# Safe and Supportive Schools (S3) Initiative Sustainability Workshop

## Sustainability Assessment and Planning Tool for State S3 Teams

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| Goal 1: Strengthen S3 initiative characteristics |
| **Benchmarks to be major areas of focus** **(check all you selected)** | \_\_\_\_ P1.7 Developed overarching vision, goals, objectives, action steps, and guidelines for the proposed initiative.\_\_\_\_ P1.8 Began planning for sustainability. \_\_\_\_ P2.2 Developed a logic model for the initiative (a.k.a. “theory of change”) and indicators.\_\_\_\_ L1.2 Developed School-Level Climate Team(s), comprised of LEA/school leadership, student support personnel, teaching staff representatives, school climate specialists/ coaches, families, and students, as applicable. |
| Goal 1 Action Item | Priority | Mark of Success | Action Steps 3-4 months | Action Steps 12-18 months | Resources needed |
| * 1. Align initiative with needs of state LEAs.

**Persons responsible:** | ☐ High ☐ Med ☐ Low**Because:** |  |  |  |  |
| * 1. Ensure compatibility of initiative with current state Department of Education goals and priorities.

**Persons responsible:** | ☐ High ☐ Med ☐ Low**Because:** |  |  |  |  |

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| Goal 1 Action Item | Priority | Mark of Success | Action Steps 3-4 months | Action Steps 12-18 months | Resources needed |
| * 1. Stated goals and outcomes of S3 initiative have been achieved.

**Persons responsible:** | ☐ High ☐ Med ☐ Low**Because:** |  |  |  |  |
| * 1. Build and maintain relationships among key stakeholders.

**Persons responsible:** | ☐ High ☐ Med ☐ Low**Because:** |  |  |  |  |
| * 1. Ensure stakeholder ownership.

**Persons responsible:** | ☐ High ☐ Med ☐ Low**Because:** |  |  |  |  |

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| Goal 2: Strengthen infrastructure |
| **Benchmarks to be major areas of focus** **(check all you selected)** | \_\_\_\_ P1.8 Began planning for sustainability.\_\_\_\_ P2.1 Defined which office/department/ individual in the state, district, or local administrative structure will oversee the initiative and how other offices will relate to the work.\_\_\_\_ L1.1 Developed a shared understanding among family, school, and community-level stakeholders (people or groups who care about school and student issues) regarding the importance of positive school climate, its various dimensions, and best practices in improving school climate.\_\_\_\_ L1.6 Developed a plan to engage all stakeholders throughout various stages of the process to review data and contribute to the process of selecting programmatic intervention(s).\_\_\_\_ C1.2 After first data collection only, confirmed the reliability of scales (if new) and revise instrument as necessary. |
| Goal 2 Action Item | Priority | Mark of Success | Action Steps 3-4 months | Action Steps 12-18 months | Resources needed |
| * 1. Administrative structures and formal relationships, including:
* Sound administrative & fiscal management practices
* Structures helping the initiative manage itself **OR** embed itself effectively in current state efforts
* Inter-organizational networks and other linkages that aid cooperation
* Collaboration among state Dept. of Ed. branches addressing topics central to S3.

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| Goal 2 Action Item | Priority | Mark of Success | Action Steps 3-4 months | Action Steps 12-18 months | Resources needed |
| * 1. Champions and leaders supporting the work of the initiative, including:
* Administrators from state superintendent to district level
* Opinion leaders in organizations
* Influential advocates
* Decision makers

**Persons responsible:** | ☐ High ☐ Med ☐ Low**Because:** |  |  |  |  |
| * 1. Adequate resources, including:
* Diverse funding streams
* Human, physical, technological, and information sources
* Staff
* Volunteers
* Training capability
* Technical sources
* Needs assessment data for planning purposes
* Evaluation data
* Marketing and communications resources

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| Goal 2 Action Item | Priority | Mark of Success | Action Steps 3-4 months | Action Steps 12-18 months | Resources needed |
| 4. Administrative policies and procedures that support initiative work in such areas as:* Conducting needs assessments
* Implementing evidence-based programs/activities
* Monitoring and evaluating program performance
* Including values important to the initiative

**Persons responsible:** | ☐ High ☐ Med ☐ Low**Because:** |  |  |  |  |
| 5. State-level expertise for the following:* Planning, implementation, and evaluation
* Selection and use of evidence-based programs/activities
* Training

**Persons responsible:** | ☐ High ☐ Med ☐ Low**Because:** |  |  |  |  |

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| Goal 3: Routinize key initiative practices |
| **Benchmarks to be major areas of focus** **(check all you selected)** | \_\_\_\_ P1.8 Began planning for sustainability.\_\_\_\_ P2.5 Developed a plan for disseminating a summary of school climate data.\_\_\_\_ L1.3 Conducted orientation activities for all personnel.\_\_\_\_ L1.4 Conducted orientation activities for students.\_\_\_\_ L1.5 Conducted orientation activities with additional stakeholders, including families, as well as community members or youth serving organizations that work with students and schools.\_\_\_\_ C2.4 Prepared summary of findings and disseminated in user-friendly format.\_\_\_\_ C3.2 Reviewed summary of findings from data analysis.\_\_\_\_ C3.3 Evaluated whether current programs are satisfactorily addressing current concerns (i.e. are they improving conditions for learning).\_\_\_\_ C3.8 Planned a process for ensuring fidelity of program implementation or appropriate adaptation.\_\_\_\_ C3.9 Participating schools implemented programs and interventions and fidelity of implementation monitoring.\_\_\_\_ C3.10 Continued to plan for sustainability. \_\_\_\_ E1.1 Review effectiveness of various elements of the school climate initiative, including: climate surveys, data analyses, reporting and dissemination, recently added or modified programmatic interventions, and school climate coaches’ activities.\_\_\_\_ E1.2 Prepared annual end-of-year performance or results report for funder (if applicable) and community/ stakeholders. |
| Goal 3 Action Item | Priority | Mark of Success | Action Steps 3-4 months | Action Steps 12-18 months | Resources needed |
| * 1. Integrate key activities associated with implementing and evaluating the state initiative into job descriptions, responsibilities, and staff assessments.

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| * 1. Retain staff and leaders responsible for key initiative tasks **OR** find ways to integrate tasks into other existing initiatives.

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| * 1. Incorporate staff training, technical assistance, and continuing education into ongoing operations, including developing co-training events for leadership pairs/teams.

**Persons responsible:** | ☐ High ☐ Med ☐ Low**Because:** |  |  |  |  |
| * 1. Make the skills needed to implement and evaluate the initiative part of state-level expectations for LEAs.

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| * 1. Integrate the initiative into manuals, procedures, and regulations of the Department of Education.

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| * 1. Integrate an implementation monitoring process into the state initiative’s on-going process evaluation activities.

**Persons responsible:** | ☐ High ☐ Med ☐ Low**Because:** |  |  |  |  |
| * 1. Establish and maintain on-going outcome evaluation activities.

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| **Goal 3 Action Item** | **Priority** | **Mark of Success** | **Action Steps 3-4 months** | **Action Steps 12-18 months** | **Resources needed** |
| * 1. Routinely communicate evaluation data to a variety of audiences in order to garner community support.

**Persons responsible:** | ☐ High ☐ Med ☐ Low**Because:** |  |  |  |  |
| * 1. Ensure the support of the initiative through continuous soft or hard money or put a plan into place to provide funding support.

**Persons responsible:** | ☐ High ☐ Med ☐ Low**Because:** |  |  |  |  |
| * 1. Ensure initiative survival through annual budget and grant cycles.

**Persons responsible:** | ☐ High ☐ Med ☐ Low**Because:** |  |  |  |  |