

**Board of Douglas County Commissioners**

# **Report to the Community**

**Nov. 21, 2019**

Announcing the County's School Safety and  
Mental Health for Students Funding Decisions

## Summary: Youth Community Response Team - **\$331,000** ongoing

**Launched Nov. 18, 2019**

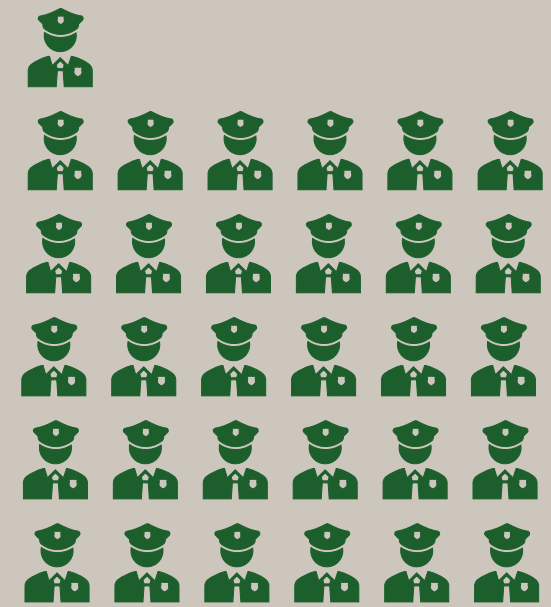
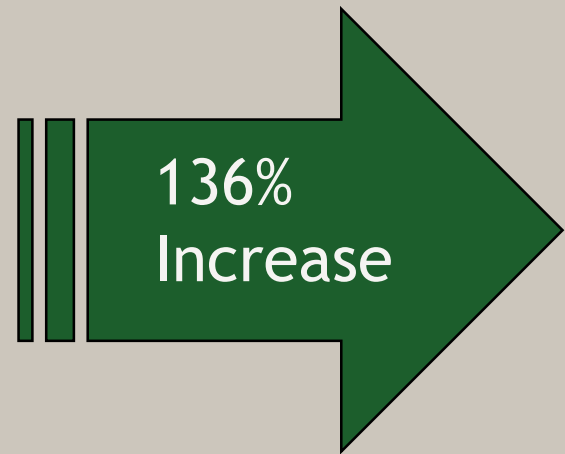
- Team includes a mental health clinician, a specially trained DCSO Deputy, and a case manager.
- Designed to complement the efforts of schools to address mental health and suicide prevention.
- Collaborates with the school, family and student to develop a safety plan and next steps and coordinates ongoing care for students.
- Serves Douglas County High School and Highlands Ranch area schools - pilot area covers approximately 70% of students.

## Summary: School Resource Officers (SRO) - **\$3 million** ongoing

SROs from the Douglas County Sheriff's Office are assigned to schools in unincorporated areas of the County and are committed to keeping students safe and secure in their learning environments.



SROs 2018/2019 = 11



SROs 2019/2020 = 26

**Summary: \$9 million for Physical School Safety\***

**\$7.68 million** - School Applicants

**\$1.33 million** - Innovation/Emerging Technology Contingency

Every school requesting safety resources received funding from the county.

- Communication
- Training
- Access control
- Enhanced Building Security

*\*To ensure our schools are not made vulnerable, specific security details are protected by state law and will remain confidential.*

## Summary: **\$990,000** Mental Health/Social Emotional Learning

100% of eligible funding requests were approved.

- School climate and culture assessments
- Social emotional learning curriculum that builds resiliency, addresses bullying and builds positive social emotional skills and connections
- Suicide prevention and intervention programming
- Mental health supports and interventions that build on existing programming
- Mental Health First Aid and related training for staff, parents and students

## Summary: \$13.3 Million Distribution\*

### Physical School Safety

Funding Distributed to all School Applicants = \$7.68 million (one-time)  
Innovation & Emerging Technology Contingency = \$1.33 million (one-time)

### Mental Health/Social Emotional Learning

Funding Distributed to all School Applicants = \$990,000 (one-time)

**Total = \$10 million (one-time)**

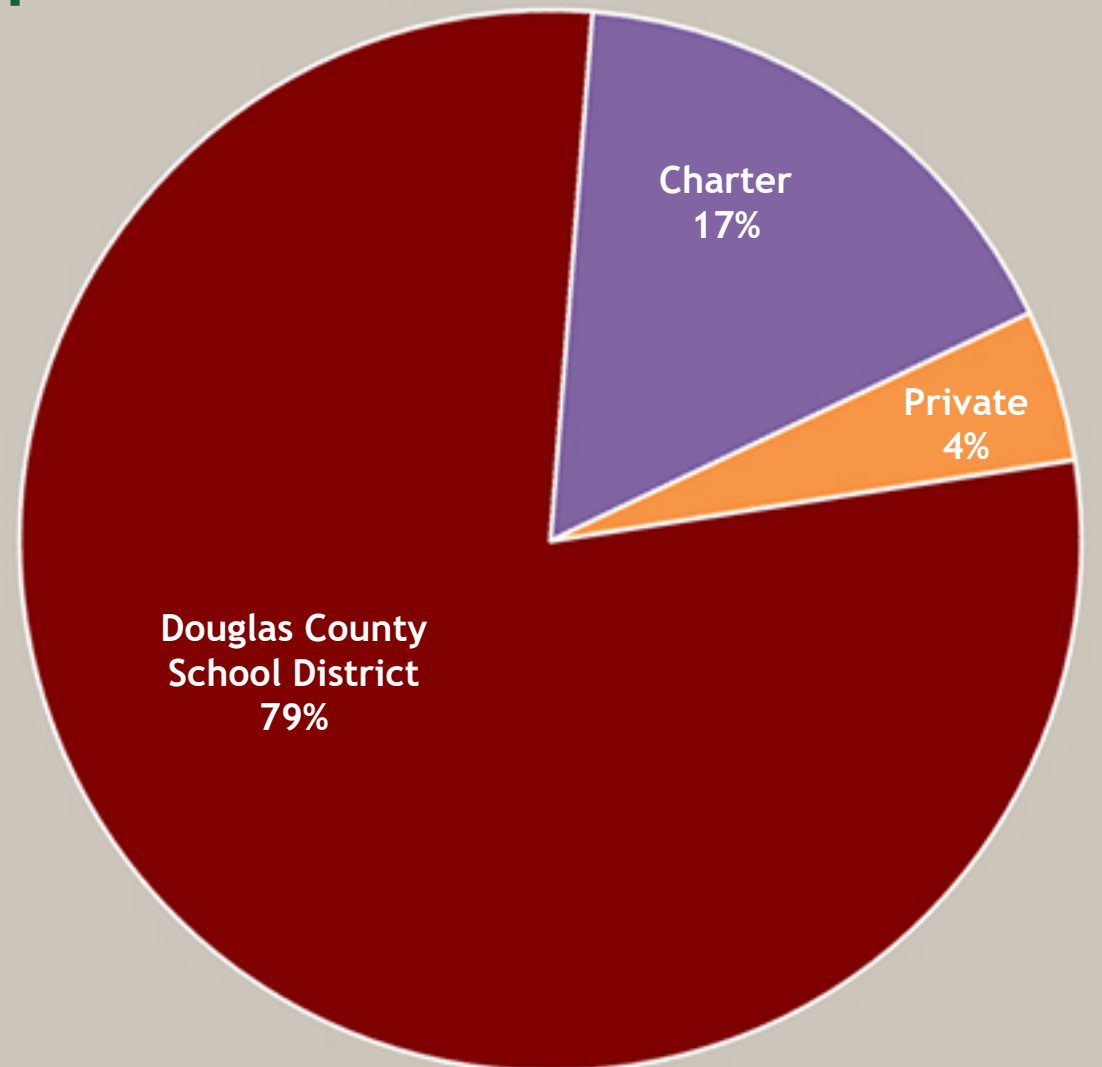
**Youth Community Response Team = \$331,000 (ongoing)**

**School Resource Officers = \$3 million (ongoing)**

**Total = \$13.3 million**

*\*all amounts rounded to the nearest \$10,000*

## Physical School Safety/Mental Health Funding Distributed to Applicants by School Type



## School Applicants and Funding Recipients

Every school requesting safety and/or mental health resources received funding from the County.

- Douglas County School District (DCSD) - **91**

Elementary Schools - **48**

Middle Schools - **9**

High Schools - **9**

Charter Schools - **20**

Alternative Schools - **5**

- Charter Schools (applied independently of DCSD) - **15**

American Academy

Ascent Classical

Aspen View Academy

Ben Franklin Academy

Challenge To Excellence

DCS Montessori

Global Village Academy

Leman Academy

North Star Academy

Parker Core Knowledge

Platte River Academy

Renaissance Secondary School

SkyView Academy

STEM School Highlands Ranch

World Compass Academy

- Private Schools - **8**

Arma Dei Academy

Ave Maria Catholic School

Living Way Christian Preschool

Lutheran High School

Montessori School at Lone Tree

Southeast Christian School

St. Katharine Drexel Catholic School

Trinity Lutheran School