



# Virginia Tiered Systems of Supports

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# Safe and Supportive Schools

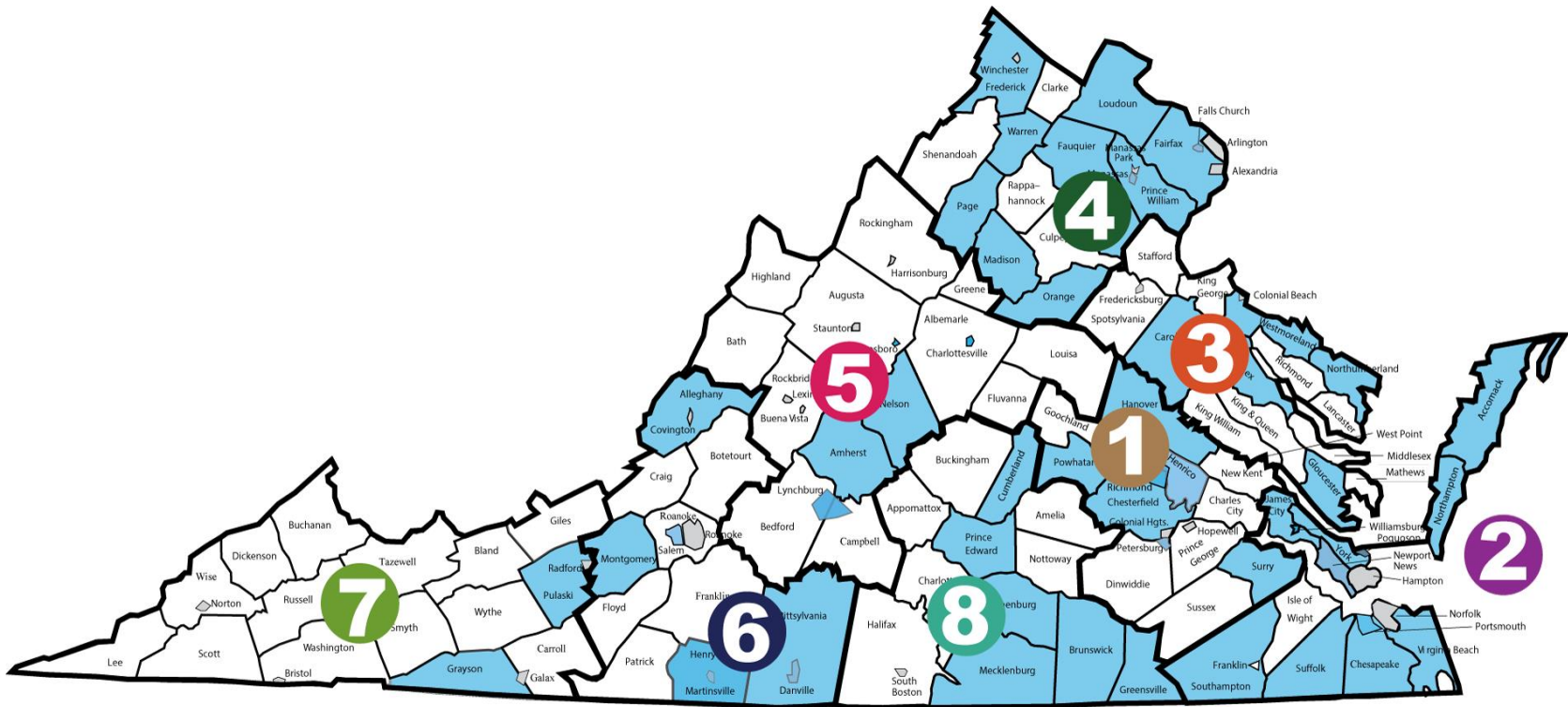
Support equitable learning for all students through developing and promoting a positive climate for all students, staff, and families through systems that address:

- physical health and safety
- emotional well-being
- social supports
- academic supports

# What is VTSS?

VTSS is a data-informed decision making framework for establishing the academic, behavioral, and social–emotional supports needed for the school to be an effective learning environment for all students.

# Scope of Implementation





# PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

# VTSS Trainings

- Division-level trainings: designed to build capacity of the school division to support and expand implementation of VTSS in their schools
- School-level trainings: designed to give school-level teams the knowledge and skills necessary to implement VTSS with fidelity

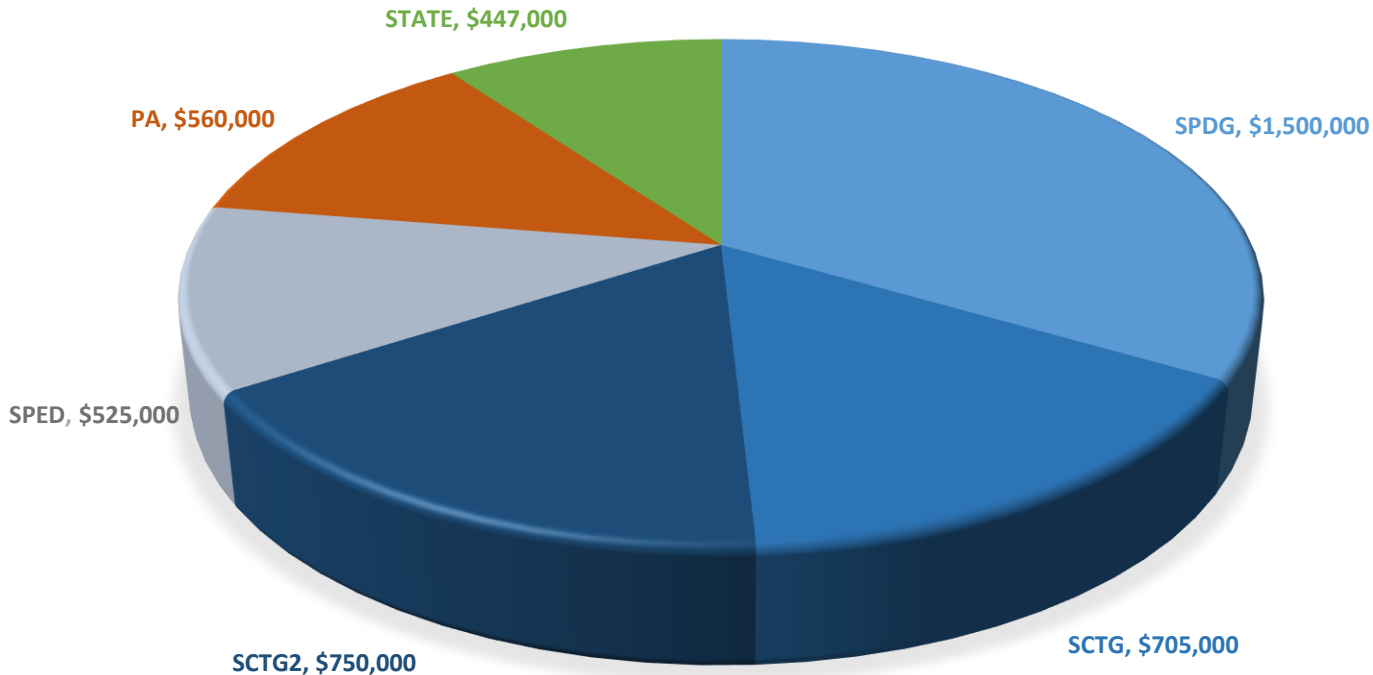


# VTSS Coaching

- Onsite average of 2x per month for initial 3 years; as needed thereafter
- Focus is division level
- Coaching at the school level with division coaches

# VTSS Funding 2018-2019

- Central Funding: \$4.5 million







# VTSS PROGRESS AND OUTCOMES

# Impact on Short-term Suspensions

↓ 9%

There was a 9% decrease in **Short-term Suspensions** in state-reported VTSS schools from 2015-16 to 2016-17.

↓ 5%

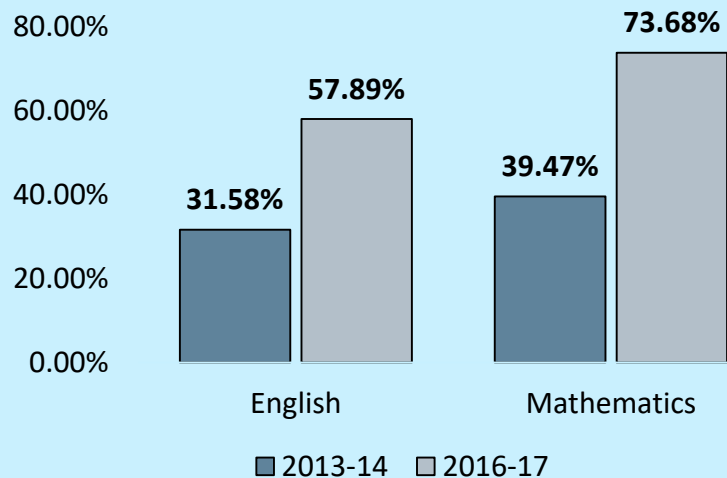
There was a 5% decrease in **Short-term Suspensions** in all Virginia schools from 2015-16 to 2016-17.\*

\*Includes VTSS schools

# Outcomes: VTSS 1-2

## Academic

- Increases % of schools meeting accreditation standards on the English and Mathematics SOLs



## Behavior

- 33% decrease** in *Office Discipline Referrals* EOY 2015 to EOY 2017
- 33% decrease** in *Out of School Suspensions* EOY 2015 to EOY 2017
- 21% decrease** in *In-School Suspensions* EOY 2015 to EOY 2017

# Outcomes: Project AWARE

- Increased access to MH services
  - 86% increase from 14-15 (Baseline) to 17-18 school year
- High rate of connection to community based services
  - 72% Virginia Project AWARE compared to 20-30% national averages
- Over 4,500 educators trained in Youth Mental Health First Aid
  - Over 9,300 children have been referred by “First Aiders”