

The Safe and Supportive Schools Framework



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**A Safe and
Supportive School-
wide culture can
prevent suspensions
and expulsions**

MGL c 69 1P: Creating a Foundation for Learning

Safe and Supportive Schools are “... schools that foster a safe, positive, healthy and inclusive whole-school learning environment that

- (i) enables students to develop positive *relationships* with adults and peers,
- (ii) *regulate* their emotions and behavior,
- (iii) *achieve* academic and non-academic success
- (iv) maintain *physical* and *psychological* health and *well-being*”

Align initiatives such as SEL, mental health with ... “positive behavioral approaches that reduce suspensions and expulsions and other similar initiatives.”

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Develop a statewide framework to support schools to create safe and supportive learning environments;

Provides for tools and a process to help schools create these environments

Help schools address school-culture in their school improvement plans

Safe and Supportive Schools grant program

Website; conferences to create a Community of Practice around safe supportive school-wide culture

MGL c 69 1P: Safe and Supportive Schools Commission

Mandate: to collaborate with and advise the department on the feasibility of state-wide implementation of the Safe and Supportive Schools framework.

* make recommendations to the Governor and Legislature on creating safe and supportive schools

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Commission**

**Creating safe supportive
schools that do not
suspend and expel students
will take all of us.**

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