

SCHOOL CLIMATE AND SAFETY STUDENT ADVISORY BOARD

We are looking for schools to assist students in joining the conversation about supporting student safety, mental health, and wellness in Montana!

To better understand the experiences of Montana students and hear their recommendations to improve in-school supports for student safety, mental health and wellness, we are working to identify schools who can assist students in their participation in a School Climate and Safety Student Advisory Board. The purpose of this board is to gather and elevate youth voice to promote action to be taken to assure every Montana student feels safe, welcome, and supported in school. High school students will join other students from across the state in monthly virtual meetings.

If your school is interested in supporting student participation in this work, please [fill out this form](#) to let us know about your interest. **Thank you for your consideration in supporting this important work!**

Roles of Students, Schools, and the OPI

Students

- Participate in virtual meetings
- Identify needs and solutions to supporting student safety & wellness
- Represent their view & views of classmates
- Participate in youth panel at the OPI Summer Institute June 20-22, 2022 (expenses covered by the OPI)

School Staff

- Assist in identifying youth to serve on Student Advisory Board
- Support students in their participation in Board meetings both logistically and emotionally
- Monitor students to assure participation is a rewarding experience
- If necessary, link students to additional support services

OPI Staff & Partners

- Organize meetings and act as point of contact
- Schedule and facilitate Student Advisory Board meetings
- Follow-up on action items that come from the Student Advisory Board
- Identify opportunities to elevate student voices



We strive to put students first by working closely with students, parents/caregivers, and schools. For more information about our student voice work, check out our [School Safety Student Voice webpage](#).

Please contact Michele Henson, School Safety Program Manager at the Office of Public Instruction, with any questions: michele.henson@mt.gov or 406-595-1058