

# ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR STUDENT SAFETY & WELL-BEING



Virtual Meeting

September 29, 2025 from 9:00-11:30am

# DURING OUR JULY MEETING...

- **Heard from our Governor**
- **Heard from a student, parent, teacher, and SRO on their perspectives of student safety, student mental well-being, and student physical health**
- **Broke into 3 small groups to discuss what we want to learn more about on the three topics we will make recommendations to the Governor on: student safety, student mental well-being, and student physical health**



# JULY MEETING FEEDBACK

## What worked well?

1. Hearing from Governor Stein
2. Hearing multiple perspectives
3. Learning about the specific data from the Youth Risk Behavior Survey
4. How there was ample time for small groups to consider how we approach our recommendations on the three topics

## What could be better?

1. Hear from more perspectives across North Carolina
2. Take a deeper dive into the data
3. Hear more about best practices in these topic areas
4. Learn more about the current policies that guide these topic areas in schools

# TODAY'S MEETING

## Desired Outcomes

By the end of the meeting, we will have:

1. Learned more about our topic area from experts; and
2. Begun discussion in small groups around the current state of the topic area in NC schools.

## Agenda

Welcome & Desired Outcomes  
(15 minutes)

Small Group Work (90 minutes)

Whole Group Share-out (30 minutes)

Closing (5 minutes)

# CONFLICT OF INTEREST

## Conflict of Interest Statement

In accordance with the State Government Ethics Act, it is the duty of every Advisory Council member to avoid both conflicts of interest and the appearance of conflicts of interest. If any Advisory Council member has any known conflict of interest or is aware of facts that might create the appearance of such conflict, with respect to any matters coming before the Advisory Council today, please identify the conflict or the facts that might create the appearance of a conflict to ensure that any inappropriate participation in that matter may be avoided. If at any time, any new matter raises a conflict during the meeting, please be sure to identify it at that time.

# PUBLIC COMMENT

## Advisory Council Webpage

The [Advisory Council webpage](#) has all meeting materials and the livestream link for each meeting.

There is a [form for public comment](#). We encourage you to share this form with anyone who reaches out to you about business of the Advisory Council.

# SMALL GROUPS

- During our last meeting, we were in one of three groups: student safety, student mental well-being, and student physical health
- In those groups, we determined what we wanted to learn more about
- Today, you'll be in those groups and will receive a presentation from a NC expert based on what you wanted to learn
- Then, you will begin reviewing a draft of a literature review on your topic for our final report to provide feedback

# SMALL GROUPS

	<i>Group 1</i>	<i>Group 2</i>	<i>Group 3</i>
<b>Topic:</b>	<i>Student Safety</i>	<i>Student Well-Being</i>	<i>Student Physical Health</i>
<b>Facilitator:</b>	Pam Walker	Brandy McCoy	Elena Ashburn
<b>Presenter:</b>	John-Michael Keyes & Stacy Avila	Kisha Bryant & Meredith Willis	Rachel Findley & Tammy Reinhart
<b>Link:</b>	<a href="#">Student Safety Link</a>	<a href="#">Student Well-Being Link</a>	<a href="#">Student Physical Health Link</a>
<b>Members</b>	Alan Duncan	Senator Sydney Batch	Representative Brian Biggs
	Karen Fairley	Sharon Bell	Natalia Botella
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	Deputy Rhyne Rankins		
	Bo Trumbo		
	Julie McManus Werry		
Freddie Williamson			



# SMALL GROUPS – TECHNICAL DIRECTIONS

- Each of you received an email from Elena with a small group link. Small group links will also be placed in the chat. You will join that small group link and follow your facilitator's directions.
- Members of the public who would like to observe the small group may also use the links to join the small groups.
- At the end of your small group, you will come back to this main group link, which is also in your calendar.

# CLOSING

Thank you!

**Next Meeting Reminder –**

In Person on Monday, November 17 from 9:30am –  
12:30pm at the Juvenile Justice Center