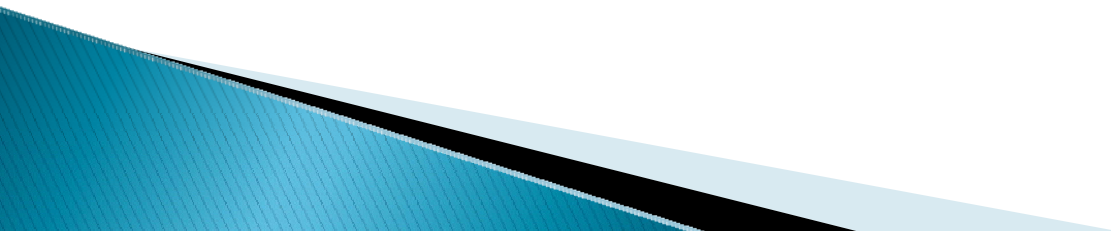


**School violence is
interrupting the education
of our students.**

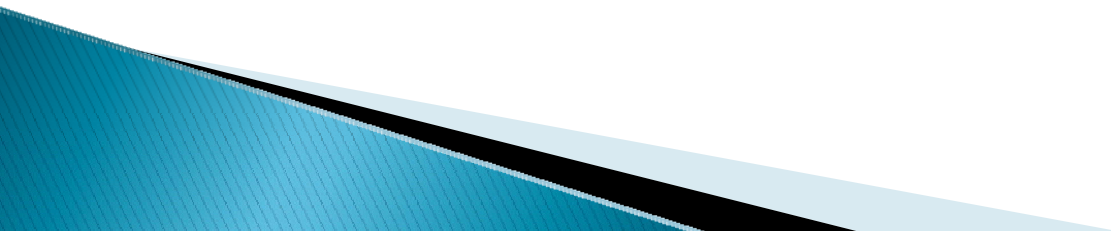


The State of Maryland is
committed to school safety.

Schools *can* and *must*
be made even safer!



Summit convened by
Congressman Elijah Cummings
and State Superintendent of
Schools Nancy Grasmick



Summit on School Safety Solutions

June 3, 2008

University of Maryland, Baltimore County



Invited Participants

Students

Parents

Local Administrators

Elected Officials

Higher Education Representatives

Non-Profit Agency Representatives

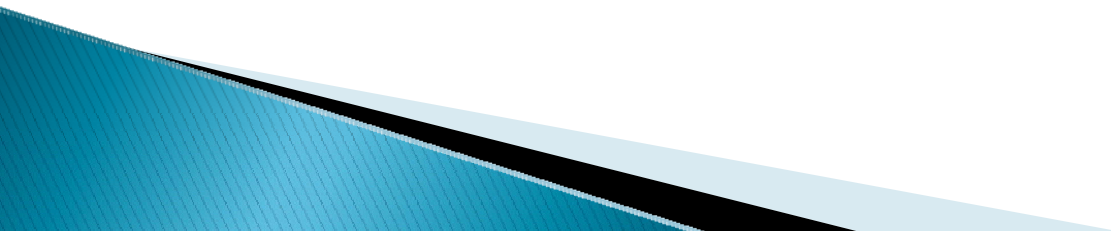
State and Local Government Agency Personnel

Teachers

School Principals

Faith-Based Leaders

Law Enforcement Officers

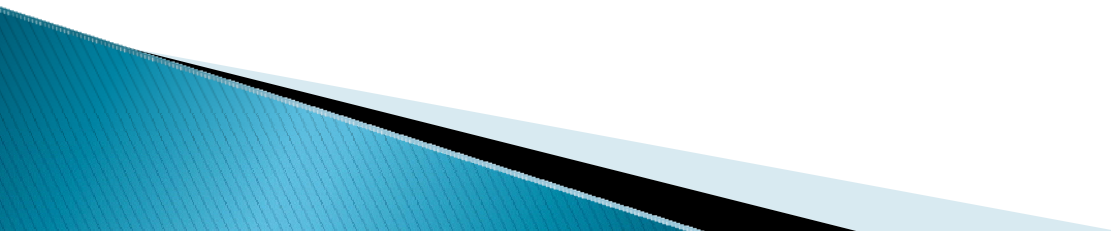


Summit Agenda

Participants:

- Listened to two keynote speakers and panelists
- Asked tough questions
- Shared viewpoints
- Proposed solutions to increase safety in Maryland public schools

Mr. Ivan Juzang, Founder and President MEE Productions, Inc.

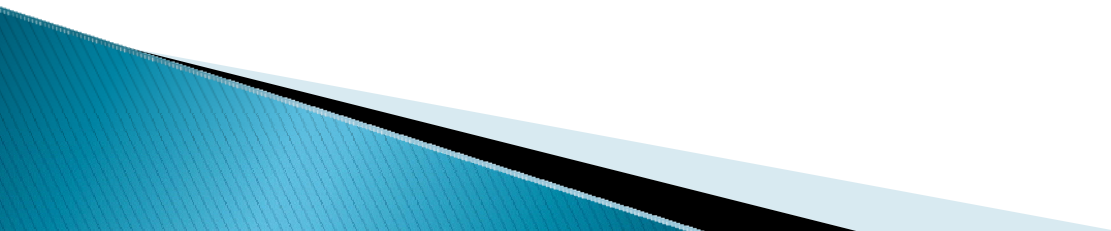
- ▶ Develop strong relationships between adults and students
 - ▶ Focus on prevention vs. punishment
 - ▶ Learn about students' cultures and worldviews
 - ▶ Help students learn alternatives to violence
 - ▶ Engage student leaders in school safety efforts
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Sam Goldstein, Ph.D., Psychologist
University of Utah School of Medicine

- ▶ Promote resilience, empathy and responsibility in youth
- ▶ Identify youth early who are struggling to develop self-control and intervene

Sam Goldstein (Continued)

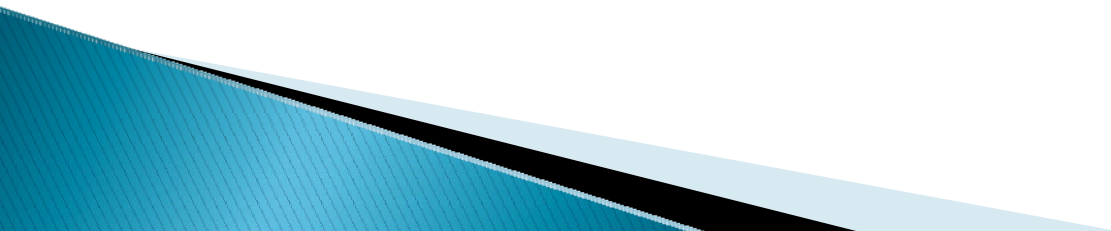
Promote five broad goals for students:

- ▶ Competence
 - ▶ Confidence
 - ▶ Connectedness
 - ▶ Character
 - ▶ Caring and compassion
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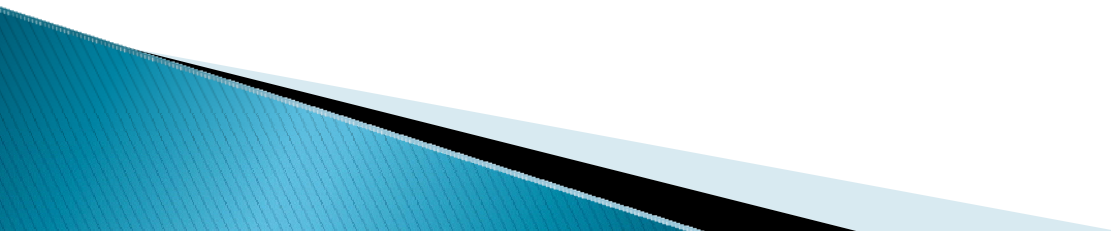
Panel Discussions Were Conducted

Breakout Groups Brainstormed Solutions

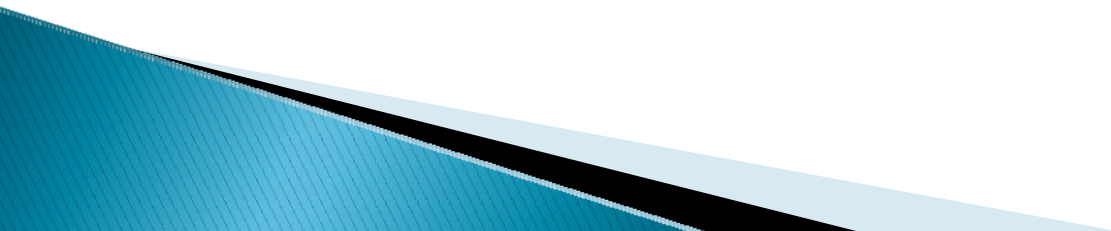
Staff Have Identified Frequently
Suggested Solutions



Family and Community Involvement


- ▶ Develop strong relationships
 - ▶ Identify safety as a priority
 - ▶ Encourage parent and community involvement
 - ▶ Allocate resources
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Students

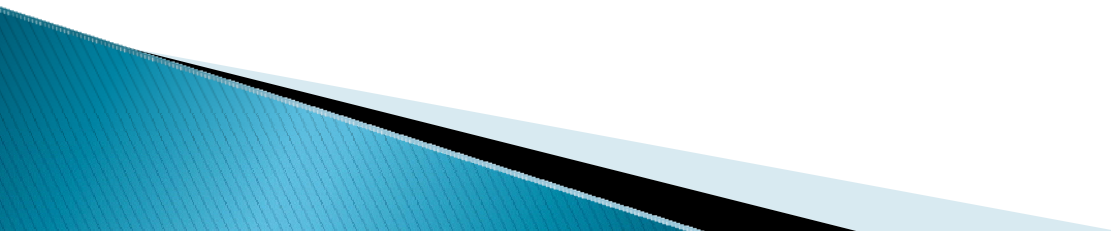
- Give students a voice in the process
 - Survey students
 - Conduct student forums
 - Involve students impacted by violence
 - Build relationships among educators and students
 - Mobilize community organizations to mentor students
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Professional Development and Preservice Training

Focus on:

- Developing relationships
 - Culture and behavior
 - Listening and communicating
 - Engaging families
 - Problem solving and conflict resolution
 - Peer mediation
 - Classroom management
 - Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports
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Services

- Identify research-based programs and services that address students' needs
 - Increase access to early interventions
 - Provide a continuum of supports and services that match the level of students' needs
 - Expand the PBIS continuum to include targeted and intensive interventions
 - Promote alternative education and mental health services
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Next Steps

1. Create a School Safety Solutions Summit Report.
 2. Hold statewide Student Summit on School Safety.
 3. Standardize behavior expectations, definitions and discipline codes across the state.
 4. Form action group to act on solutions.
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