

**Discussion Prompts for Part II—“Best Practices for Creating Safe and Successful Schools” (pp. 1–2, pp. 5–10) and “Actions Principals Can Take Now to Promote Safe and Successful Schools” (p. 12):**

**Discussion Prompts:**

1. What safety initiatives are in place that could be supported or enhanced by working with community-based service providers? Who are the service providers in your community you might want to consider?

2. List existing services that focus on:

- Prevention and wellness.
- Universal screening for academic, behavioral, and emotional barriers to learning.
- Evidence-based interventions that increase in intensity.
- Monitoring the effectiveness of our interventions.

How are these accessed?

3. What process does school staff follow to provide the full range of support to students? Is that process evident in your school plan?

4. Who is responsible for helping students and staff with mental health supports? What training is needed for these individuals? How are these services publicized? How do you know these services are effective?

5. How often does the school safety team meet? How often is the school safety plan updated? How is the plan communicated to the staff? Students? Parents and community?

6. What do you have in place to ensure the physical safety of students? What is in place for the psychological safety of students? What is in place that allows students, staff, and the community to report threats to school safety?

7. What practices are in place that would indicate a positive system of discipline? What is effective and how do you know? What should you stop doing? What might you need to consider doing in order to make your discipline system more positive?

8. What data do you need to collect to maintain the integrity of the plan? How will you adjust your plan after an event?