*
- Determine what period of the day or class will be used to select the student sample
- Obtain a list of classes and the number of students
- Decide on a survey proctoring strategy.



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### Design Phase (continued)

- Designate a survey lead at each participating school
- Assess availability of computer resources and IT support
- Develop required clearance materials.
  - *Permission slips*
  - *Survey fact sheets and FAQ*



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### Design Phase (continued)

- Develop procedures for collecting permission slips and providing a copy of the questionnaire for parents
- Provide a script to be read to students when the permission slips are disseminated
- Develop survey proctor packet which should include:
  - OYRBS web address: <http://yrbs.learningpt.org/>
  - OYRBS survey ID and password
  - Provide a survey administration script that will be read by all survey proctors



## Safe and Supportive Schools Survey

### Final Preparation

- School survey administrators need to understand:
  - *Purpose and goal of the survey,*
  - *Survey design,*
  - *Students and survey proctor materials, and*
  - *Importance of uniform survey procedures.*
- Send clearance materials to parents
  - *Provide 5 to 7 days in advance of survey date*
    - Active consent schools will need considerably more time



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### Final Preparation (continued)

- Administer the survey
  - *Track survey completion (this can be done on the OYRBS admin site)*
  - *Follow-up with noncompliant schools or classrooms*
  - *Plan for students who miss the survey date*
- Close survey window after last student has completed the survey



<http://dpi.wi.gov/sspw/oyrbsindex.html>

<http://dpi.wi.gov/sspw/oyrbsindex.html>

<http://yrbs.learningpt.org/adminlogin.aspx>

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**Questions or Comments**

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