

PARENT & STUDENT SURVEY ON SCHOOL SAFETY

Survata, an independent research firm in San Francisco, interviewed 1,002 online respondents between August 13, 2018 and August 20, 2018. The study was commissioned by Raptor Technologies®, the leader in integrated school safety technologies, and Safe and Sound Schools, a nonprofit founded by Sandy Hook parents whose mission is to improve school safety and emergency preparedness. The online interviews were conducted with 501 U.S. parents with children in grades K-12, and 501 students in the 13-18 age range.

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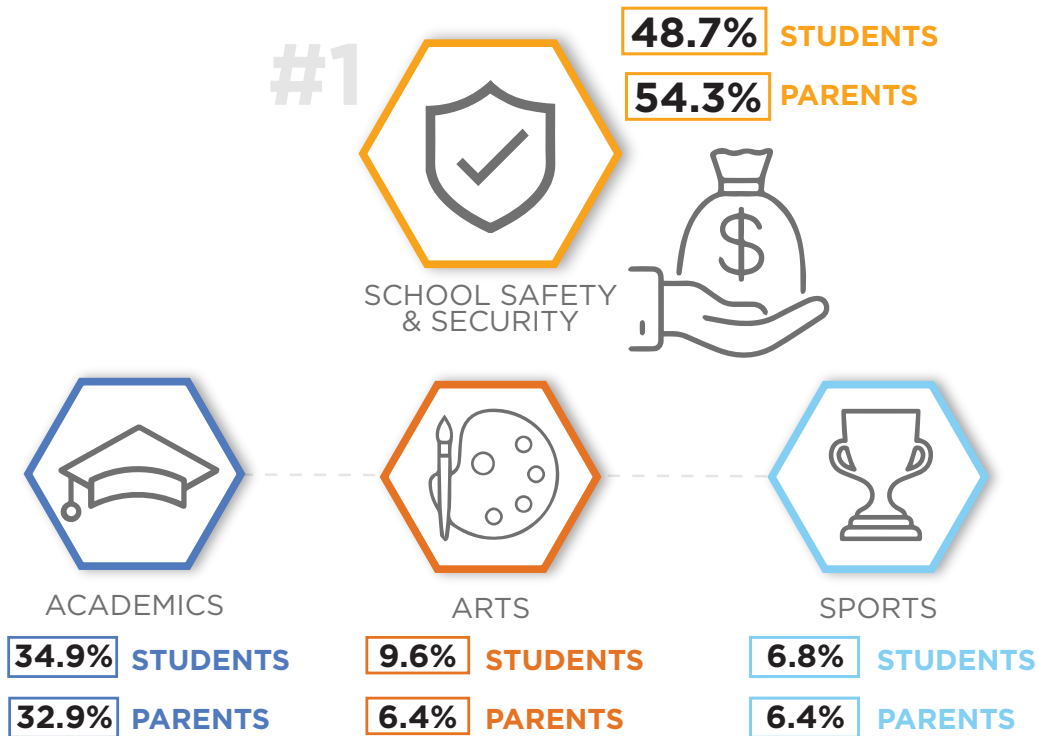


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In the 2017-2018 school year, more than 3,659 threats and incidents of violence occurred in American K-12 schools*, including the school shootings at Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, FL and at Santa Fe High School in Santa Fe, TX. The purpose of this study was to understand the current sentiments of parents and students, as well as the actions they intend to take during the new school year to help support improved school safety.

To gain a sense of where school security and safety falls in students' and parents' priorities for schools, we asked where they would prioritize additional school investments. The top response for both students and parents was "school safety," which outranked academics, arts, and sports.

In terms of prioritization of school funding, where do you feel **additional funding is most needed?** (parents & students, n=1002)

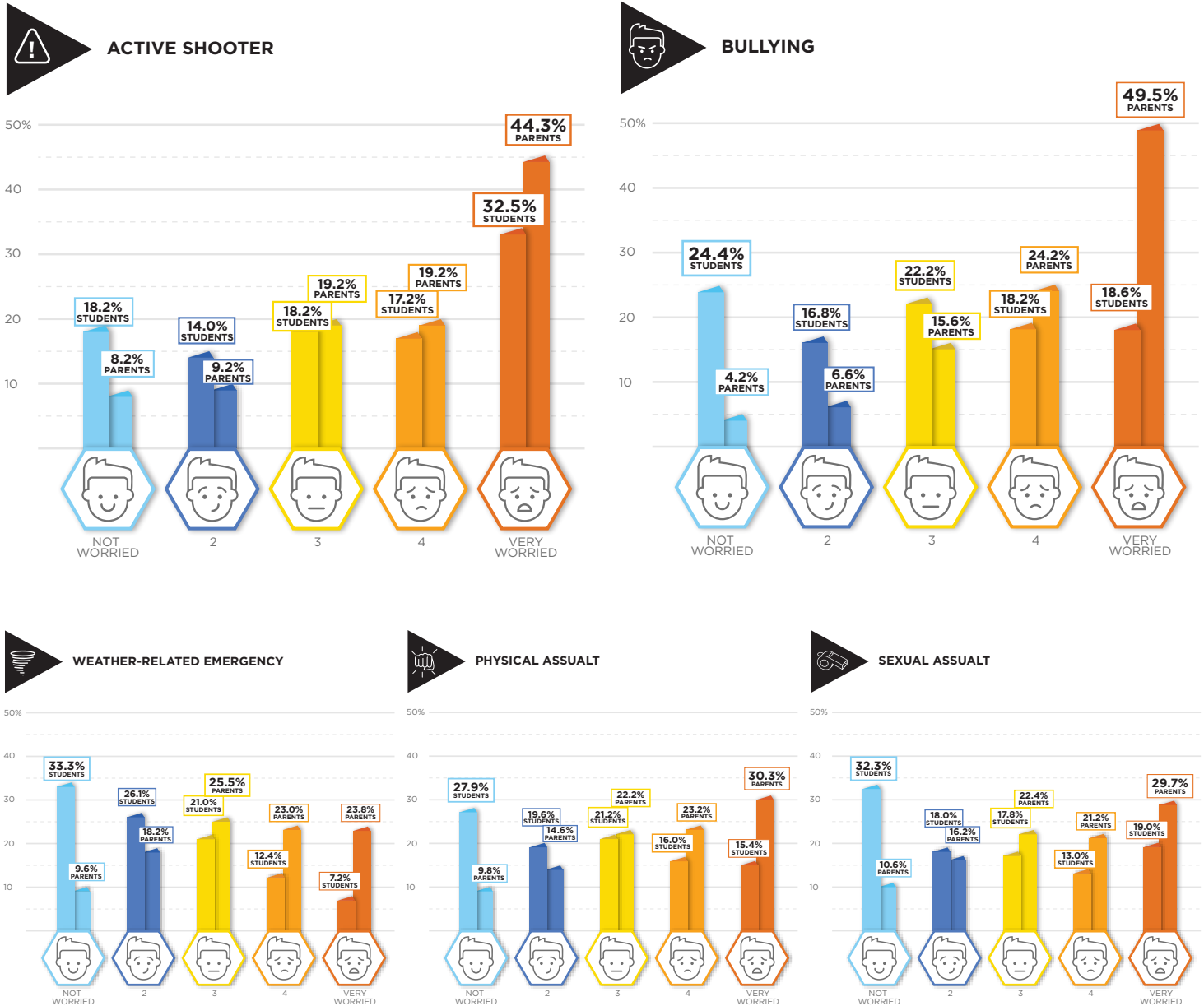




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Delving further into which school safety and security risks are most concerning, students are most worried about active shootings, while the risk of bullying worries parents the most, followed closely by active shootings.

On a scale of 1 to 5, how **worried** are you about the following school safety risks? (parents & students, n=1002)



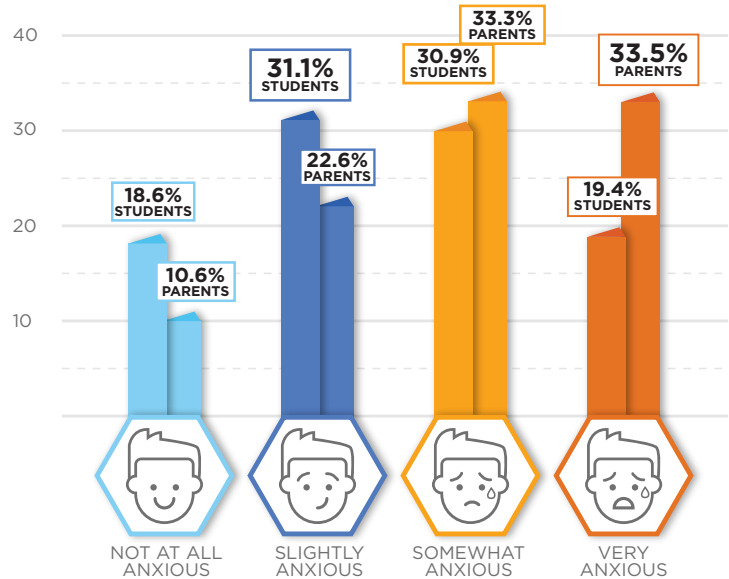
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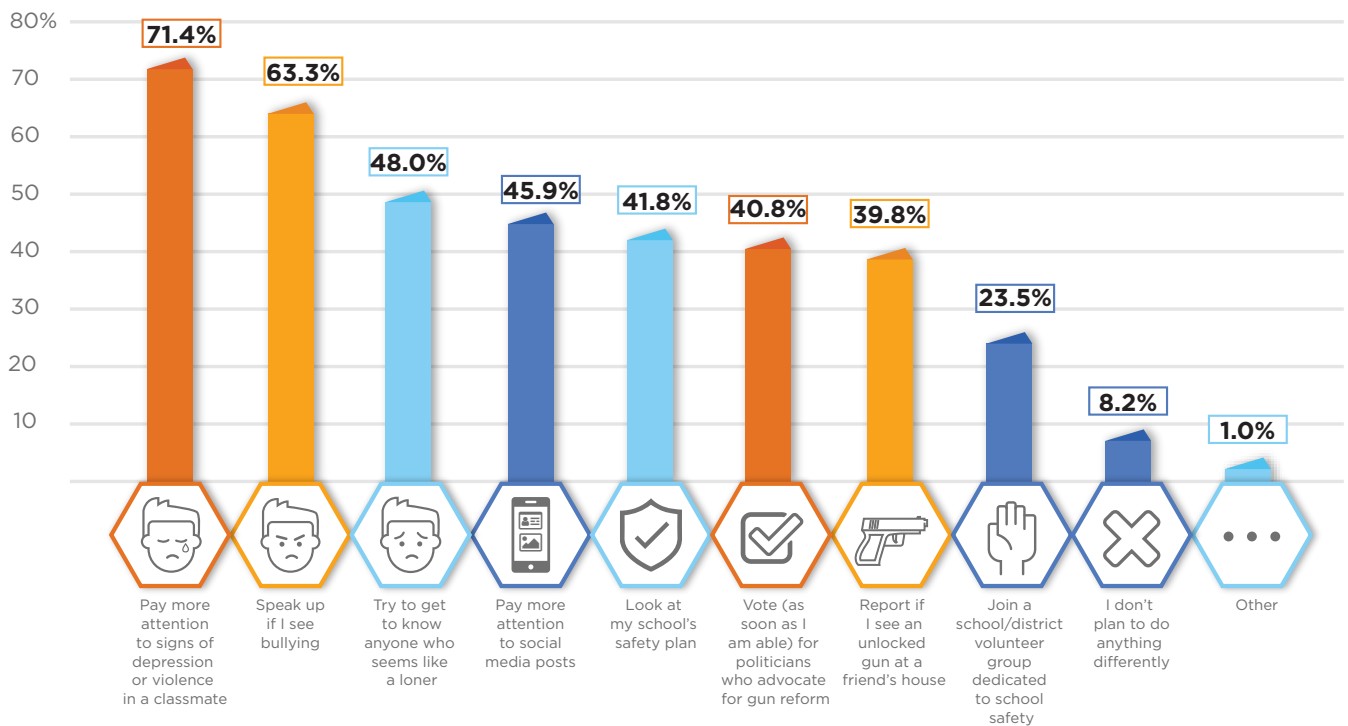
When asked specifically about anxiety over the risk of school shootings, 81% of students and 89% of parents expressed some level of anxiety.

As the new school year gets underway, how **anxious** are you feeling about school shootings? (parents & students, n=1002)



Ninety-two percent of both parents and students answered that they intend to take NEW actions to help improve school safety. The top choice among students (71%) was that they intend to pay more attention to signs of depression or violence in a classmate.

Which **actions do you intend to take** to help improve your school's safety? (students, n=501)

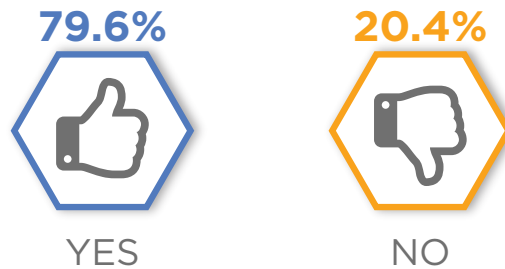




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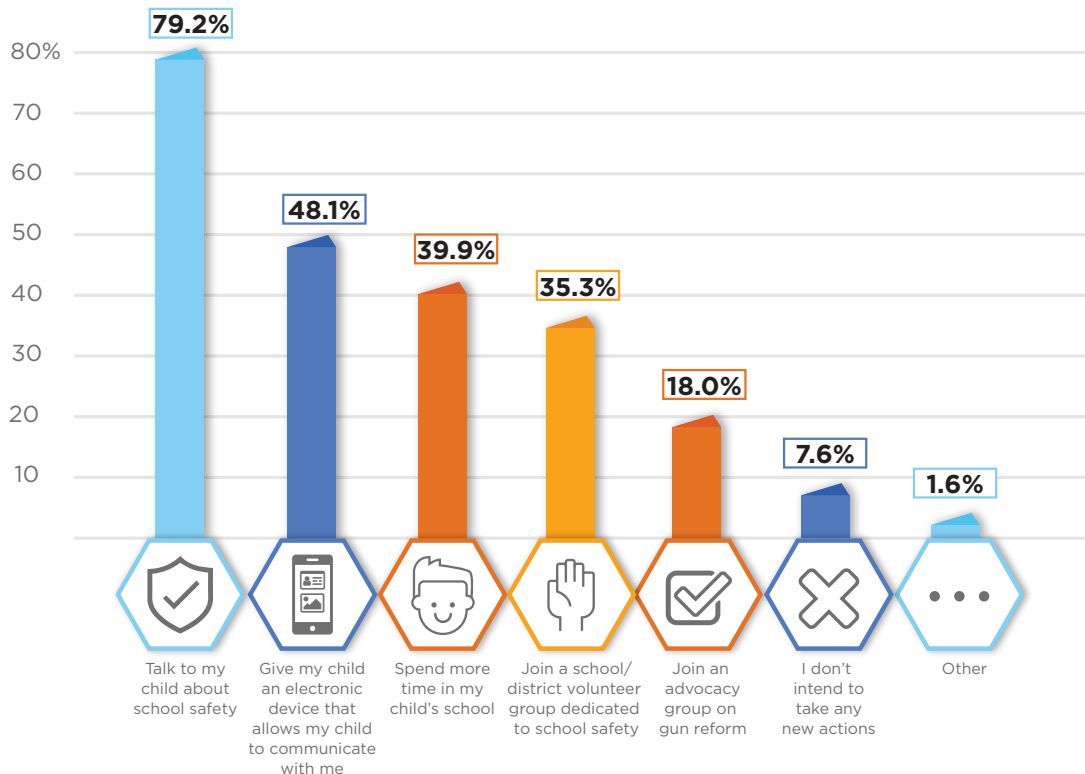
Most students (80%) also reported that they would know how to report a threat.

If you knew of a threat to the safety of your school or a friend, would you know **how to report it or where to turn** for help? (students, n=501)



For parents, the most common response to new actions they intend to take was to talk to their child about school safety (79%), followed by giving their child a communication device (48%) and spending more time in their child's school (40%).

Considering recent school tragedies, which of the following **actions do you intend to take**? (parents, n=501)

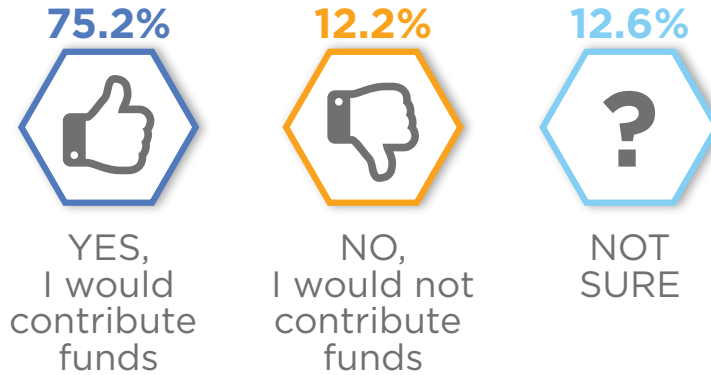




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In fact, parents feel so strongly about improving school security that the vast majority (75%) are willing to pay for it out of their own pocket. Only 12% answered that they would not be willing to contribute funds for school safety.

Would you **contribute funds** to your school for better school security? (parents, n=501)





About Safe and Sound Schools

Safe and Sound Schools is a national nonprofit organization founded by parents who lost their children and beloved educators in the Sandy Hook School tragedy. Since our founding, we have been joined by national experts, health and safety practitioners, mental health experts, leading law enforcement and public safety professionals, school leaders, parents, students, community members, survivors, and victims of school-based tragedies. Our focus has always been—and will always remain—on school safety.

For the past five years, Safe and Sound Schools has been working persistently in schools and professional communities across the nation to deliver crisis-prevention, response, and recovery programs, tools, and resources, backed by national experts. Safe and Sound Schools continues to answer the growing needs of school communities with custom programs, assessments, and training, reaching schools in every state in the U.S., as well as 133 countries. Our aim is to educate all members of the school community, from students and parents, to teachers and administrators, to law enforcement and local leaders.

We are proud to collaborate with organizations such as the Secure Schools Alliance, the Partner Alliance for Safer Schools, the National Association of School Resource Officers, the National Association of School Psychologists, the Jesse Lewis Choose Love Movement, Save the Children, and the Federal Emergency Management Agency to provide a truly comprehensive approach to school safety.

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About Raptor Technologies[®]

Raptor Technologies is the nation's leading provider of integrated school safety technologies for K-12 schools across the United States. Founded in 2002, Raptor developed the first web-based visitor management system designed for schools. The Raptor[®] system monitors visitors, contractors, and volunteers who enter a building and provides instant screening for sex offender status and custody orders. The system has flagged more than 50,000 registered sex offenders attempting to enter K-12 schools. In fall of 2017, the company unveiled Raptor Emergency Management[®], a system that helps schools prepare for, respond to, and recover from an incident with drill management, active incident management, and parent-student reunification tools. It also provides real-time reporting dashboards that allow administrators the ability to track the status and location of every individual in the event of an emergency. In 2018, over 22,000 schools across the nation trust Raptor to help protect their schools.

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