

Physical School Safety and Mental Health Funding for Students Timeline

May 7, 2019 STEM School shooting

May 13, 2019 Special Work Session (Public Meeting): BOCC requested and received public comment on their proposed \$10 million commitment to help eliminate the cost barriers associated with school safety in Douglas County. Additional funding for mental health services was also discussed. Motion made at conclusion of meeting to bring the recommendation to a May 28 Business Meeting

May 23, 2019 Commissioners presented their intentions to the Douglas County School Board in a public work session

May 28, 2019 Business Meeting (Public Meeting): BOCC unanimously approved a resolution appropriating \$13.3 million for school security and mental health services for students in Douglas County. Summary:

- Board [approved \\$10 million of unassigned General Fund balance](#) as one-time funding for school safety and mental health services for students
- Board established two committees charged with making recommendations for the expenditure of the one-time \$10 million – [the Physical School Safety & Protection Funding Committee](#) and the [Supportive Mental Health for Students Funding Committee](#)
- Board [appropriated \\$3 million of unassigned General Fund balance](#) to fund 50% of the cost associated with School Resource Officers or equivalent positions for schools throughout Douglas County, with the condition that any school in the county match the other 50% ongoing before Douglas County expends any of the \$3 million
- Board [appropriated \\$331,250 of unassigned General Fund balance](#) to assist in the ongoing funding effort for mental health services for children, specifically a [Community Response Team](#) for youth

June/July 2019 Committees convened throughout June and July with a goal to formulate their recommendations and supporting documentation to the Board of County Commissioners by July 3, with a possible extension to July 15.

July 15, 2019 Committee final reports delivered to the Board of Douglas County Commissioners

July 16, 2019 Special Work Session (Public Meeting): Commissioners heard funding recommendations and status reports regarding plans for the \$13.3 million:

- New School Resource Officers (SROs) status
- Status of the new Youth Community Response Team (CRT)
- [Supportive Mental Health for Students Funding Committee Recommendations](#), including [Appendix](#)
- [Physical School Safety & Protection Funding Committee Recommendations](#)

Aug. 7, 2019 [County launches process for schools' access to \\$10 million in mental health and school safety funds](#) Funding requests for eligible projects and services are due by 5 p.m. on Sept. 17, 2019.

Sept. 18, 2019 [“Remarkable Response” to Douglas County’s \\$10 million commitment to schools](#) Commissioner confirm requests represent majority of neighborhood, charter, and private schools in the County

Nov. 21, 2019 [Board of County Commissioners Announce Distribution of \\$10 million to schools](#)

Jan. 14, 2020 [Commissioners Award \\$6.8 million to Douglas County School District](#)