



Version 2.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

LONG-TERM OPERATIONAL SAFETY PLAN DEVELOPMENT FOR DISTRICT RUN DPS SCHOOLS

Version 2.0 Overview

Thank you to our entire community for the robust feedback you have provided to Version 1.0. We have heard a number of themes about both format and content that we have responded to with Version 2.0. The summary of those changes is outlined below.

Clarity

We commit to providing more clarity about what is currently happening in schools versus what is planned for the future. In Version 2.0, you will see current state and future state clearly defined.

Consistency

We commit to clearly outlining what elements of the safety plan must be implemented across all schools and how we will ensure all team members are trained appropriately. We will also hold all schools accountable to creating a common safety plan template and emergency team plans.

Transparency

We commit to using this plan, and future versions, to fully articulate the safety measures in place across all DPS schools and buildings. We also recognize that there is some information about these plans that must not be shared publicly in order to maintain safety.

Overview of Key Themes Based on Feedback from Version 1.0

- Current state and future state
 - Version 2.0 articulates what is currently in place as well as what is planned and budgeted in the future state
- SRO recommendation <DPS Driven System Conditions>
 - There were differing opinions on the topic of SROs across the entire community. After further consideration, it is the recommendation of Superintendent Dr. Alex Marrero to the Board of Education for the Board of Education to make a district-wide decision regarding SROs that would apply to all comprehensive high schools and schools grades 6-12.
- Weapons detection recommendation <DPS Driven System Conditions>
 - Opinions on weapons detection were also quite mixed. We know that a weapons detection system is just one layer of the safety strategy and we are continuing to research the best, most effective options. The determination of a weapon



detection system at a school or district building will be a site-based decision with extensive community engagement.

- Discipline matrix <DPS Driven System Conditions>
 - The Denver Public Schools student discipline strategy will continue to be rooted in and compliant with federal and state law, and wherever possible, this work is implemented consistently with the District's core values, including Students First and Equity. In preparation for the 23 - 24 SY, representatives of DPS leadership will work with the [Harvard PELP team](#) to collaborate with other U.S. large urban school districts to build strategies for strengthening student discipline, discipline practices, and engagement.
- Student Enrollment <School Conditions>
 - Free and appropriate education is a fundamental right that ensures equal access to education without discrimination, regardless of an individual's background, abilities, or circumstances.

Data and Feedback Synthesis

Review all of the data and feedback that was collected about Version 1.0 [here](#).

Read Version 2.0 of the Operational Safety Plan [here](#).