



“Last spring, I convened Arizonans in my office. Parents. Teachers. Principals. Law enforcement. Prosecutors. Mental health experts. Democrats and Republicans. People who weren’t Democrats or Republicans. Students themselves. With a goal of being proactive, and taking action to stop a tragedy from happening here. We researched the five deadliest school shootings of the last 20 years, and asked: How could these have been prevented?”

*We built a plan that could make a real difference: **The Safe Arizona Schools Plan.**”*

Governor Doug Ducey
2019 State of the State Address

After meeting with Arizona parents, teachers, principals, law enforcement, prosecutors, mental health experts, Democrats and Republicans, and students, Governor Ducey released the Safe Arizona Schools Plan in March of 2018.

By examining the deadliest school shootings of the past twenty years, the plan proposes solutions with the intention of proactively preventing a tragedy from happening in Arizona. The fiscal year 2019 budget invested \$10 million to increase behavioral and mental health specialists on school campuses across the state.

Governor Ducey’s fiscal year 2020 Executive Budget will include increased investments to fund elements of the Arizona School Safety Plan, including enough dollars to fully fund the waitlist for school resource officers — putting a cop on every school campus that has requested one.

Incident	Details	Prevention Initiative: Severe Threat Order of Protection	Prevention Initiative: Enhanced School Safety	Prevention Initiative: Enhanced Background Check
Virginia Tech Blacksburg, Virginia April 16, 2007 Deaths: 32	A 23-year-old student, killed 33 students and faculty members and injured 23 others in two separate attacks before committing suicide.	The shooter had previously been diagnosed with a severe anxiety disorder. After an investigation into allegations he was stalking two female students, a Virginia special justice declared him mentally ill and ordered him to attend treatment; however, because he was not institutionalized, he was still allowed to purchase firearms.		Prior to the incident, a judge declared the shooter a danger due to mental illness, but the information was never entered into the federal background check database.
Sandy Hook Elementary School Newtown, Connecticut December 14, 2012 Deaths: 27	A 20-year-old shooter killed his mother at their shared home before taking her guns, driving to the school and murdering 20 first-grade children and six adults, including four teachers, the principal, and the school psychologist. He then killed himself as police arrived at the school.	A report issued by the Connecticut Office of the Child identified the shooter was on a “path to violence for some time”. School administrators identified troubling signs at an early age. While his mother may have indicated worry to friends, she never reported the concerns to law enforcement.	Event took place on a school campus. Our plan includes increased law enforcement, mental and behavioral health resources.	
Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Parkland, Florida February 14, 2018 Deaths: 17	A 19-year-old former student of the school killed 17 students and faculty members and injured 4 others. He is currently being held in custody after being indicted by a grand jury on 17 murder and 17 attempted murder charges.	Police were called to the shooter’s home 39 different times during a 7 year period. He was reported to the FBI for comments he made online. He also made threats to attack the school in 2016, and was caught with a gun-related object in his backpack.	Event took place on a school campus. Our plan includes increased law enforcement, mental and behavioral health resources.	
Columbine High School Littleton, Colorado April 20, 1999 Deaths: 13	Two students, an 18-year-old and a 17-year-old, opened fire at their high school, killing 12 of their fellow students and one teacher. The two committed suicide in the school library.	One of the shooters made detailed threats to beat up and blow up a fellow student. The local sheriff was called to his home, where they discovered a pipe bomb. The information was relayed to school administrators, but the matter was not looked into further.	Event took place on a school campus. Our plan includes increased law enforcement, mental and behavioral health resources.	
Umpqua Community College Roseburg, Oregon October 1, 2015 Deaths: 9	A 26-year-old man killed 9 people and injured 9 others. After a shootout with local authorities, the gunman walked into a classroom and committed suicide.	The shooter had been voluntarily hospitalized for mental health reasons. His mother spoke of his anger and mood swings.		