



# SAFETY IN A DISTRICT'S DIGITAL PLAYGROUND.

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What **Digital Playgrounds** are  
being used in your classrooms?

A photograph of a school computer lab with students working on laptops, overlaid with an orange tint and a text box.

**ENSURE THE SAFETY & WELL-  
BEING OF YOUR STUDENTS ON  
THEIR SCHOOL-ISSUED  
ACCOUNTS**



## CONTENT ANALYSIS

Machine learning technology blocks potentially harmful content and images in students' gmail and drive accounts.



## EXPERT REVIEW

An in-house team of trained safety professionals work 24/7 to evaluate all blocked content, categorize incidents, and determine severity.



## RAPID RESPONSE

In severe situations, district-appointed contacts are immediately notified by phone, even after standard business hours.

# WHY ARE WE HERE?

- 749,000 students were **victims of violence**
- 1,000,000 students were **threatened with a weapon** on school property
- 876,000 students were **afraid of attack or harm** at school
- 250,000 students seriously considered attempting **suicide**
- 1,000,000 students were harassed, threatened, or subject to other forms of **cyberbullying**

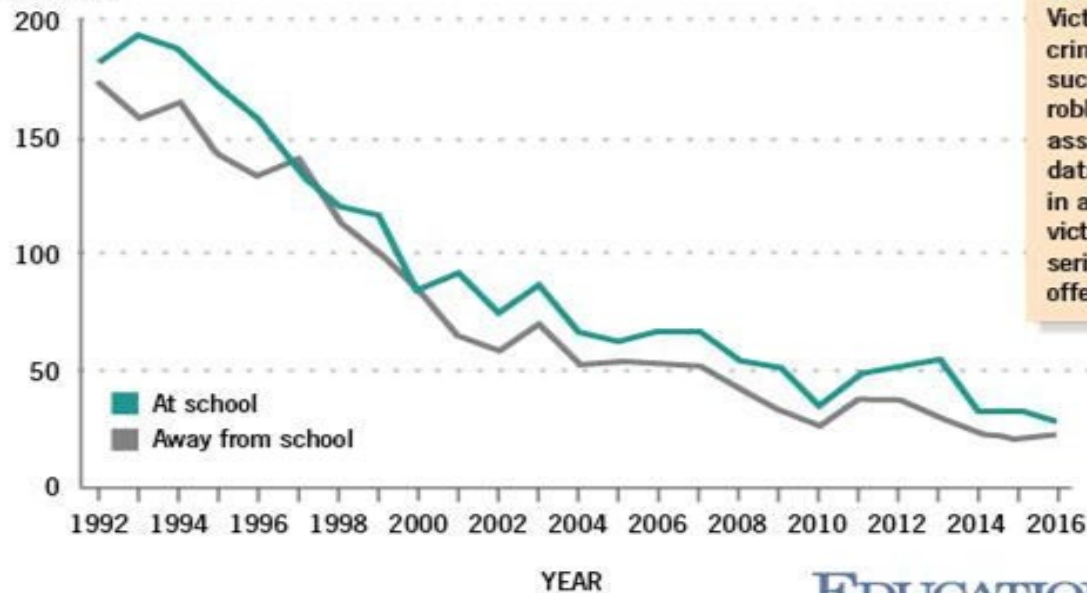
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# WHY ARE WE HERE?

- Suicide is the **SECOND** leading cause of death amongst children/young adults 10-24
- **More teenagers and young adults die from suicide** than from cancer, heart disease, AIDS, birth defects, stroke, pneumonia, influenza, and chronic lung disease COMBINED
- Every day there are **3,041 suicide attempts** by kids in grades 9-12
- **4 out of 5 teens** who attempt suicide give clear warning signs

Rate of nonfatal victimization against students ages 12–18

RATE PER 1,000 STUDENTS

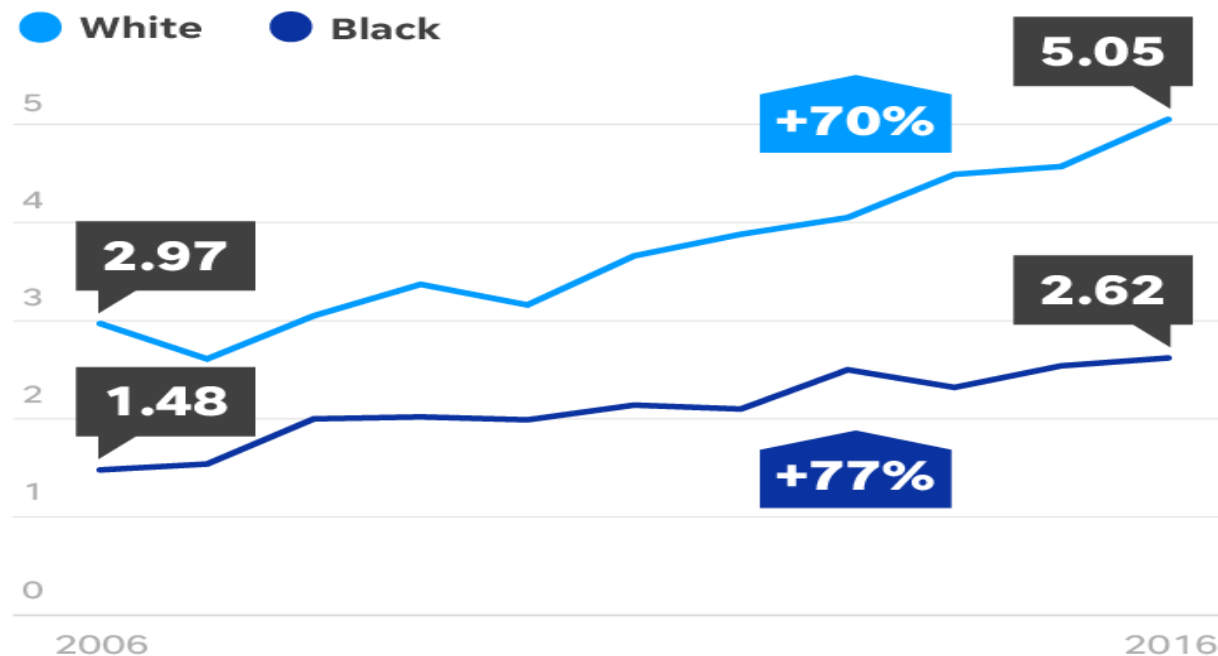


**TAKEAWAY:**

Victimizations include criminal incidents such as theft, assault, robbery, and sexual assault. Federal data show declines in all categories of victimization, including serious violent offenses.

## Teen suicide is soaring. The biggest rate increase was among black youth

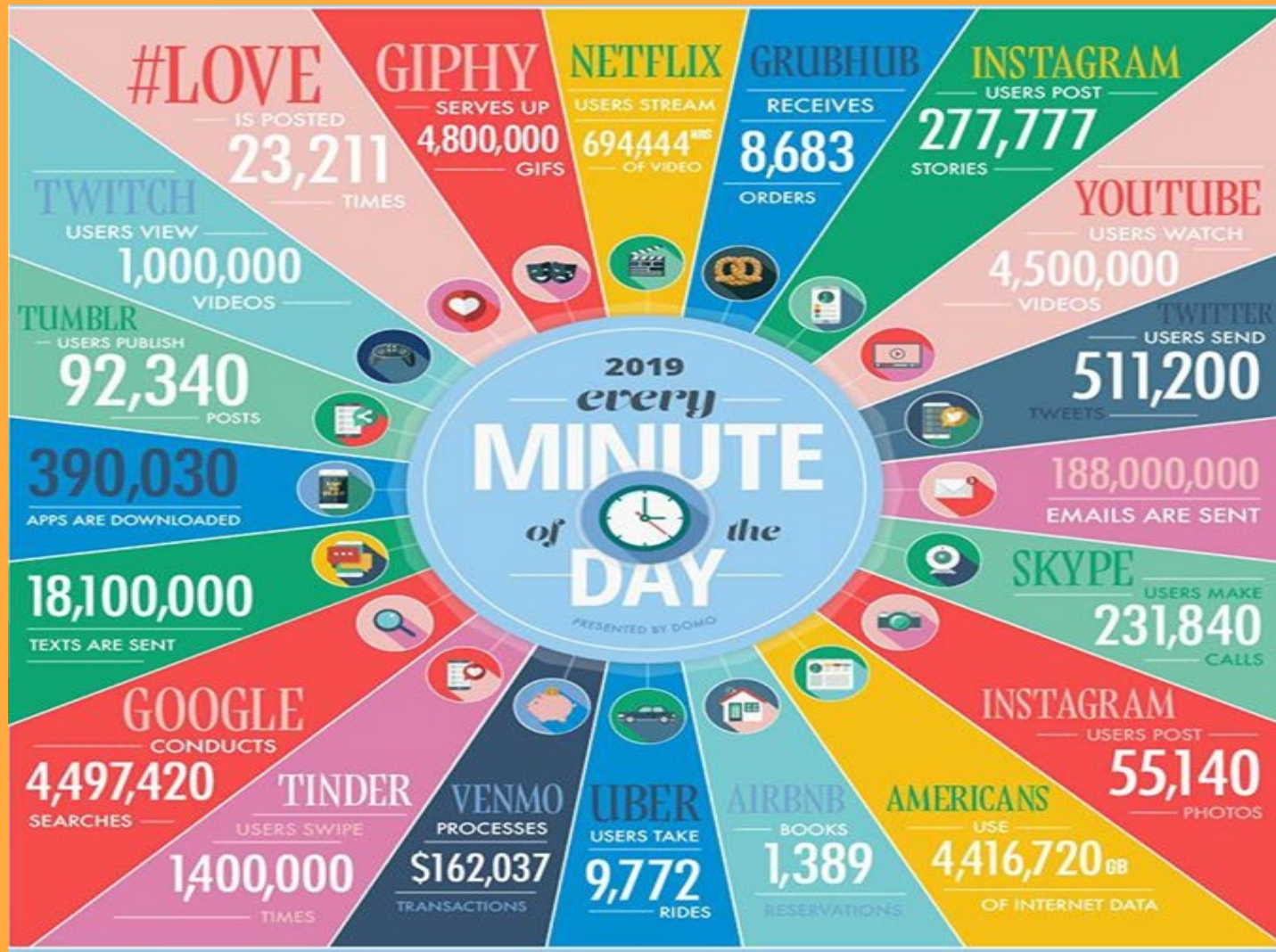
Suicides per 100,000 10-to-17 year-olds  
from 2006 to 2016:





# AS A RESULT, EDUCATORS AND STUDENTS EXPERIENCE

- **Loss of teaching time**, days at school
- Increased **stress**, unhealthy school climate
- **Trauma**, mental health and wellness issues
- School and community **violence and crime**
- At worst, the **loss of life**



# ONLINE SAFETY SURVEY

- Do you have anyone **combing through email or cloud storage** like Google Drive and OneDrive looking for inappropriate conversations, threats of violence, or obscene images?
- Are your **emails being blocked from delivery** if they contain bullying, inappropriate content, or imagery?
- If your students synced their phones to your cloud resources, would you be able to **identify inappropriate images** that may have been backed up onto a school resource?
- Can you identify a student **writing a suicide note** and sending it through email or sharing it with a friend in your cloud storage?

# **GAGGLE'S RECOMMENDATIONS**

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- ✓ Encourage usage of these platforms. Digital communication is not going away. **Help them learn from their mistakes.**
- ✓ Visibility is key. You can **address a student's issues** when you know about it before it becomes an incident
- ✓ District staff can't monitor everything, all the time. **Partner with companies** that can manage this for you.
- ✓ **Have a plan in place** for when you are alerted to a situation

# ENCOURAGE STUDENTS TO SPEAKUP

Provide a robust way (more than just on the website) for students to reach out pro-actively around incidents like...

- Bullying, Planned fights
- Students in crisis
- Threats of violence
- Weapons brought to school
- Other urgent situations

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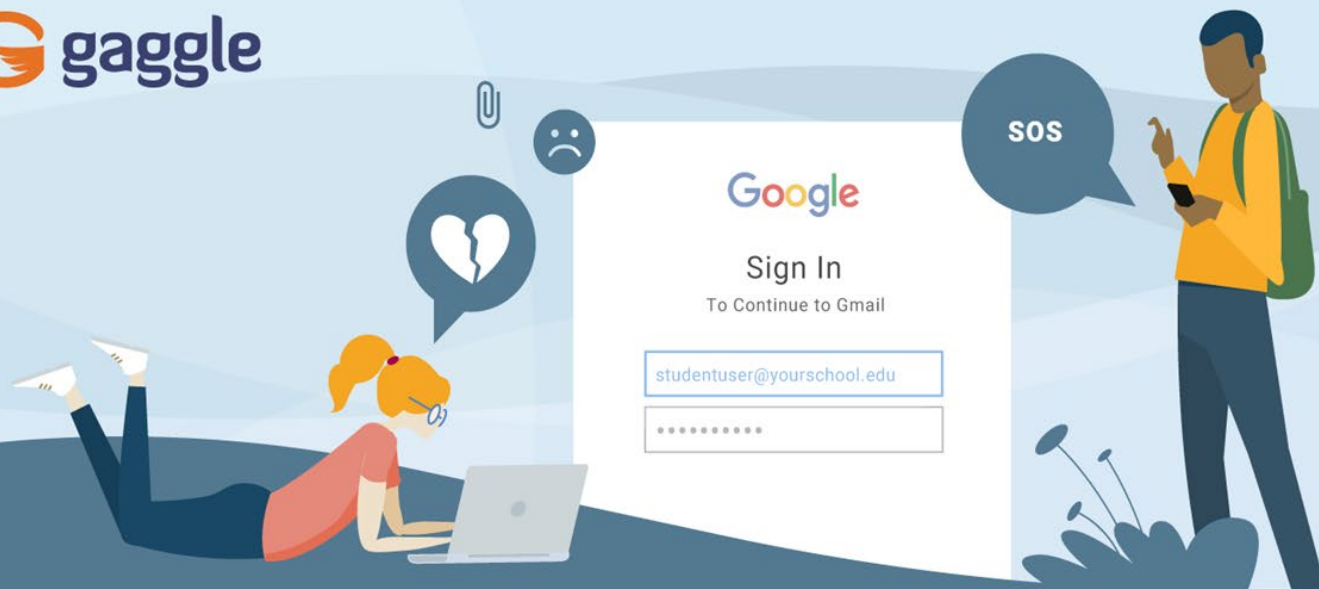
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- Text Message
- Website

# PROMOTE USAGE THROUGH

- POSTERS
- EMAIL REMINDERS

# **Gaggle's 2018-2019 Snapshot**





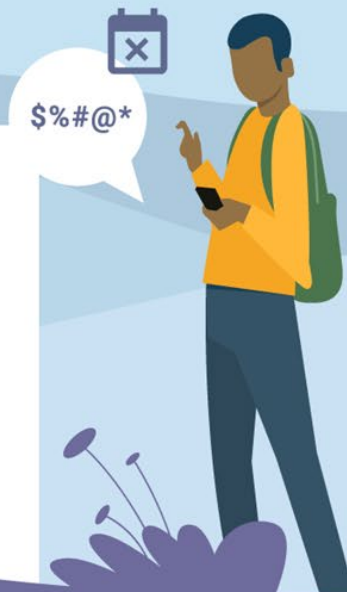
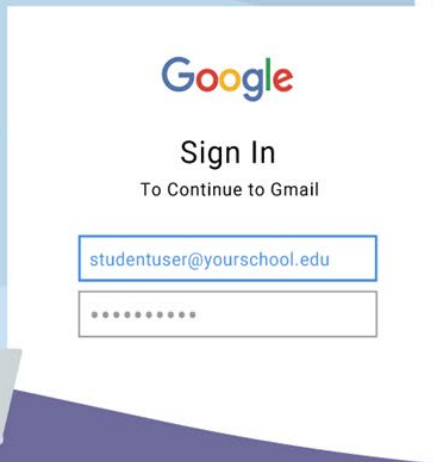
2018-19 SCHOOL YEAR

**772** PLANS OF SUICIDE INTERCEPTED



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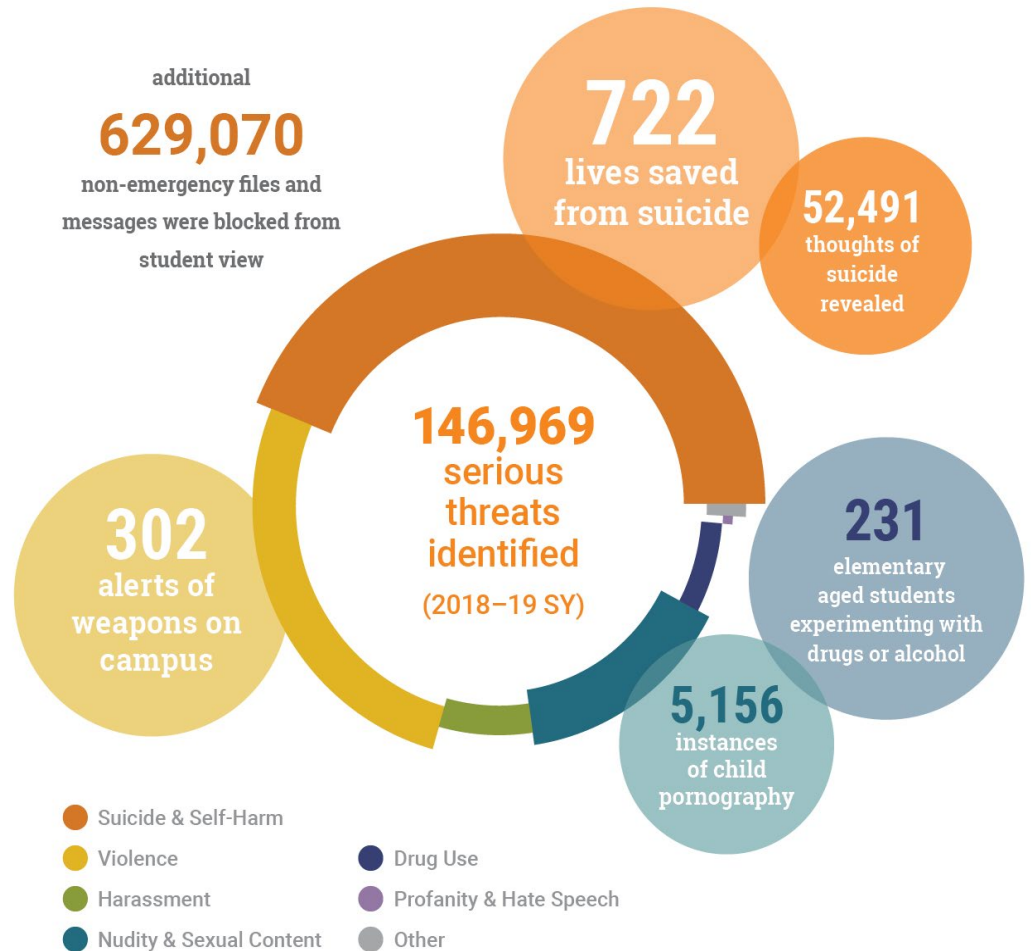
**5,156** PORNOGRAPHIC IMAGES REPORTED




2018-19 SCHOOL YEAR  
**1,647** VIOLENT THREATS RESOLVED

# National Statistics by Gaggle

## 2018-19 School Year



An iceberg floating in a blue ocean under a blue sky with scattered white clouds. The tip of the iceberg is visible above the water line, while the much larger, jagged, and irregular mass of the iceberg is submerged beneath the surface. The water is a deep blue, and the sky is a lighter blue with soft, white clouds.

“Gaggle helps  
**expose the  
iceberg** from  
underneath the  
water.”

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