



## THE FLORIDA SCHOOLS SAFETY PORTAL (FSSP)

A Student's Guide to a New Data-Driven Surveillance System in Florida Schools



### WHAT IS THE FSSP?

A centralized database designed to use data from a variety of sources to identify students who exhibit behavior that may pose a threat to themselves and others.



### WHAT STUDENT DATA IS INCLUDED IN THE FSSP?

The FSSP aggregates sensitive student data from numerous sources, including (but not limited to) social media monitoring, local law enforcement agencies, the Florida Department of Children and Families, Florida Department of Juvenile Justice, Florida Department of Law Enforcement, Baker Act admissions, and the School Environmental Safety Incident Reporting System, which aggregates data on crime, violence, and disruptive behaviors that take place at schools.



### HOW DOES THE FSSP WORK?

To date, the Florida Department of Education has not shared any details about how the database was designed, developed, or tested before it was implemented.



### WHAT QUESTIONS SHOULD YOU BE ASKING?

What will happen to students who are flagged in the system? What data will be collected and stored in the FSSP? Who decided what data should be kept, and what input did students and parents have in designing the FSSP? How will data be stored and analyzed? Who will have access to students' data? How is information being protected? What safeguards are in place to ensure the system is fair to all students?



### WHAT CAN YOU DO?

You have a right to know about the privacy, security, and equity measures that have (or have not) been put in place to protect your data. It is urgently important that Florida students remain informed about developments around the FSSP.

**TAKE ACTION:** 1) Contact the Office of Safe Schools at [schoolsafety@fldoe.org](mailto:schoolsafety@fldoe.org) and demand answers! 2) Attend the next MSDHS Public Safety Commission meeting and share your thoughts by making a public comment. 3) Submit public input or comments online.