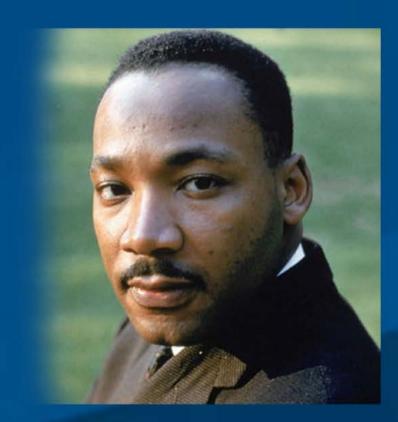
# 1. Context

#### **School Safety Events**

# "Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter."

#### - Martin Luther King Jr.



### **COLUMBINE CHANGED EVERYTHING**

#### **EVENTS SHAPING SCHOOL SAFETY PRACTICES**





## **Red Lake Senior High School**

#### Red Lake, Minnesota

March 21, 2005 10 Dead 12 Wounded



April 16, 2007 32 Dead 25 Wounded



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### Sandy Hook Elementary

December 14, 2012 26 Children Killed 6 Adults



## Arapahoe High School

#### December 13, 2013 1 Dead



## Freeman High School

September 13, 2017

"I always knew you were going to shoot up the school"



## Parkland, Florida

February 14, 2018 17 Dead 17 Injured



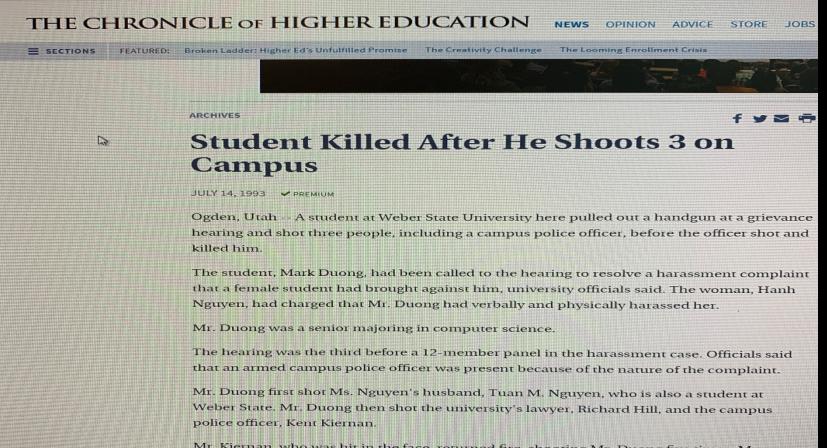
### Santa Fe High School (Texas)

May 18, 2018 10 dead 10 injured



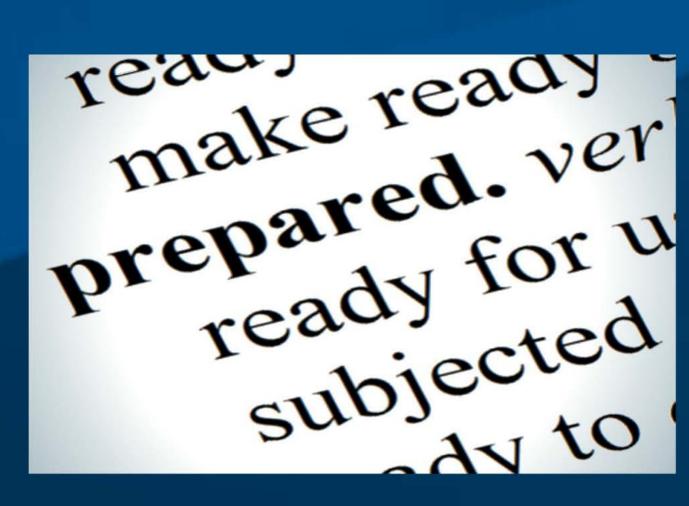
#### Weber State University

July 8, 1993 1 Dead (shooter) 3 Injured



Mr. Kiernan, who was hit in the face, returned fire, shooting Mr. Duong five times. Mr. Duong died later at a hospital. The three people he wounded were in stable condition.

# Are we Preparec?



Consistency Anonymity Threat & Risk Professional

**Student Engagement** Consistency Target Hardening Surveillance Drills **Time Barrier Communities Threat & Risk Assessment Defensible Position Comprehensive School Safety** ৵ and Climate Crisis Response Safer Students Parent Engagement Early Intervention Accountability Age Appropriate Education **Student Empowerment** Culture **Multi-Disciplinary Teams Upstream Prevention** 

#### **THEMES OF SCHOOL SHOOTING REPORTS**

1) Preventing young people from engaging in violence and other problem behaviors Key Strategy: A sustained positive school climate

2) Identifying and addressing red flags Key Strategy: An effective intelligence-gathering mechanism

3) Effective and coordinated emergency management Key Strategy: Improved emergency training and protocols

#### Columbine High School Report Commission (2001) Recommendations

- **1. Crisis Response Actions of Law Enforcement**
- 2. Improved Communications for Critical Emergencies
- 3. Active Planing for Critical Emergencies
- 4. Interaction with Media
- 5. School Resource Officer Role
- 6. Eliminate "Code of Silence"
- 7. Improve response of medical facilities
- 8. Reunification plans
- 9. Victim ID protocol
- 10. Suicide prevention and emotional aftermath

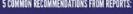
#### Virginia Tech Report (2007) Findings

Lack of information sharing on shooter Police not included on threat assessment team Lack of training and emergency protocol Target hardening Lack of wrap around support and management of shooter



#### **ARAPAHOE HIGH SCHOOL SHOOTING REPORT (2016) FINDINGS**

- failure of information sharing
- failure of threat assessment
- failure of systems thinking



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"At least ten AHS students had substantive concerns about [Pierson's) anger problems and gun ownership prior to the shooting, but only one student reported their concern to a counselor and **no students reported their concerns to Safe2Tell.** A lot of kids weren't especially trained around Safe2Tell. If just one student or teacher, had called Safe2Tell, this tragedy might have been averted."

#### **5 COMMON RECOMMENDATIONS FROM REPORTS:**

1. Schools should utilize climate surveys.

 2. There should be written agreements (memoranda of understanding or MOUs) between school districts and law enforcement agencies about information sharing.
 3. School staff should be versed in the Family Educational Rights & Privacy Act (FERPA) including the fact that FERPA does not prevent reporting on students about whom staff have safety concerns.

4. Districts should utilize the 11 questions of the U.S. Secret Service in their threat assessment process.

5. Schools are encouraged to promote Safe2Tell.

## Recognizing trends and the impact of viral social media



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## 2. Identifying and Addressing Red Flags



#### **PRECIPITATING BEHAVIORS TO VIOLENCE**

 93% of the perpetrators of targeted school violence exhibited concerning behavior before the attack.



 In 59% of the incidents, more than 1 person had prior knowledge of the attack.



 Of those with prior knowledge of school attacks, 93% were peers of the perpetrators -friends, schoolmates, or siblings.



## Internal vs.

## External

## Threats



## 3. Why tip lines work

Ending the code of silence

#### **LETTER TO CONGRESS**

"Our best chance of early intervention to prevent serious violent tragedies like that in Newtown, CT is when we receive early information about suspicious or concerning behavior. We have learned that good surveillance and intelligence is a key violence prevention strategy."

> Statement by Delbert Elliott, Ph.D. and Beverly Kingston, Ph.D. Center for the Study and Prevention of Violence, University of Colorado For the Youth Violence Summit Convened by Representative Bobby Scott, U.S. House of Representatives January 22, 2013

## COMPLICITY





## 4. Best Practices

Lessons learned from 20 years in existence

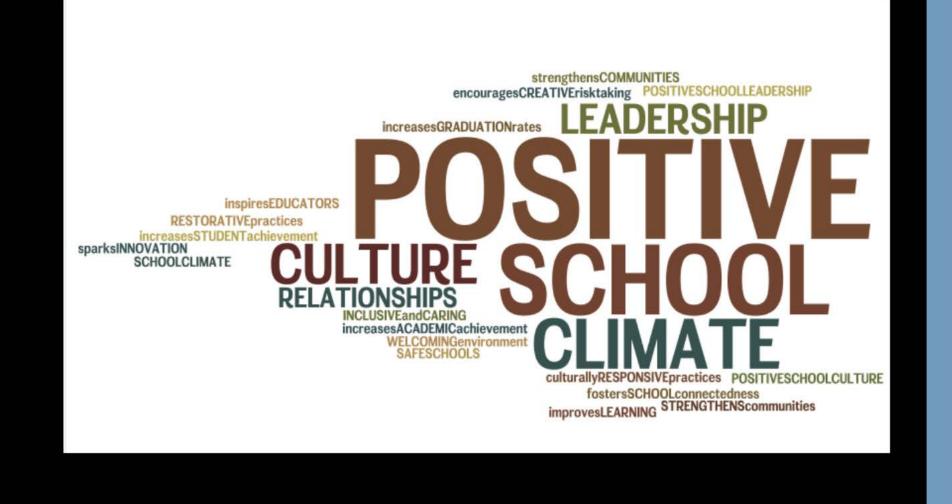
#### Anonymity



#### Accountability

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#### **Prevention and Intervention Focus**



#### **USHE SAFE UT Crisis Chat Utilization - August - December 2019**

	Fall 2019 FTE Headcount Enrollment	Aug. 2019	Sept. 2019	Oct. 2019	Nov. 2019	Dec. 2019	Total Aug-Dec. 2019	% of Students Using SAFE UT
University of Utah	32,852	75	140	74	89	85	463	1.41%
Snow College	5,383	5	11	11	10	4	41	0.76%
Salt Lake Comm. College	29,517	44	37	44	37	33	195	0.66%
Utah State University	27,810	20	42	47	46	25	180	0.65%
Dixie State University	11,193	18	8	9	7	6	48	0.43%
Weber State University	29,644	10	33	30	22	16	111	0.37%
Southern Utah University	11,224	10	5	6	10	4	35	0.31%
Utah Valley University	41,728	15	22	24	27	34	122	0.29%
	189,351	197	298	245	248	207	1,195	0.63%
		= Above Average						
		= Below Average						

