



In Denver Public Schools, we are committed to providing equitable and inclusive environments where we ensure that *all* of our students and families feel safe and socially and emotionally supported.

In light of recent local and national events surrounding immigration and refugees, we are aware some students and families are experiencing increased unease and uncertainty. In an effort to relieve these concerns, we have prepared a list of supports that DPS provides to students, families and educators during periods of high trauma and stress. We encourage you to review the list and take advantage of the resources offered.

### Services Offered to Students and Families

If a student is struggling emotionally, please **contact your school** principal, psychologist, social worker, counselor or nurse so they may support the student. Services available include:

- Counseling and crisis supports for students and families
- Social-emotional interventions, such as grief counseling
- Resources for emergency food, clothing or housing
- Mindfulness practices are available for students who have experienced trauma in school. Programs include MindUp, Learning2Breathe and Mindful Schools.
- Support, resources and handouts for families following traumatic events, such as immigration issues or the death of a student.

Our **family and community engagement helpline** is available to help navigate student and family concerns. Email [face@dpsk12.org](mailto:face@dpsk12.org) or call 720-423-3054. Multilingual interpretation services are available.

We also recommend the following resources for students and families:

- [Immigration Enforcement: Know Your Rights fact sheet](#) (in multiple languages)
- [Due Process fact sheet](#) for immigrant families

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### Services Offered to Schools and Staff

- A robust catalog of **Whole Child** resources are available for response to immediate school needs by visiting [wholechild.dpsk12.org](http://wholechild.dpsk12.org), click on “Educators” and access the Deployment Platform.
- The **District Crisis Recovery Team** is available to assist schools in planning supports for students. Contact Meredith Furtney ([meredith\\_furtney@dpsk12.org](mailto:meredith_furtney@dpsk12.org)) for assistance providing:
  - Direct supports to families
  - Grief training for parents following traumatic events
  - School psychologists and social workers to assist families and students following traumatic events
- The **Department of Safety** offers emergency management resources.
- **Professional development** is available to ensure the use of best practices, including:
  - Secondary trauma
  - Nonviolent crisis intervention
  - Crisis management
  - Youth mental health first aid
  - Self-care
- The **Employee Assistance Program** provides free confidential counseling for staff following traumatic events, secondary trauma or personal trauma history. Call 855-327-1377.

*If you have additional questions or concerns not answered here, please reach out to the office of Family and Community Engagement at [face@dpsk12.org](mailto:face@dpsk12.org) or the family and community helpline at 720-423-3054. Multi-lingual interpretation services are available.*