



COMMUNITY FORUM

APRIL 13, 2023

School Safety and Youth Wellbeing

Moderated by Thomas Risberg



NO MORE VIOLENCE WEEK

April 10-14, 2023



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Toby's House
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NMVW schedule

MONDAY

9:00-10:00 AM
MINDFUL
MONDAY
EXPRESSIVE
DRAWING

6:00-8:00 PM
Reading the
Label From
Inside the Jar:
Preventing
Violence While
Living in a
Culture of
Abuse

WEEKLONG
ACTIVITIES

TUESDAY

10:00-11:00AM
WRITING
WORKSHOP

6:00 - 8:00PM
Self Defense
Basics Workshop
Cordingly Room

6:00PM-8:00PM
LGBTQ+ ALLIES
Room B108

6:00PM-8:00PM
Behavioral
Detective:
Identifying and
Addressing Behavior
with Children
and Youth
(ECP credit available)

THREADS OF CONNECTION
Paris Gibson Square Art Museum
GF Public Library
Arden G Hill Memorial Library (Malmstrom)
Walk-in during normal business hours

PARENT NATION BOOK DISCUSSION
contact Great Falls Public Library

THE COLOR MONSTER
Children's Story Walk at Gibson Park
anytime April 5th-27th

WEDNESDAY

10:00-11:00AM
ART AS
A FORM OF HEALING
WORKSHOP

12:00-1:30PM
NAVIGATING THE
HARM OF TECH-
ENABLED TRAUMA
(lunch provided)

12:00-1:30PM
CRIME PREVENTION
THROUGH
ENVIRONMENTAL
DESIGN
*Great Falls Chamber
of Commerce*

6:00 - 7:30PM
SUPPORTING YOUTH
IN THE DIGITAL AGE



ALLIANCE FOR YOUTH



GREAT FALLS COLLEGE-MSU



GREAT FALLS PUBLIC LIBRARY



PARIS GIBSON SQUARE

THURSDAY

12:00-1:00PM
LET'S "TACO"
'BOUT FOSTER
CARE IN
CASCADE
COUNTY
(lunch
provided)

5:30 - 6:30PM
YOGA FOR
WELLNESS

6:00 - 7:30PM
SCHOOL SAFETY
TOWN HALL
*D.A. Davidson
Auditorium
Great Falls High*

ALL
EVENTS
ARE FREE

FRIDAY

12:00 - 1:00 PM
BOOKS AS
CO-PARENTS:
ENGAGING
CONVERSATIONS
WITH CHILDREN
AND YOUTH
Cordingly Room

7:00PM
DRUM
BROTHERS
COMMUNITY
CONCERT

SCAN
HERE
FOR:
DESCRIPTIONS
AND
REGISTRATION



SCAN ME

NATIONAL STATISTICS

- Since 1970, 637 people have died in shootings at schools in the US. Additionally, 1,734 were injured and 73 suffered minor injuries.
- Each day in our nation, there are an average of over 3,703 suicide attempts by young people grades 9-12. If these percentages are additionally applied to grades 7 & 8, the numbers would be higher. 12 teenagers actually commit suicide each day in the USA.
- In 2021 over 1146 teenagers died of drug overdoses in the USA
- It is estimated that 2,300 children are missing every day in the United States

LOCAL STATISTICS

- Partner Family Assaults grew in Great Falls from 165 in 2015 to 389 in 2021. 44 youth were charged with PFMA in 2021.
- Child neglect and abuse in Cascaded County rose from 129 in 2015 to 301 in 2021.
- In 2021, 80% of the Children removed from homes in Cascade were a result of Substance Abuse
- In Cascade County during the 2021 school year, 30% of Middle Schoolers and 40% of High Schoolers reported feeling sad & hopeless everyday for two weeks or more. 12% of High Schools and 14% of Middle Schoolers reported attempting suicide at some point during that year. (YRBS)
- Since August 2022 to present – 80 students have presented to the ER for active and passive ideation. 16 of those students are 6th graders, 2 student deaths by suicide
- Between 2020 and 2022 the percentage of 11 year old's' who had tried Marijuana rose 233% and the percentage of 15 year old's' who tried it rose 253%
- The number of homeless students reported in GFPS this month is in excess of 450 individual children.



LET'S HEAR FROM THE PANEL

- What are the issues around student wellbeing and School Safety?
- What is your organization doing to address the Issues?
- What are the gaps in services or resources that you have identified?
- What else can be done?
- 5 Minutes Please!

GFPD SRO DETECTIVE- CLINT HUSTON

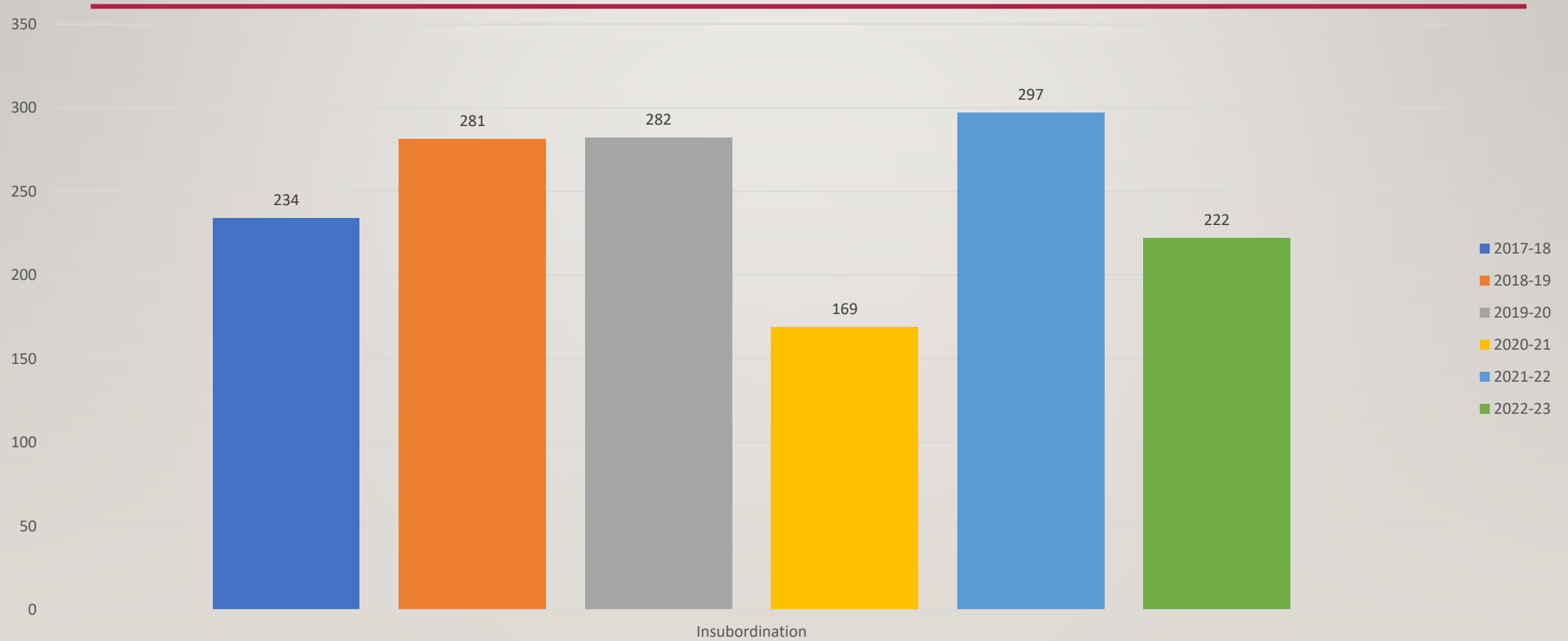
SAFE AND SECURE SCHOOLS DET. HOUSTON

Presented by GFPD School
Resource Officers

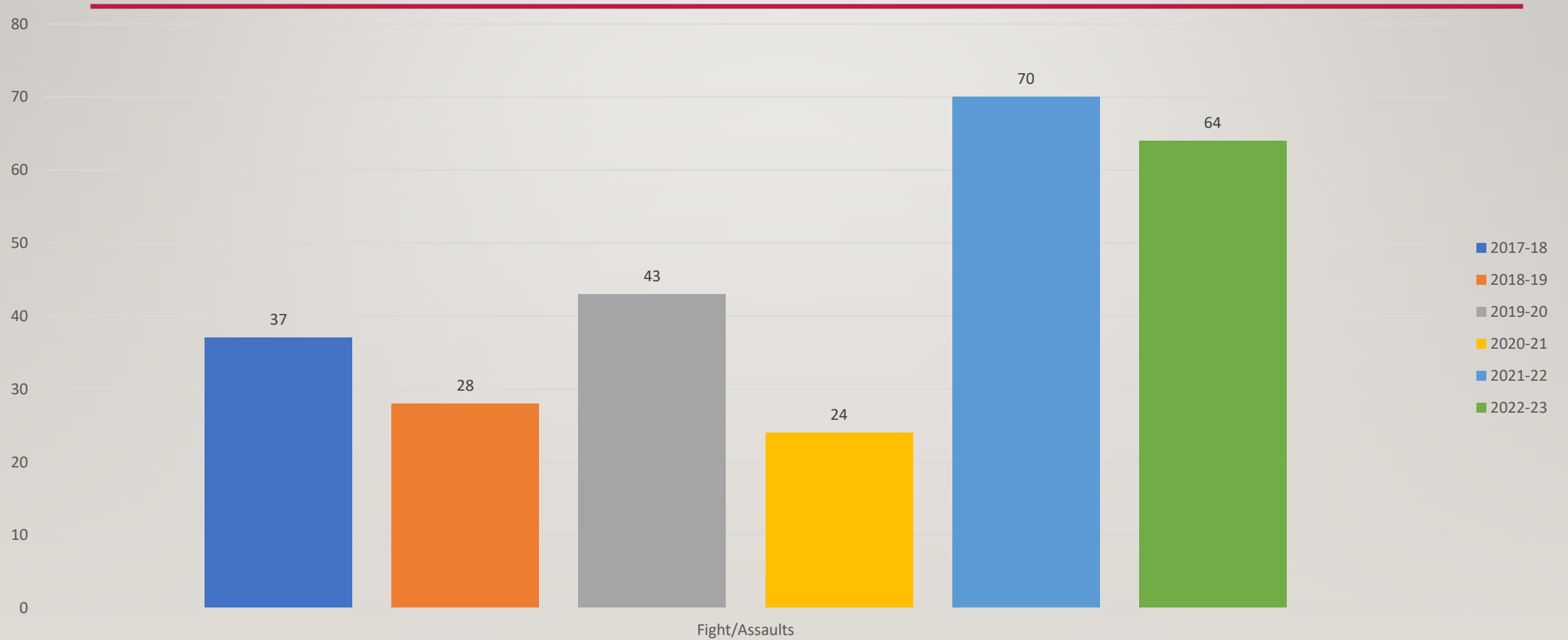
History and purpose of our Program

- **1980's - GFPS began employing retired officers to work truancy issues.**
- **1995 – Schools entered an agreement with the police department to have officers in the buildings full time.**
- **We currently have four officers assigned to GFPS.**
- **SRO's (School Resource Officer and sworn law enforcement) take on the role of teachers, law enforcement and informal counselors.**

CMR AND GFH INSUBORDINATION



CMR AND GFH FIGHTS/ASSAULTS



GFPD DETECTIVE- SCOTT BAMBENEK

What is ICAC?

- Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force Program
- Developed in 1998 in response to the increasing number of children and teens using the internet
- The ICAC program is a national network of 61 coordinated task forces representing more than 5,400 federal, state, and local law enforcement and prosecutorial agencies.



CyberTipline Weekly Activity Report #1297 (March 26, 2023 – April 1, 2023)

Type of Incident*	Weekly	Program to Date**
Child Pornography	276,819	157,242,170
Child Sex Tourism	42	11,345
Child Sex Trafficking	410	137,178
Child Sexual Molestation (not in the family)	343	91,650
Misleading Domain Name (since 04/2002)	33	25,161
Misleading Words or Digital Images on the Internet (since 10/2002)	98	54,229
Online Enticement of Children for Sexual Acts	2,199	334,744
Unsolicited Obscene Material Sent to a Child (since 09/2002)	6,371	81,039
Submitted Without Incident Type	-	1,089
Total # of Reports	286,315	157,978,605

What are we doing?

Awareness and Education

- School Resource Officers providing presentations to students and staff regarding internet / social media safety.
- Missingkids.org/NetSmartz

ICAC Task Force

- Holding offenders accountable locally, nationally, and even internationally.

Supporting Victims

- Victim/Witness Resources.

Challenges we face

- **Generational gap in technology/internet/social media knowledge.**
- **Parental supervision – Unlimited access to all things internet.**
- **Device passcodes.**
- **Forensic Lab backlog.**
- **Large amounts of data - iPhone 13 & 14 *1 TB**

**Great Falls Police
Department**

SVU

Special Victims Unit



Sergeant Katie Cunningham

What is the SVU?



Crimes Against Children

- Sexual abuse
- Physical abuse
- Medical neglect
- Physical neglect
- Drug endangered children

Investigators

- 4 School resource officers
- 3 Hands on investigators
- 1 ICAC investigator
- 1 SVOR/DEC investigator

Local Statistics



2021

302 Total cases

Not including SRO reports

- 96 Child sex offenses
- 22 Child abuse
- 14 Drug endangered children
- 61 Human trafficking

2022

328 Total Cases

Not including SRO reports

- 97 Child sex offenses
- 32 Child abuse
- 11 Drug endangered children
- 64 Human trafficking

Issues?



- Substance misuse – 1 in 8 children
- Mental health access for children – TFCBT
- Failure of caregivers educating children
- Parent education – carrot vs stick



Looking Forward

- See something, say something
 - 866-820-5437
- Education
 - No More Violence Week
 - Alliance for Youth
 - The Dandelion Foundation



GFPS BUSINESS OPERATIONS DIRECTOR, BRIAN PATRICK

Great Falls Public Schools

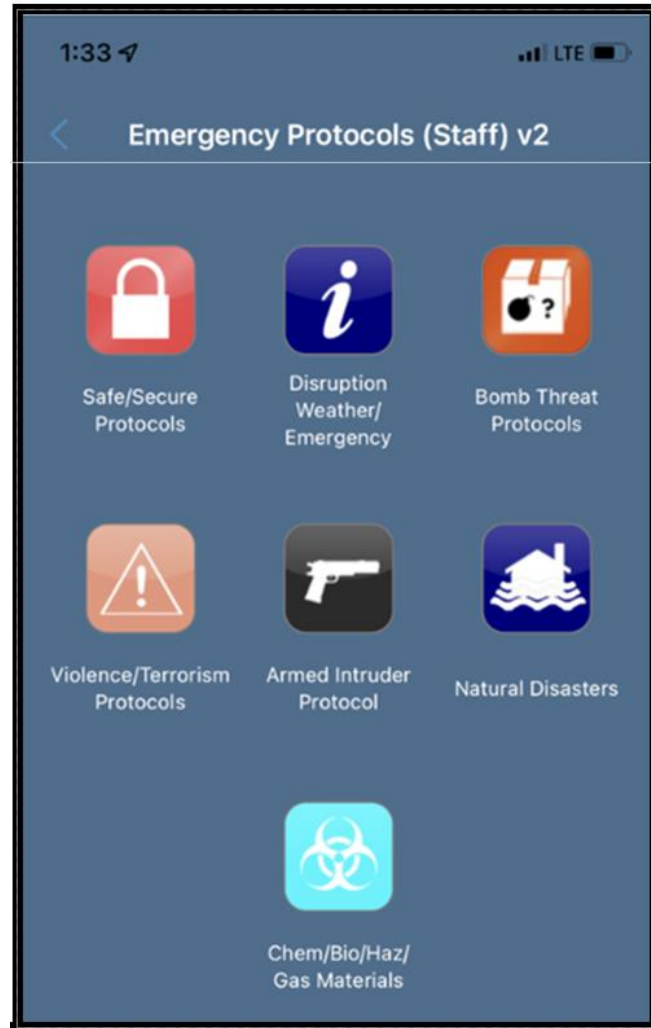
Safety Information

Montana Safety Culture Act

Staff Representing All Employee Work Groups
Annual Safety Meetings



Workers Compensation Claims- Workers Compensation- 9 Emergency Drills Per Year - Cabinet – Table top exercises -Real life tests – communication -Speed Signs- Outdoor Alert Poles- School Camera Systems- Building Walkthroughs - Superintendent Staff survey- Playground Inspections - Video Library- Cyber Security - Student Mental Health- Youth Risk Behavior Survey



Crisis Manager Phone Application

UHF Radio System Coverage

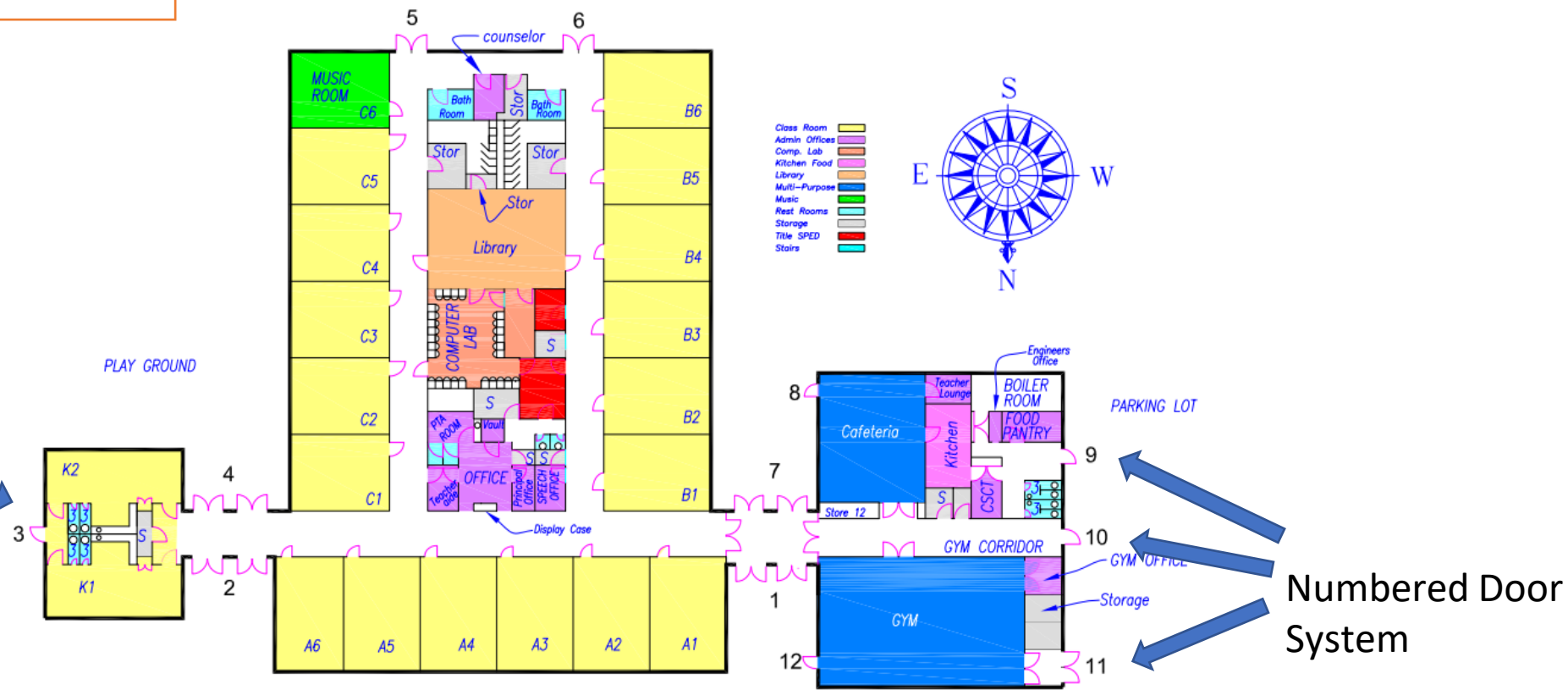


Secured Door Entrance Improvements



Floor Plans for Emergency Services

School Key Entry
Lockbox for
Emergency
Personnel



SACAJAWEA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

JENNIFER TUTEN
GREAT FALLS HIGH SCHOOL
1/4/96

Revised: 9.22.09 Updated 10/10/2014 LCT Auto Cad 2014

Annual Inspections



Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED)

Insurance Company

Fire Department

Asbestos

Department of Labor

Food Service (OPI and Federal)

County Health Department

Lifts

Playgrounds

Chemical Hygiene Plans

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT, HEATHER HOYER

Training and Preparedness

Teacher and Staff

- Trauma Informed
 - Poverty
- Responsibility Centered
- Character Strong
- ACES
- Armed Intruder
- Fire
- Earthquakes
- Threat Assessments

Practice.... Prepare

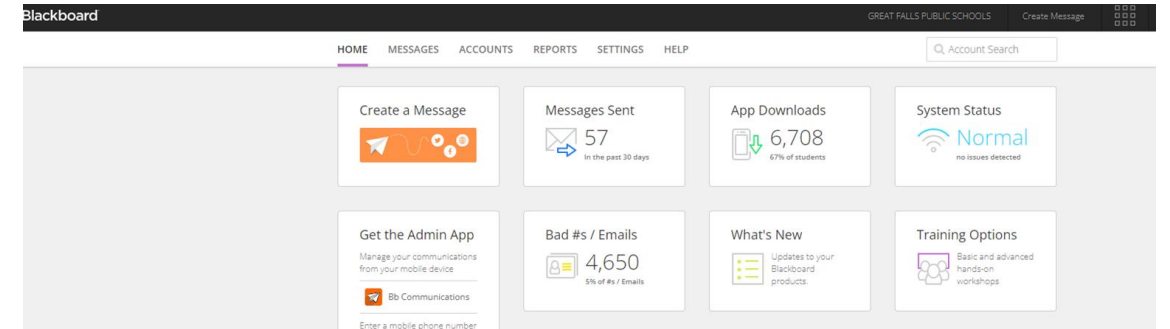
- Drills - 8 a year
 - Class hold
 - Shelter-In-Place
 - Lockdown
 - Evacuation
 - The Great Montana Shakeout
- Screenings for student well-being
- Drug dogs



Communication

Response

Blackboard



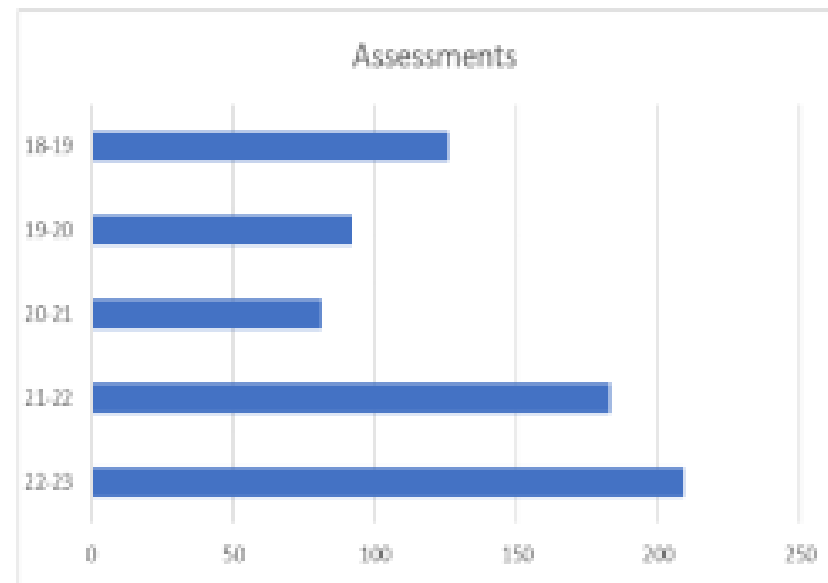
Messaging goes out:

- District team
- Parents/teachers/students
- Reoccurring as needed
- Only as good as the numbers we have!

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT, LANCE BOYD

Threat Assessment Process and Procedure

Threat and Suicide Assessments



Administrative Hearings

- Board Policy- 3000 Series for Students
- Serious violations are brought to Admin Hearing panel- to look at discipline up to and including expulsions
- Cascade County Safety Team

VALERIE WINFIELD, DEPUTY COUNTY ATTORNEY – HANDLES MANY JUVENILE CASES



Cascade County MONTANA
Gateway to the outdoors

Criminal Division

The Criminal Division of the County Attorney's Office is responsible for prosecuting all felony offenses which occur anywhere within Cascade County and all misdemeanor offenses which occur outside the city limits of the City of Great Falls.

Youth Court & Youth in Need of Care

In addition, the Division handles the prosecution of all persons under the age of 18 in Youth Court and Youth In Need of Care cases.

CHIEF JUVENILE PROBATION OFFICER, JASON RIPHENBURG

MONTANA JUDICIAL BRANCH
Youth Court Services
8th Judicial District

Youth Court At-A-Glance

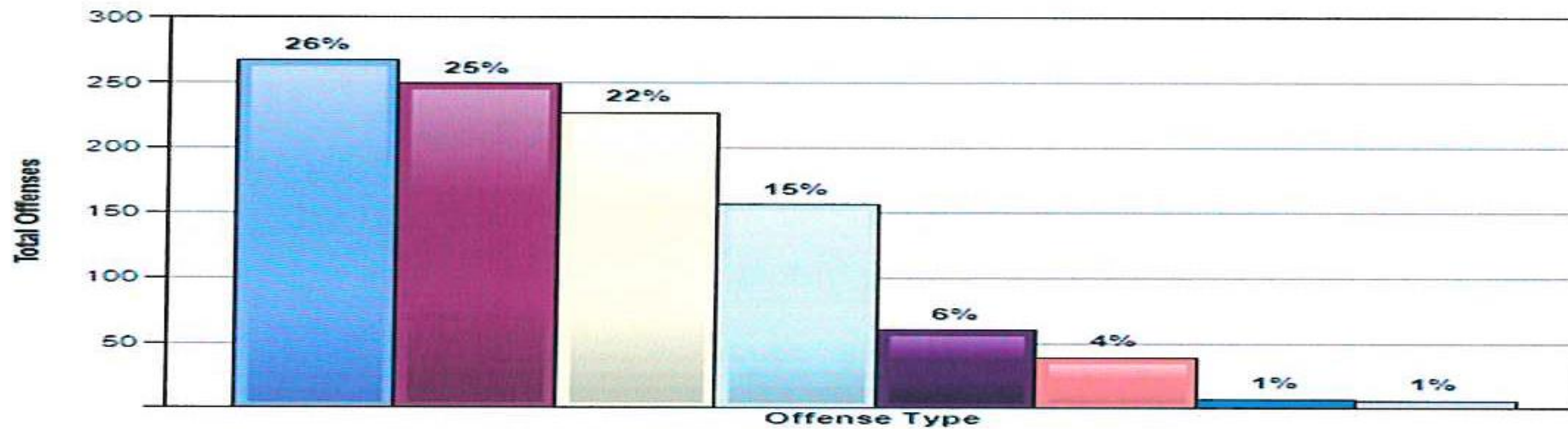
January 2022 through December 2022



REFERRALS TO MONTANA'S YOUTH COURTS

Youth Referred to Youth Court:	448
Referrals (a youth may have multiple referrals):	771
Offenses (a referral may have multiple offenses):	1,011

OFFENSE CATEGORIES



Status Offenses*: 267

Offenses Against Person: 249

Offenses Against Property: 227

Public Order: 156

Public Administration: 60

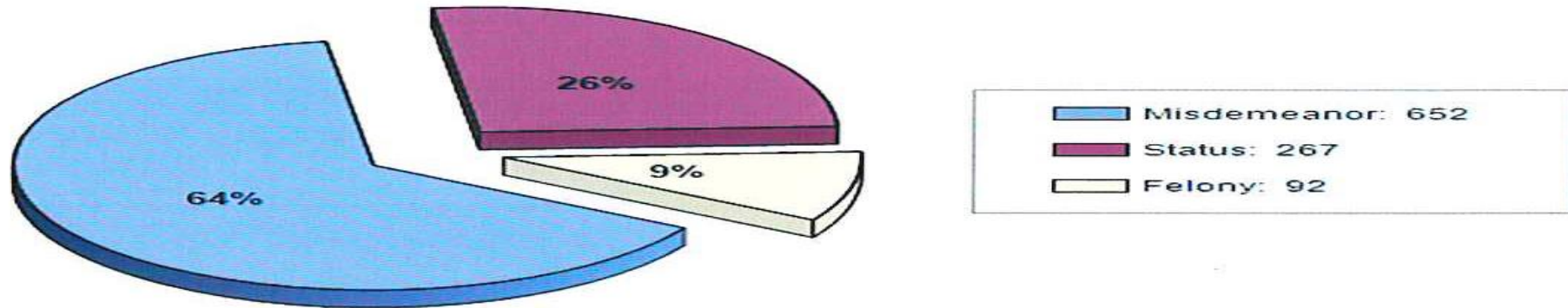
Violations: 39

Other (City/County Ordinances): 7

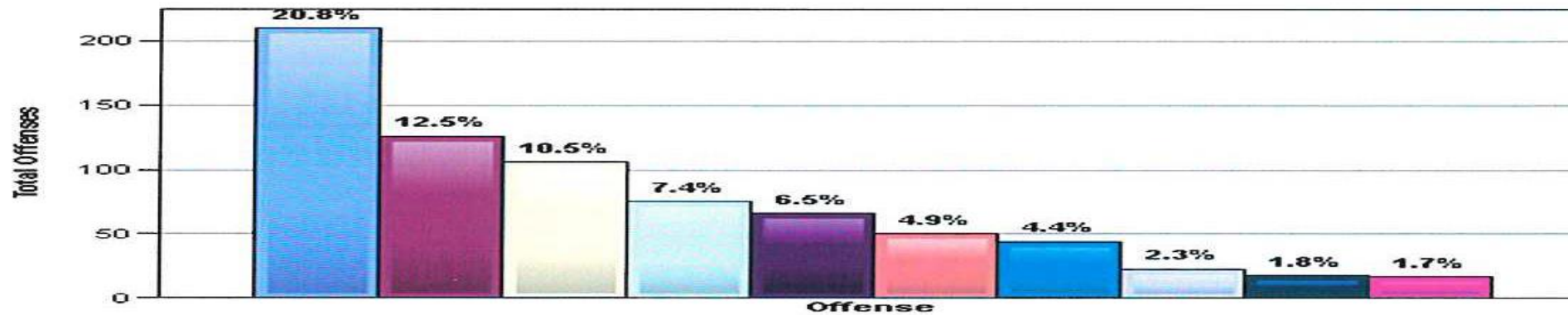
Dangerous Drugs: 6

* These are matters that are offenses because of the youth's age and include such things as a minor in possession of alcohol and marijuana, truancy, curfew or a run-away violation.

OFFENSE CLASSIFICATIONS



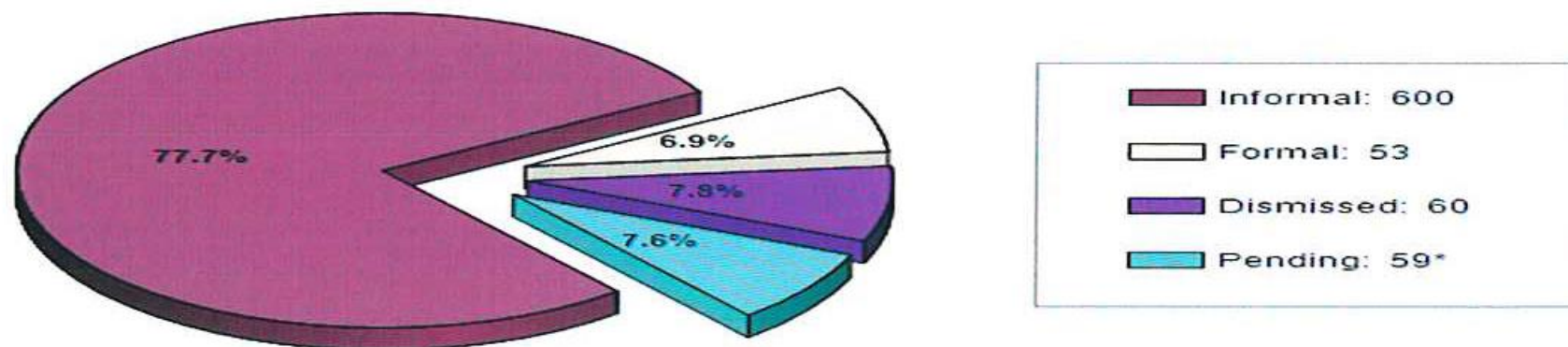
TOP 10 OFFENSES ASSOCIATED WITH REFERRALS TO JUVENILE PROBATION



Runaway Juvenile: 210	Criminal Mischief - Misd: 50
Disorderly Conduct - 1st - Misd: 126	Obstructing A Peace Officer - Misd: 44
Theft - 1st - Misd: 106	Criminal Trespass - Misd: 23
Assault - Causing Bodily Injury - Misd: 75	MIP Alcohol: 18
Partner/Family Member Assault - 1st - Misd: 66	Assault With Weapon - Felony: 17

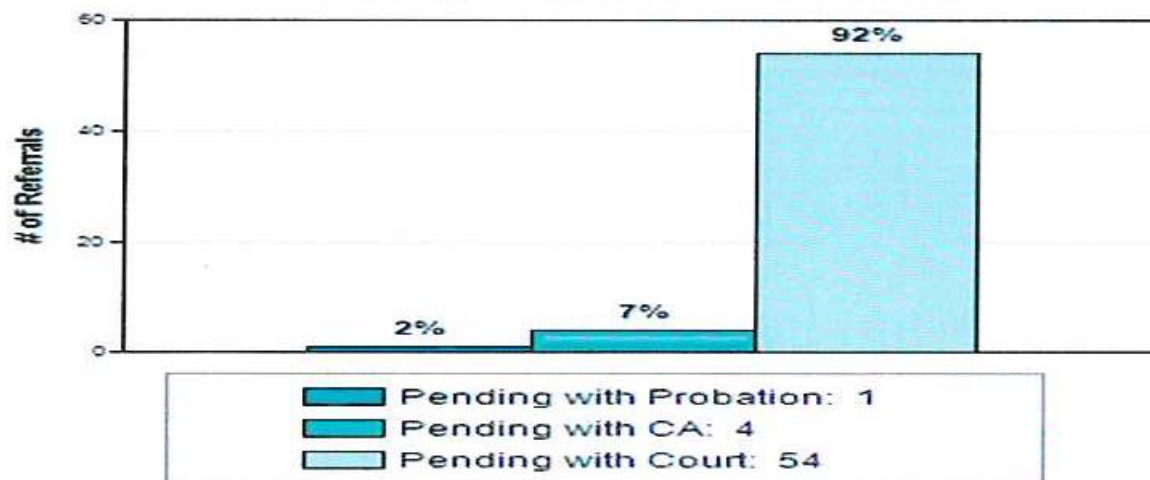
TYPE OF DISPOSITION USED

Informal:	Referral handled by Juvenile Probation Officer
Formal:	Referral in which youth appears before Youth Court Judge
Dismissed:	Referral in which case is dismissed by Juvenile Probation Officer, County Attorney, or Court
Pending:	Referral that is awaiting action from the County Attorney's Office or the Court, or a ticket has been issued and Juvenile Probation is waiting to see the youth and parent(s), or is awaiting further investigation by law enforcement

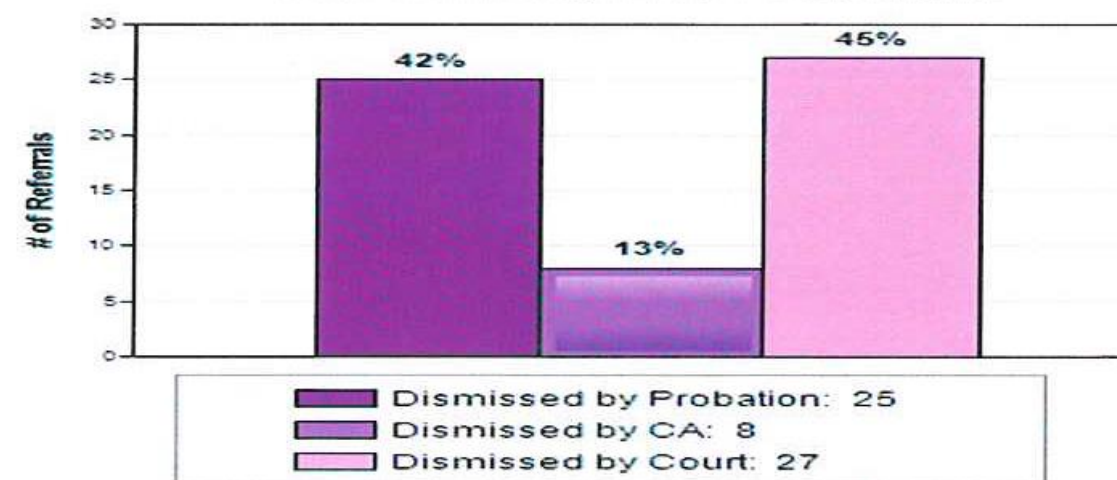


* Pending may include "In Progress" intakes, which are not included in other totals.

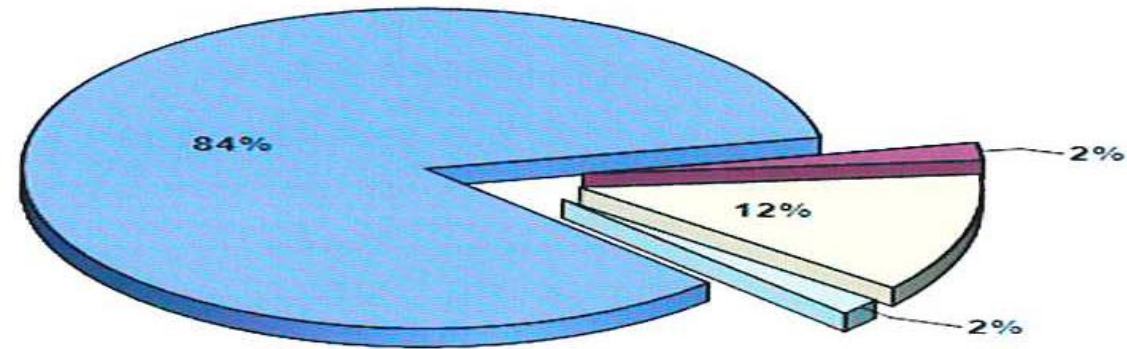
Pending Disposition Breakdown







Dismissed Disposition Breakdown

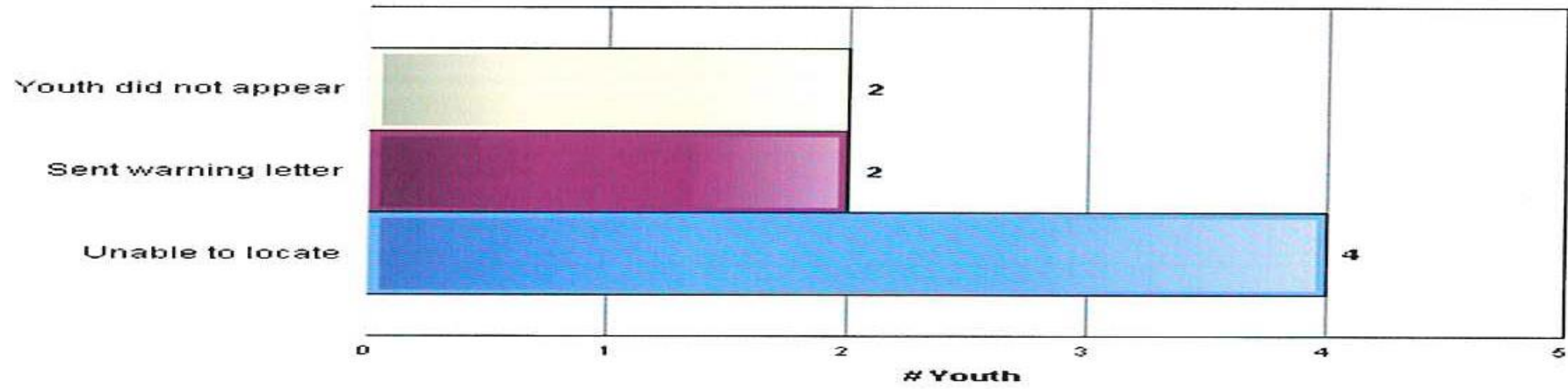


SCHOOL PARTICIPATION (UNDUPLICATED YOUTH)

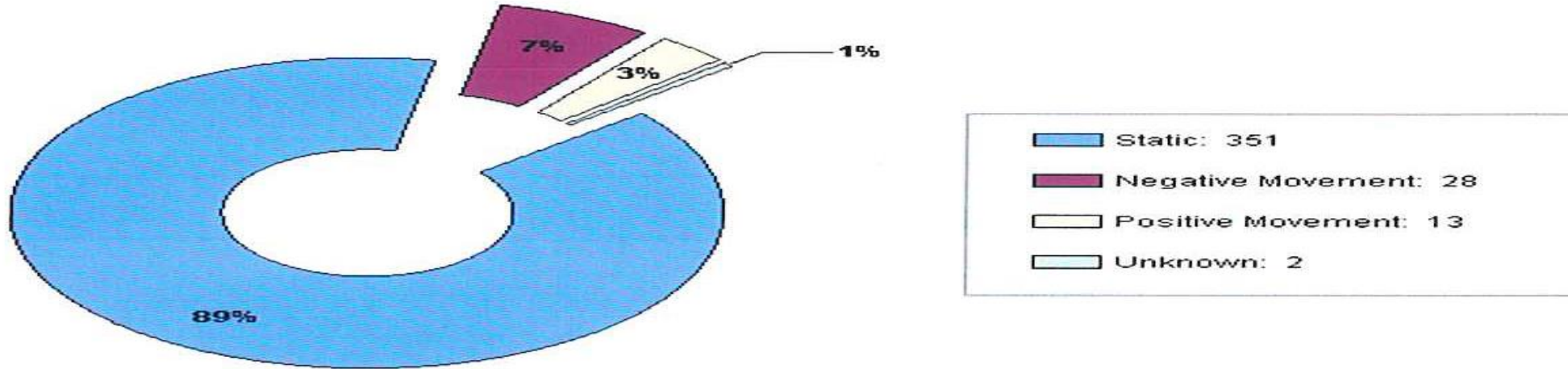


 Youth in an Educational Program: 375	 Youth not Attending School: 54
 Youth Graduated/Completed GED: 8	 Not Specified: 8

Reasons why School Participation was "Not Specified"



SCHOOL PARTICIPATION: AT TIME OF INTAKE VS AT CLOSURE



Positive Movement:

School Status at Time of Intake

Youth in an Educational Program	----->
Youth not Attending School	----->
Youth not Attending School	----->
Youth Education Not Specified	----->

School Status at Intake Closure

Youth Graduated/Completed GED
Youth in an Educational Program
Youth Graduated/Completed GED
Youth in an Educational Program

Negative Movement:

School Status at Time of Intake

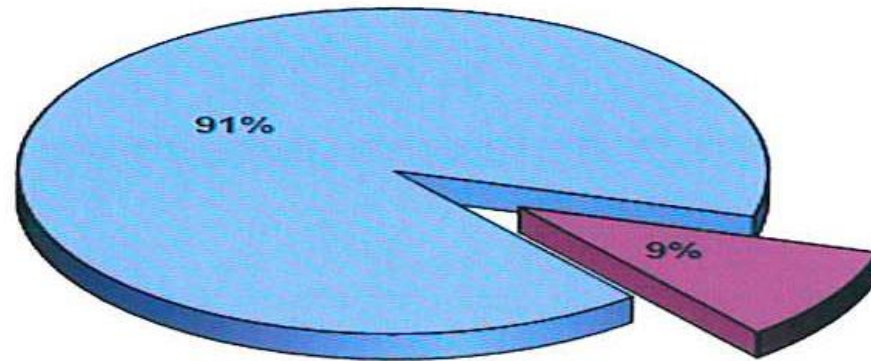
Youth in an Educational Program	----->
Youth in an Educational Program	----->

School Status at Intake Closure

Youth not Attending School
Youth Education Not Specified

RECIDIVISM WHILE UNDER SUPERVISION (UNDUPLICATED YOUTH NEW TO THE SYSTEM)

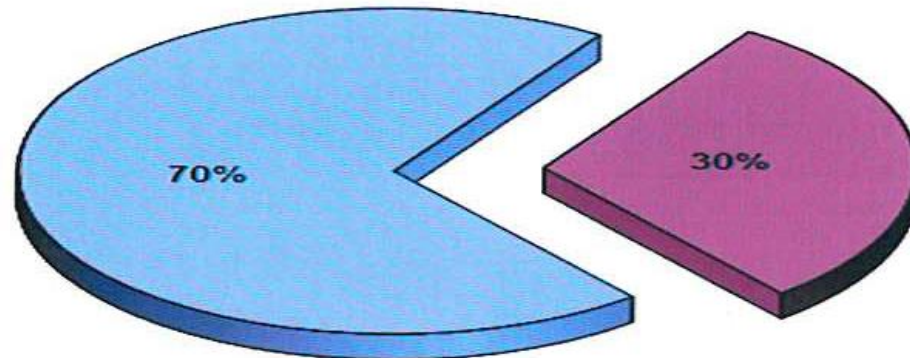
Recidivism on unduplicated youth that had their initial Intake in 2021 and committed a new offense prior to the disposition end date.





 Youth Having Successful Termination: 143
 Youth Committing New Offenses: 15

RECIDIVISM WITHIN 1 YR AFTER CASE COMPLETION (UNDUPLICATED YOUTH NEW TO THE SYSTEM)

Recidivism on unduplicated youth that had their initial Intake in 2021 and committed a new offense within 1 year of the original disposition end date.



 Youth Having Successful Termination: 111
 Youth Committing New Offenses: 47

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF ALLIANCE FOR YOUTH KRISTY PONTET-STROOP

Our Mission:

Alliance for Youth creates social change to advance healthy youth and family development within North Central Montana communities through educational and collaborative approaches.



TIME TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Question & Answer Period- (15 Minutes)

- Ask a specific question of a particular Panelist or a general question of the group.

Audience Feed Back- (15 Minutes)

Please take a few minutes and scan the bar code on your feedback sheet. Once you login, begin answering the three questions in the forum survey.

If you don't feel comfortable with the technology, please write your responses and turn them as you leave at the end of the evening

School Safety and Youth Wellbeing Community Forum Community Feedback

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Or use QR code

OR answer below

What issues or trends are you most concerned about related to student safety and wellbeing?

What are some gaps in services?

What should the district and/or its partners consider as an area to support student safety in the future?