

SUPPORT SAFE SCHOOLS ENDEAVOR

Ensuring that all children are safe while at school requires ongoing community support. This effort will only succeed because of all who believe that strengthening school safety is an investment in our children and future. We are grateful to all donors who generously give to the **Safe Schools Endeavor**.

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- I prefer to give anonymously.
- I would like to receive periodic email updates about this initiative and the **Northern New York Community Foundation**.
- Please contact me about additional giving options for the **Safe Schools Endeavor** as well as planned giving opportunities at the **Northern New York Community Foundation**.

Please tear this form off, complete and mail with your gift to:

Northern New York Community Foundation,
131 Washington St., Watertown, NY 13601

Give online at www.nnycf.org.

Designate your gift to the **Safe Schools Endeavor**

We sincerely appreciate your support!

THE SAFE SCHOOLS ENDEAVOR STORY

In the days that followed the Feb. 14, 2018, shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Fla., that left 14 students and three staff members dead and 17 others wounded, a group of North Country residents were called to act in their own communities in Jefferson and Lewis counties.

While school safety leads many discussions across the country, the **Safe Schools Endeavor** was created to encourage change at a very local level. Its founding members believe our children are our most precious resource and should never worry for their safety at school.

OUR FOUNDATION PARTNERSHIP

With generous support from the **Northern New York Community Foundation**, a \$20,000 matching grant for all gifts made in support of the initiative was announced and a focused effort to seek donations soon began. The movement struck a chord with many Northern New Yorkers who quickly gave to the effort, confirming a guiding philosophy that together *“A Few Can Make a Difference.”*

OUR STEERING COMMITTEE

A 12-member Steering Committee manages the **Safe Schools Endeavor**. Committee members include parents, school officials, nonprofit executives, retirees and a student representative from each county.

“Safety is not the school system’s burden to bear alone; it is our responsibility as a community to support and empower students, faculty and parents in a nonpartisan effort.”

— Erika F. Flint
Safe Schools Endeavor founding member
and steering committee chairwoman

QUESTIONS?

Email questions about the **Safe Schools Endeavor**, including: grant applications, the grant-making process, giving opportunities, and in-school programs to:

Mrs. Erika F. Flint
Safe Schools Endeavor
Steering Committee chairwoman
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Visit www.nnycf.org to learn more about the **Safe Schools Endeavor** and give online.



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WHAT SAFE SCHOOLS ENDEAVOR DOES

The **Safe Schools Endeavor** strives to support school safety for students, teachers, faculty and staff in Jefferson and Lewis county K-12 schools.

Any concept that helps to foster a safer school environment and is endorsed by the respective school district is eligible for grant funding consideration from the **Safe Schools Endeavor**. Examples of projects include costs associated with guest speakers or materials for movements out of national school safety initiatives, safety improvements to a school building or facility, basic lifesaving training and incident response, advocating for county, state, and federal sensible policy change, or raising public awareness.

WHO SAFE SCHOOLS ENDEAVOR SERVES

All K-12 school districts — 17 public and three private — in Jefferson and Lewis counties may apply for **Safe Schools Endeavor** grant funding to support school safety initiatives and safety-related educational programs.

“The Safe Schools Endeavor is all about empowerment. This program empowers the school community and its members to become active agents in coming up with and implementing ways to make our schools safer.”

— Stephen Todd

Jeff-Lewis BOCES superintendent and Safe Schools Endeavor committee member

SAFE SCHOOLS ENDEAVOR IN ACTION

In its first year, the **Safe Schools Endeavor** awarded nearly \$30,000 to 15 schools in Jefferson and Lewis counties for safety-related programs and initiatives aimed at strengthening physical security and improving campus culture for thousands of local youths.



Youth motivational speaker David J. Flood speaks to parents and community members during an assembly at South Jefferson Central High School, Adams, in March 2019.

“David Flood really changed the outlook I have on situations throughout every day in a positive way. He taught me to be an optimist.”

— Trevor Kellar

student, South Jefferson High School



Staff display new safety equipment at Indian River Middle School.



Keith Deltano, an acclaimed anti-bullying assembly speaker and comedian for schools, works with students at Sherman Street Elementary School, Watertown, in March 2019.

“Keith’s presentations have had a positive effect on students. Kindergarteners are repeating Keith’s phrase: ‘I’ll be friends with everybody!’”

— Stacey J. Burns

Watertown City School District



Youth advocate group Campus Impressions performs for parents and community members during an assembly at Carthage Central High School, West Carthage, in April 2019.

“This grant gave us the chance to teach our kids with an engaging, entertaining presentation.”

— Emily Remington

principal, Carthage Middle School

APPLYING FOR A SAFE SCHOOLS GRANT

Applications for **Safe Schools Endeavor** grant funding are accepted each fall, usually in early November, with award notifications in mid-December. The grant review committee finds extra merit to proposals that are student-driven. Examples of such efforts could include a specific speaker or a school-wide initiative that seeks to improve campus culture and behavior.

GENERAL GRANT GUIDELINES

- Schools may request any amount, but typical grants fall in a range of \$1,000 to \$2,500.
- Proposals must be for private or public school districts in Jefferson or Lewis counties.
- All programs and projects must be associated with school safety and occur during the school year once grant funding is awarded.
- Funding is not awarded as a means of reimbursement for programs or initiatives that have already been held in schools.
- Programs and projects must be approved by the respective school district as indicated by the signature of the school administrator.
- Proposals may come from individuals, organizations, or school districts.
- Grants can only be made to nonprofit, 501c3 organizations or school districts.

“Mark and I are excited to see the educational opportunities and improvements the Safe Schools Endeavor fosters. Thank you for swiftly and effectively acting when we all feel enough is enough.”

— Mark & Maria Purcell

Watertown