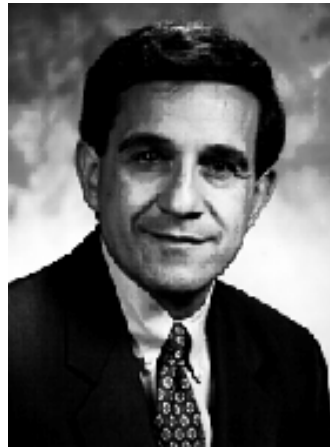


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## Commissioner's Update

October 4, 1996

Dear Superintendents and Charter School Leaders:

I have a relatively light mailing for you, including two grant opportunities:

1. [Elementary school violence prevention grant opportunity](#)
2. [Safe schools program "mentor grants" opportunity](#)

As you know, on October 21 we will be releasing the MEAP test scores from the spring 1996 grade 4, 8 and 10 test. I hope that the workshops held this week have been useful to you in your planning, and again offer my assistance and the assistance of the Department staff if you have identified any issues or questions you need resolved.

All the best, and

Sincerely,

Robert V. Antonucci  
Commissioner of Education

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## Elementary School Violence Prevention Grant Opportunity

### Memorandum

**To:** Superintendents and Charter School Leaders

**From:** Robert V. Antonucci, Commissioner of Education

**Date:** October 2, 1996

Attached you will find an FY'97 [Elementary School Violence Prevention Grant Opportunity](#), which was made possible by a provision in the state budget.

This grant program will provide funds to individual elementary schools or a consortia of such schools within the same district to develop and carry out educational programs and strategies to prevent elementary school students from becoming involved with violent activities.

Individual elementary schools may apply singularly for up to \$5000.

A consortia of elementary schools within a single LEA may apply for up to \$15,000.

The final recommended budget for successful applicants will be contingent on size of elementary school or consortia and scope of proposed program activities.

The original and two copies of the grant application are due in the Department of Education by November 15, 1996. If mailed, it can be postmarked no later than that date. We will not accept faxes. Completed application packages should be forwarded to the attention of the Learning Support Services Cluster, Massachusetts Department of Education, 350 Main Street, Malden, MA 02148 (781)338-3000.

**Name of Grant Program:** Elementary School Violence Prevention Initiative

**Fund Code:** 532

**Purpose:** The purpose of this grant is:

- to provide funding to individual elementary schools or a consortia of such schools within the same district to develop and carry out educational programs and strategies to prevent elementary school students from becoming involved with violent activities and to offer safe intervention strategies.

**Priorities:** Develop and carry out a violence prevention program for students in elementary grades that incorporates:

- Family involvement ( that includes outreach to families especially those who have children at risk);
- a focus on healthy school climate including the modeling of respectful relationships between teachers, administrators, family members and students that promote

inclusive decision making consistent with educational reform school-based management;

- training for teachers, administrators, family members, and students in violence prevention programs and strategies; including school staff training in appropriate responses and resources related to violence prevention,
- collaboration with local family and community resources.

**Eligibility:** Individual public elementary schools or some consortia of such schools within the same district.

**Funding:** \$170,000 is available to support elementary school-based prevention and intervention programs. Individual elementary schools may apply singly for up to \$5000 or consortia of such schools may apply for up to \$15,000. The final recommended budget for successful applicants will be contingent on size of elementary school or consortia and scope of proposed program activities.

**Fund Use:** These funds may be used to cover program costs including but not limited to in service training for school personnel, parent/community involvement including education activities, and supplemental curriculum or other educational materials. Cost of curriculums, or related materials shall not exceed 20 percent of the budget. Personnel salaries and related costs are not allowable. These funds must supplement existing Safe and Drug Free Schools program activities at the elementary school level.

**Project Duration:** Upon approval through 6/30/97

**Contact:** Learning Support Services Cluster

**Phone Number:** (781)338-3000

**Deadline :** An original and two copies must be recieved by November 15, 1996 at:

Massachusetts Department of Education  
Learning Support Services Cluster  
350 Main Street  
Malden, MA 02148

Applicant: <hr/> (School District or Agency)	Fund Code: 532
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### **Elementary School Violence Prevention Initiative**

In no more than four pages, please provide the following information:

1. Describe the school or consortia's need for these supplemental funds including a brief description of the school and/or local issues including demographics.
2. Describe your overall goals and how they will supplement existing violence prevention programs and initiatives such as Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities.
3. Describe a set of measurable objectives and activities for the development, implementation and evaluation of educational programs and strategies to prevent elementary school students from becoming involved with violent activities; and offer safe intervention strategies, including but not limited to:
  - family involvement, which may include outreach to at risk families;

- a focus on developing a healthy school climate, which includes modeling respectful relationships between teachers, administrators, family members and students that promote inclusive decision making consistent with educational reform school-based management;
- collaboration with family and community resources in the planning and implementation of the program;
- training for teachers, administrators, family members, and students in violence prevention programs and strategies that include appropriate responses and resources related to violence prevention;
- conducting a midyear assessment of program activities and accomplishments.

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## Safe Schools Program for Gay and Lesbian Students Grant Opportunity

**To:** Superintendents and Gay/Straight Alliance Advisors  
**From:** Robert V. Antonucci, Commissioner of Education  
**Date:** October 1, 1996  
**Subject:** Safe Schools Program for Gay and Lesbian Students Grant Opportunity

Attached you will find a FY 97 Safe Schools Program for Gay and Lesbian Students Pilot Mentor Program Grant opportunity, provided in partnership with the Governor's Commission on Gay and Lesbian Youth.

This small \$40,000 grant program will provide state funds to eight to ten school districts to create a mentoring program to help other schools start gay/straight alliances at the high school level. Gay/straight alliances are an important part of the Department's overall efforts to address violence, discrimination and harassment against gay and lesbian students and their family members.

All grant applications are due in to the Department of Education by Friday, November 1, 1996. If mailed, they need to be postmarked no later than November 1. The original and **two copies** should be sent to the attention of Michael Kozuch, Learning Support Services, Massachusetts Department of Education, 350 Main Street, Malden, MA 02148, (781) 338-3000 phone, (781) 338-3770 FAX.

Thank you for your interest in this grant opportunity. I look forward to hearing from you.

**Name of Grant Program:** Safe Schools Program for Gay and Lesbian Students Pilot Mentor Program

**Fund Code:** 378

**Purpose:** Eight to ten high schools with model gay/straight alliances shall be selected through the RFP process to receive grants of \$4,000 to \$5,000. The high school shall assist four to six high schools in its region in the formation of gay/straight alliances or strengthening of existing groups.

**Priorities:** Each grant recipient shall:

- Identify four to six high schools that need assistance in forming or strengthening a gay/straight alliance.
- Develop and implement a plan to assist each of these schools.
- Conduct several community forums in the region to model their gay/straight alliance for others in the area.

- Make regular visits to nearby high schools to observe and support the newly formed gay/straight alliances.
- Establish a home page on the World Wide Web and assist the four to six high schools to establish their own home page; or organize an exhibit or competition of art, drama, essays, poetry, films, photography, etc with four to six high schools in the region.
- Reach out to gay and lesbian students from under represented groups.
- Develop advocacy skills to gain administrative and community support for program development and implementation.
- Integrate safe schools initiatives into the Curriculum Frameworks and comprehensive health education programs.
- Distribute the reports and publications of The Governor's Commission on Gay and Lesbian Youth at all workshops and other events.
- Submit all written materials to the DOE and the Commission for their review and final DOE approval; and ensure that the name of The Governor's Commission of Gay and Lesbian Youth appears on all approved written material.
- Submit a mid-year status report and an end of year report to the DOE. The DOE will share copies of these reports with the Governor's Commission on Gay and Lesbian Youth.

**Eligibility:**The school district must have received a Safe Schools grant in FY94, FY95 or FY96. The district must have a gay/straight alliance in existence and show a high degree of accomplishment in implementing the other Board of Education Recommendations and Anti Discrimination law.

The district should be successfully infusing Safe Schools initiatives into comprehensive health education, as well as into other disciplines and school programs, and should be integrating cultural awareness and sensitivity in their own program planning and service delivery so that these programs can be successfully modeled to other districts which have minority students.

**Funding:**A total of \$40,000 in funds will be available. Applications will be funded from the time of award, estimated to be October '96 until June 30, 1997. Approximately eight to ten grants will be awarded to school districts throughout the state at a maximum of \$5,000 per school district. Vocational Schools are encouraged to apply.

**Fund use:**Funds must be used by school districts with strong gay/straight alliances to design and implement a mentoring program that will assist less experienced high schools in creating or strengthening gay/straight alliances.

**Project Duration:**upon award - 6/30/97

**Contact Person:**Michael Kozuch

**Phone Number:**(781)338-3000

**Training To Be Provided:**By staff as needed.

#### **Part IV Narrative Outline**

**Grant Program:**Gay/Straight Alliance Mentoring Program

**Fund Code:**378

In no more than two pages,

1. Please describe the current activities of your gay/straight alliance including projects, educational role of the group within the school and your community as well as development of any educational materials.
2. Describe your plans for assisting the 4-6 high schools in your region in forming or strengthening the gay/straight alliances.
3. Describe the activities that will address the priorities of the mentor program, the person responsible for coordinating each activity, and a timeline? What are the expected results?
4. Please describe your project activities regarding integrating cultural awareness and sensitivity in program planning and service delivery insuring that the strengths and needs of minority students and their families are addressed.
5. How will you evaluate the effectiveness of the program?

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