

# BJA STOP SCHOOL VIOLENCE AND MENTAL HEALTH TRAINING

The Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) believes in a comprehensive and public health driven approach to school violence and was awarded the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) STOP School Violence and Mental Health Training Program Grant in September 2018. This three year grant totals \$500,000. Partnering with Devereux Center for Effective Schools, Temple University and Access Services, HHS offered Montgomery County school districts the opportunity to apply for the three grant components including Teacher Training in Evidence Based Programs, Universal Classroom Management training, and Crisis Prevention training.



- 48% on Second Step
- 30% on Teacher Training and Instructional Coaching
- 6% on Universal Classroom Management Training
- 16% on Evaluation

**\$499,983 of  
\$500,000 spent**

## SCHOOL DISTRICTS THAT SUBMITTED APPLICATIONS AND HAVE BEEN APPROVED FOR SERVICES

Abington  
Jenkintown  
Norristown  
North Penn  
Perkiomen Valley  
Pottsgrove  
Pottstown  
Souderton  
Springfield Township  
Upper Perkiomen

Questions?

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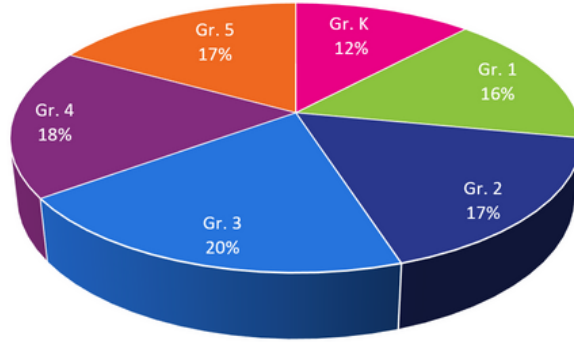
## YEAR 3 - TEACHER TRAINING IN EVIDENCE-BASED PROGRAMS (SECOND STEP)

14 live/virtual trainings and 7 asynchronous trainings ~ 2,404 participants

Readiness to implement program post training, **75.4%** participants report they strongly agree or agree

*I am confident that this training will help me improve my teaching and make a positive contribution to my classroom and school, immediately or in the future.*

BJA: Elementary Students Receiving Social Emotional Learning Lessons\*  
n = 8,048



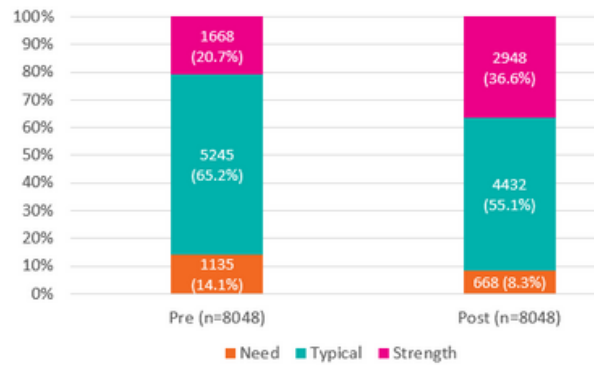
## District Partners Who Received Teacher Training to Implement Second Step Lessons



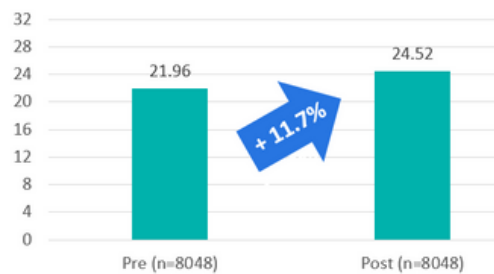
**8 DISTRICTS**  
**37 BUILDINGS**  
**446 TEACHERS**  
**13,908 STUDENTS**

Teachers completed a pre- and post- screener called the DESSA-mini to rate student social-emotional competence.

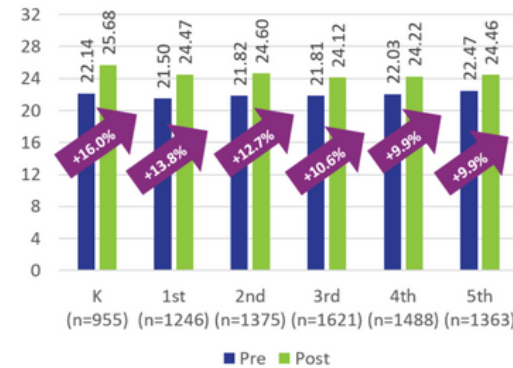
### Social-Emotional Capacity Category\*



### Total Score (Max = 32)\*



### Teacher-led Cohort\*



A comparison of means test (t-test) indicates that the increase in average student score on the DESSA-mini from pre-Second Step to post across the county is statistically significant.

\*Student numbers based on the number of valid, matched surveys received.

\*\*Student counts are based on enrollment as reported to the PA Department of Education

## UNIVERSAL CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT TRAINING (3-YEAR TOTAL)

23 live/virtual trainings ~ 612 participants

**94%** participants report

*"I will use this information in my future professional work."*

## CRISIS PREVENTION TRAINING (3-YEAR TOTAL) PROVIDED IN-KIND BY ACCESS SERVICES

2 trainings ~ 4 total hours ~ 27 participants