

**Violence Prevention and Education Opportunity**

Massachusetts Office of the Attorney General  
in partnership with  
Sandy Hook Promise


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Sandy Hook Promise

**Today's Learning Objectives**

- Gain an understanding of Sandy Hook Promise's *Know the Signs* programs and how they can be used in your school(s) to increase school safety and student connectedness
- Learn how to bring these no-cost violence prevention programs to your district/school via the 2023 STOP School Violence Grant



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## Mission – Massachusetts Office of the Attorney General



Take on all forms of discrimination and bullying faced by young people.



Commitment to reduce gun violence and needless harm to our communities.



Prioritization of mental health and well-being of young people in Massachusetts.

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### Youth Violence and Safety in Massachusetts

**15.7% of high school students** reported being in a **physical fight** one or more times during the 12 months before the survey.



**6.5% of high school students** had been **threatened or injured with a weapon** (e.g., gun, knife, or club) on school property during the 12 months before the survey.

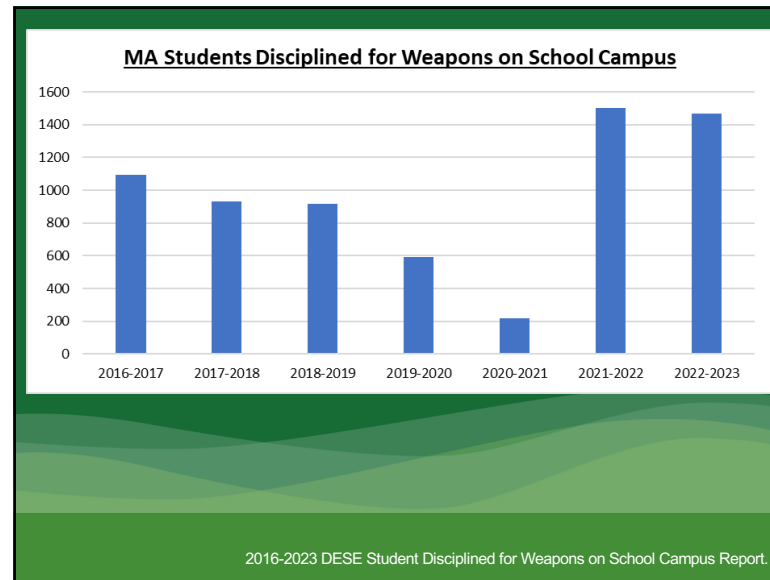


**Almost 16% of high school students** were bullied on **school property** in the 12 months before the survey

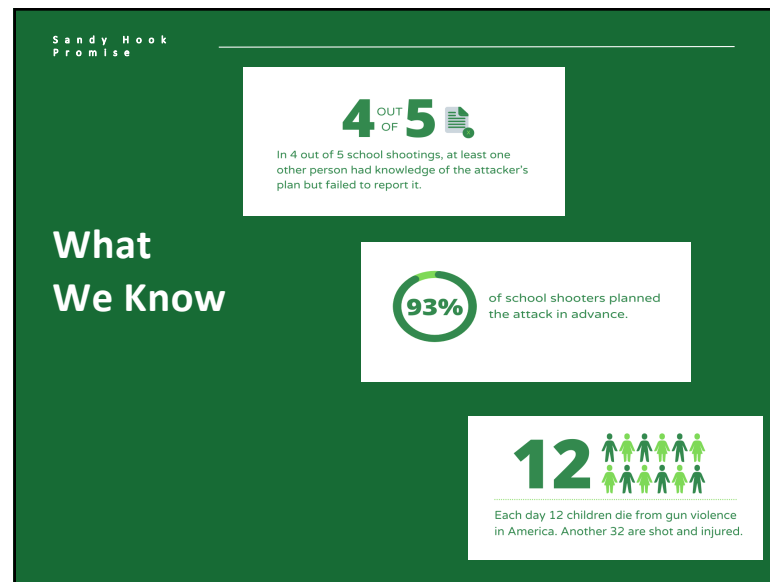


Massachusetts 2023 YRBS Results

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## STOP Grant Overview

- Federal funding from the DOJ Bureau of Justice Assistance
- Programming over three years intended to reach 75 schools in districts serving grades 6-12
- Builds on work accomplished during our previous STOP Grant which ran from 2018-2023
- Programming includes:
  - *Start With Hello* training
  - *Say Something* training
  - SAVE Promise Club sustainability support

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## STOP School Violence Grant: Programing



### *Start With Hello*

- Minimize social isolation
- Empathize with others
- Create a more inclusive and connected culture



### *Say Something*

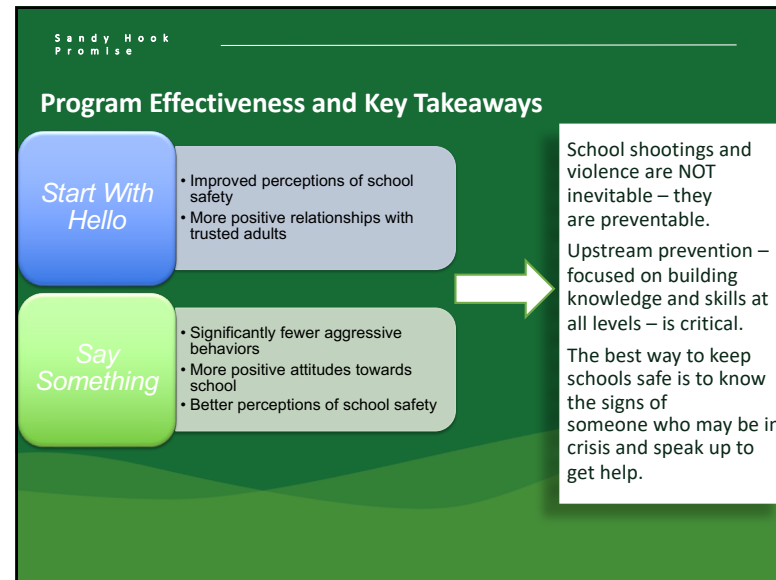
- Recognize warning signs and threats
- Act Immediately; Take it Seriously
- Say something to a trusted adult



### SAVE Promise Clubs

- Youth empowerment through student-led organizations
- Facilitate, model and reinforce key messages from *Start With Hello* and *Say Something*

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### What are SAVE Promise Clubs?



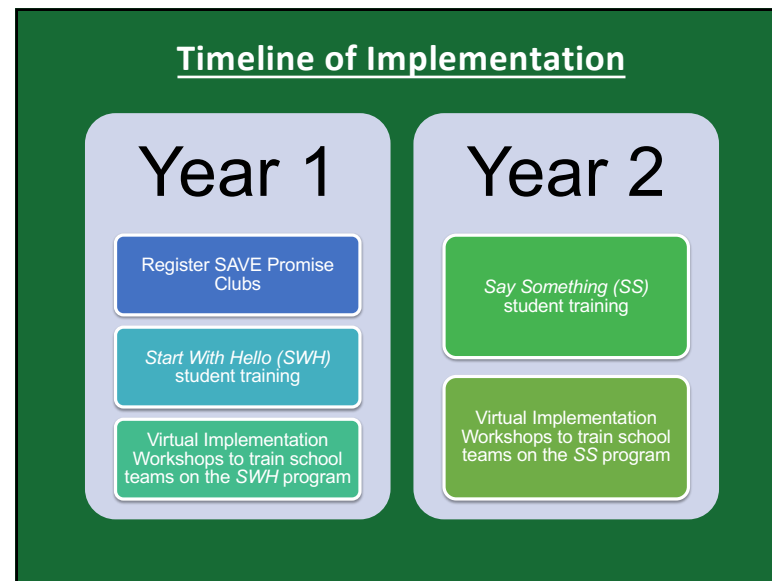




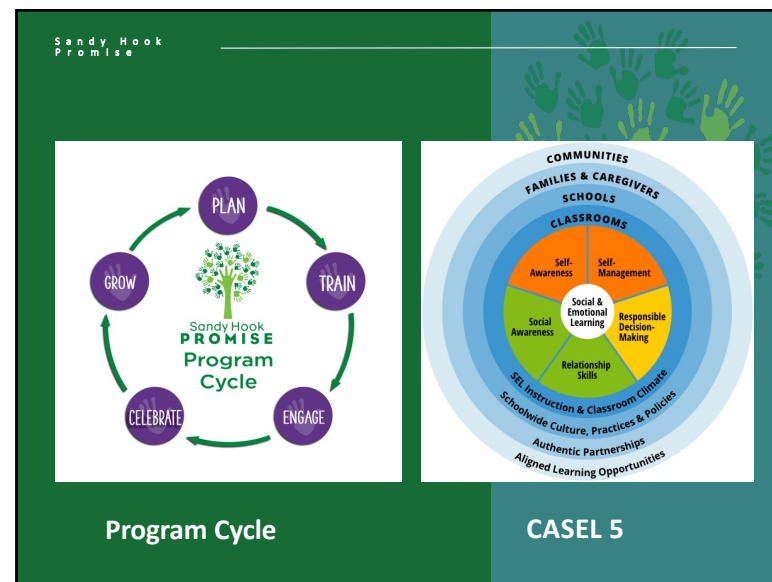
**4600+ Clubs across the country!**

**236 in Massachusetts**

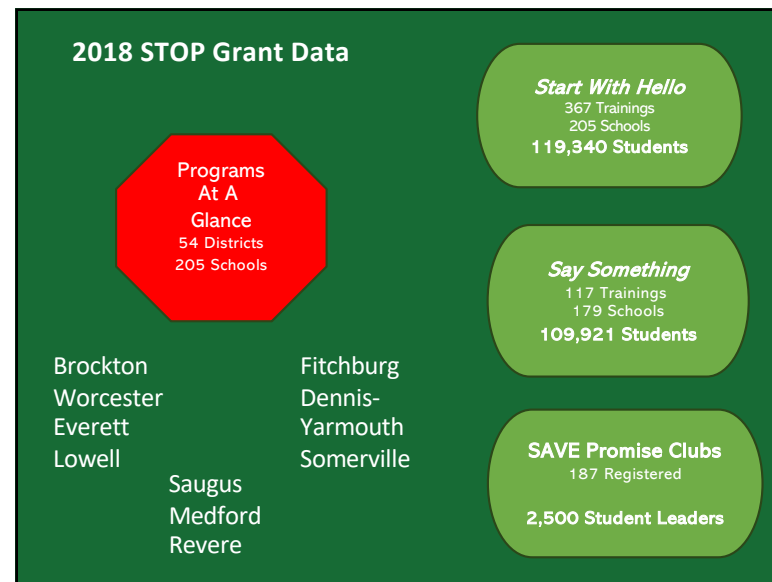
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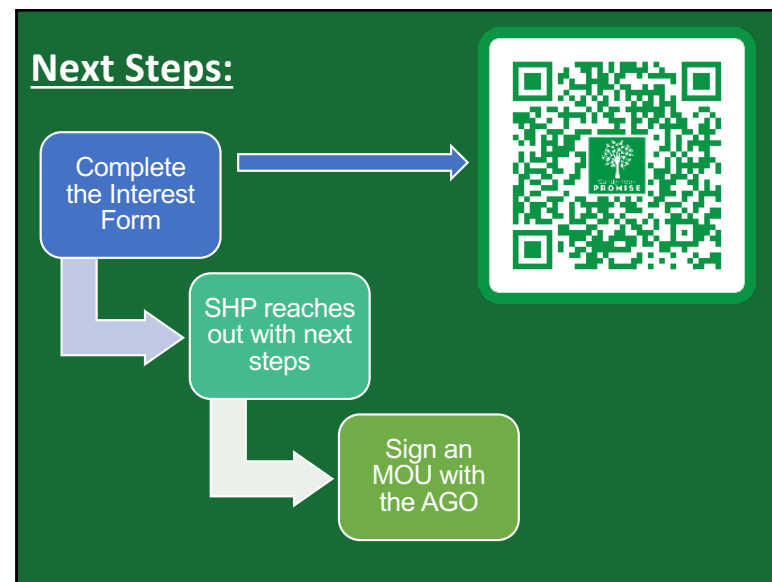
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## Questions?

## Thank you!



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