

Report of the School Safety Committee

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The purpose of the School Safety Committee is to coordinate with teachers across the state in attempting to keep our schools safe for students and teachers alike. Given the COVID-19 pandemic, much care needs to be taken to ensure all schools provide a safe, clean and healthy environment for all staff and students. This NSEA committee is designed to meet on an as-needed basis and will do so to keep apprised of the issues related to school safety.

As of the 2020-2021 school year, the committee has had no meetings. However, a COVID task force was created by President Jenni Benson to meet the unprecedented safety and learning needs brought on by the pandemic.

The Committee offers its appreciation for the leadership and staff of NSEA. Members have been well-informed about efforts related to school safety. Members have been invited to share their stories. The public has been better informed about concerns related to school safety for students and staff that are all too often hidden from view.

There are many facets to school safety, and the need for proactive resources and programming continues to evolve. Providing educators with the training, tools and resources they need is of importance since the prevention of violence should be a priority, which can be better accomplished when all schools have adequate mental and behavioral health resources. Safe school environments remain a priority for NSEA. The committee will seek to continue its advocacy so members continue to contribute to the work of NSEA in making sure we have safe schools for students and staff and that we have the resources we need.