

Legislative Report

Anti-Bullying Programming and Projected Expenditures



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Statutory Authority

The Iowa Department of Education is required to report on the Department's antibullying programming annually to the General Assembly pursuant to 2022 Iowa Acts Chapter 1149 §5, subsection 1, paragraph b:

By January 15, 2023, the department shall submit a written report to the general assembly detailing the department's antibullying programming and current and projected expenditures for such programming for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022.

Current Supports to Bullying Prevention Programming:

During the fiscal year 2022 (FY22) the Department has engaged in the following related activities:

1. Supported the web-based Bullying/Harassment Prevention and Intervention Foundations training that is shared through Area Education Agency Professional Development Online (AEA PD Online). This training includes the bullying definition, cyberbullying and other types of bullying, environmental conditions and role affiliation, law and policy, and the continuous improvement process. In FY22, 2,571 educators completed this training.
2. Supported bullying-related calls from school districts, parents, caregivers, students and area education agencies through the Bureau of Learner Strategies and Supports and Bureau of School Improvement.
3. Supported web-based bullying intake and investigation training that is shared through AEA PD Online. Five hundred twenty-one (521) educators completed this training during FY22.
4. Continued implementation of the \$494,000 STOP School Violence, Prevention and Mental Health grant. The federal grant was awarded in October 2018 from the U.S. Department of Justice with the goals of training 168 school personnel in Mentors in Violence prevention (MVP), 540 school personnel in Youth Mental Health First Aid (YMHFA), and over 3,500 youth trained as MVP student leaders. The grant has been extended until March 31, 2023. During FY22, six additional schools were supported as part of the grant, 45 school personnel were trained in MVP, 135 school personnel in YMHFA, 10 school personnel in the Spectrum of Violence Prevention, and 320 additional students were trained as part of the MVP Student Summit.

Projected Supports and Expenditures to Bullying Prevention Programming

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

Function	Resource	Status
On-going support and dissemination of bullying prevention, intervention and investigation online trainings.	Federal or State Funds \$0	Ongoing Completion Date: June 30, 2023
Awarded \$494,000 federal STOP School Violence Prevention and Mental Health grant in October 2018 from the U.S. Department of Justice, the grant partners with seven schools in each AEA (42 schools) to train personnel and students in Mentors in Violence Prevention and Youth Mental Health First Aid over the four-year grant period.	Federal Grant Funds \$70,000	Grant Completion March 31, 2023