The Safe and Supportive Schools Framework

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A Safe and Supportive School-wide culture can prevent suspensions and expulsions.
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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.”
MGL c 69 1P: What does it do?

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

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

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