

# Legislative Report

## Anti-bullying Programming and Projected Expenditures



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## EXECUTIVE ORDER 86

In September 2015, Governor Branstad signed Executive Order 86 related to bullying. Executive Order 86 provided the following direction:

1. Establishment of the Governor's Office for Bullying Prevention. This office shall address the following:
  - a. Training
  - b. 24-hour hotline
  - c. Reporting procedures
  - d. Cyberbullying
  - e. Data Collection
  - f. Varsity Interscholastic Athletic Participation
2. Bullying and prevention student mentoring pilot program.

The Department of Education (Department) partners with the Governor's Office for Bullying Prevention to provide support and collaborate to ensure resources are maximized and used efficiently to meet the direction provided in the Executive Order.

## CURRENT SUPPORTS TO BULLYING PREVENTION PROGRAMMING

In the past two years, the Department has engaged in the following related activities:

- Hired a new education program consultant, Terese Jurgensen, August 3, 2018.
- Supported bullying-related calls (eight consultants).
- Annually collected bullying incident report data from all districts in the state, which can be found [here](#).
- Met with the Director of the Governor's Office for Bullying Prevention, established through Executive Order 86 in 2015.
- Updated online resources on the Department website, which are available [here](#) and [here](#). Common definitions of bullying and links to resources for families and schools reside on this website. Resources include suggested steps families, students and schools can take when bullying behavior is suspected, links to websites and templates that can assist process. These resources will be in an ongoing cycle of continuous improvement.
- Continued work with schools related to mental health, including bullying, through a five-year Now Is the Time Project Advancing Wellness and Resilience in Education (AWARE) federal grant through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration (SAMHSA). This grant will conclude in September 2019.
- Completed development of a web-based bullying intake and investigation training that is shared through the Area Education Agency Professional Development Online (AEA PD Online) and became available in March 2018, using funds from the Department's Project AWARE grant (\$14,130).
- Awarded \$494,000 School Violence Prevention and Mental Health grant in October 2018 from the U.S. Department of Justice. The grant will target, during its 3 year tenure, seven schools in each of six AEAs (42 total schools) to train 168 personnel in Mentors in Violence Prevention (MVP) and 540 school personnel in Youth Mental Health First Aid (YMHFA). Over 2,500 youth will be

trained as MVP student leaders, which includes training on both violence prevention and mental health. School selection completed January 2019.

## PROJECTED SUPPORTS AND EXPENDITURES TO BULLYING PREVENTION PROGRAMMING

The following chart describes the functions and projected expenditures for the next fiscal year.

Function	Resource	Status
<p><b>CURRENT ACTIVITY</b> Creation of web-based bullying intake and investigation training offered through AEA PD Online.</p>	<p><b>Federal Grant Funds</b> <b>\$14,130</b></p>	<p><b>Completed</b> March 2018</p>
<p><b>CURRENT ACTIVITY</b> Provide technical assistance and support to three Project AWARE grant partner districts in increasing access to mental health supports and increasing school safety, including but not limited to bullying prevention.</p>	<p><b>Federal Grant Funds</b> <b>\$22,000</b> (part of a \$1,929,497 total grant that addresses a wide range of mental health supports in an integrated fashion, which includes anti-bullying efforts)</p>	<p><b>Grant Completion</b> September 2019</p>