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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 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

During the past two years, the Department of Education engaged in the following related activities:

- Hired a new Education Program Consultant, Terese Jurgensen, 2018.
- Supported bullying-related calls (eight consultants).
- Annually collected bullying incident report data from all districts in the state, which is located on the [Bullying/Harassment Iowa Department of Education webpage](#).
- Updated online resources on the Department of Education website, which are available on the [Anti- Bullying/Anti-Harassment webpage](#) and the [Bullying/Harassment Video and Resources](#) webpage. Common definitions of bullying and links to resources for families and schools reside on website. Resources include suggested steps families, students, and school s can take when bullying behavior is suspected, links to websites and templates that can assist process.
- 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 federal grant through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration. This grant is also referred to Project AWARE. This grant concludes in March 2020.
- Completed development of a web-based bullying intake and investigation training that is shared through the [Area Education Agency Professional Development Online](#) and became available in March 2018. Funds utilized were \$14,130 from the Project Aware grant. Since March 2018, a total of 6,580 administrators and educators from across Iowa have utilized this online training resource.

- Awarded \$494,000 from the School Violence Prevention and Mental Health grant in October 2018 from the U.S. Department of Justice. The grant targets, during its three-year tenure, seven schools from six area education agencies (42 total schools) to train 168 personnel in Mentors in Violence Prevention and 540 school personnel in Youth Mental Health First Aid. Over 2,500 youth will be trained in Mentors in Violence Prevention student leaders, which includes training on both violence prevention and mental health.

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>Current Activity</p> <p>In March 2018, the completion of a web-based bullying intake and investigation training was completed and then offered to educators through Area Education Agency Professional Development Online. This online platform continues ongoing efforts to support educators in Iowa.</p>	<p>Federal Grant Funds</p> <p>\$14,130</p>	<p>Trainings Completed from 2018 – 2019</p> <p>6,580 Participants</p>
<p>Current Activity</p> <p>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>Federal Grant Funds</p> <p>\$35,067</p> <p>(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>Grant Completion</p> <p>March 2020</p>
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