

The background is a composite image. The top left shows several yellow school buses parked in a lot, with the word 'SCHOOL BUS' visible on the front of one. The bottom left shows a classroom with blue walls, decorated with colorful balloons and framed pictures. There are several white desks and chairs arranged in rows.

# A Focus on School Safety

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# How Did We Begin?



- Identifying the issue
- Dividing into sub-groups
- Working together
- Guided questions and revision



# Our Method



- Working in sub-groups to identify student suggested recommendations
- Developing recommendations further based on scholarly research



# Before an incident:

What can we do now to prevent or minimize the chance of an event?

- Promote the STOP tipline.
  - Make schools more aware of the program.
- Improve intervention rate.
  - Respond to at-risk behaviors and reports.
- Support gun control legislation.
  - Require mental health evaluations before purchasing a firearm.



# During an incident:

What can we do to ensure the best response when an event happens?

- Active shooter drills.
- Improve training for first responders.
- Establish a clear notification system.



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# After an incident:

If/when the next school shooting happens in Kentucky, how do we prepare to support that community?

- Provide mental health support.
- Host town-hall style meetings.
- Repair and rebuild the school building.



# Conclusion



- School safety is a serious issue that is at the forefront of the minds of students throughout the Commonwealth.
- Students want tangible change made at an administrative and/or legislative level to improve their safety when they are in schools.
- These include, but are not limited to,
  - ❑ increased and improved training for first responders before an incident occurs,
  - ❑ and providing mental health supports for the community during and after a potential incident.

# Questions?



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