



Do the Write Thing 2026-2027

DEAR MIDDLE SCHOOL PRINCIPALS:

We have witnessed students across the country call on us to ensure the safety of their friends, families, schools, and communities. Through their writing, they are asking adults to listen and take action. For more than 30 years, Do the Write Thing (DtWT) has empowered youth to share their experiences with violence and become part of the solution.

This past year, nearly 63,000 students participated in DtWT, with 27 students selected as National Student Ambassadors. Their writings identified social bullying (14 of 27), mental health issues (14 of 27), and peer pressure (13 of 27) as the leading causes of youth violence. Just as importantly, they offered solutions that reflect the heart of the DtWT program: talking with a trusted adult (16 of 27), advocating for others and being an ally (15 of 27), and becoming a positive role model (14 of 27). Their voices remind us that when students are given the opportunity to speak, they also offer meaningful pathways to safer schools and communities. DtWT provides the three solutions provided to your school.

By participating in the 2026–2027 DtWT program, your students will gain a voice and a platform to share their experiences and commit to reducing youth violence. You will join thousands of schools across the country in this unique initiative, with all program costs generously covered by our sponsors.

Since its inception, more than 3.5 million students have participated in DtWT. Research conducted by the University of Texas at El Paso found that the program strengthens relationships among students, parents, and educators, while fostering more positive behaviors and attitudes toward peers and teachers.

The enclosed Educator Handbook provides program details, including participation guidelines, deadlines, and selection criteria. These materials are also available at www.dtwt.org/resources.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone or by email. We wish your students success and hope to see one of your educators and one of your students in Washington, D.C. next July.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Amber Moyer".

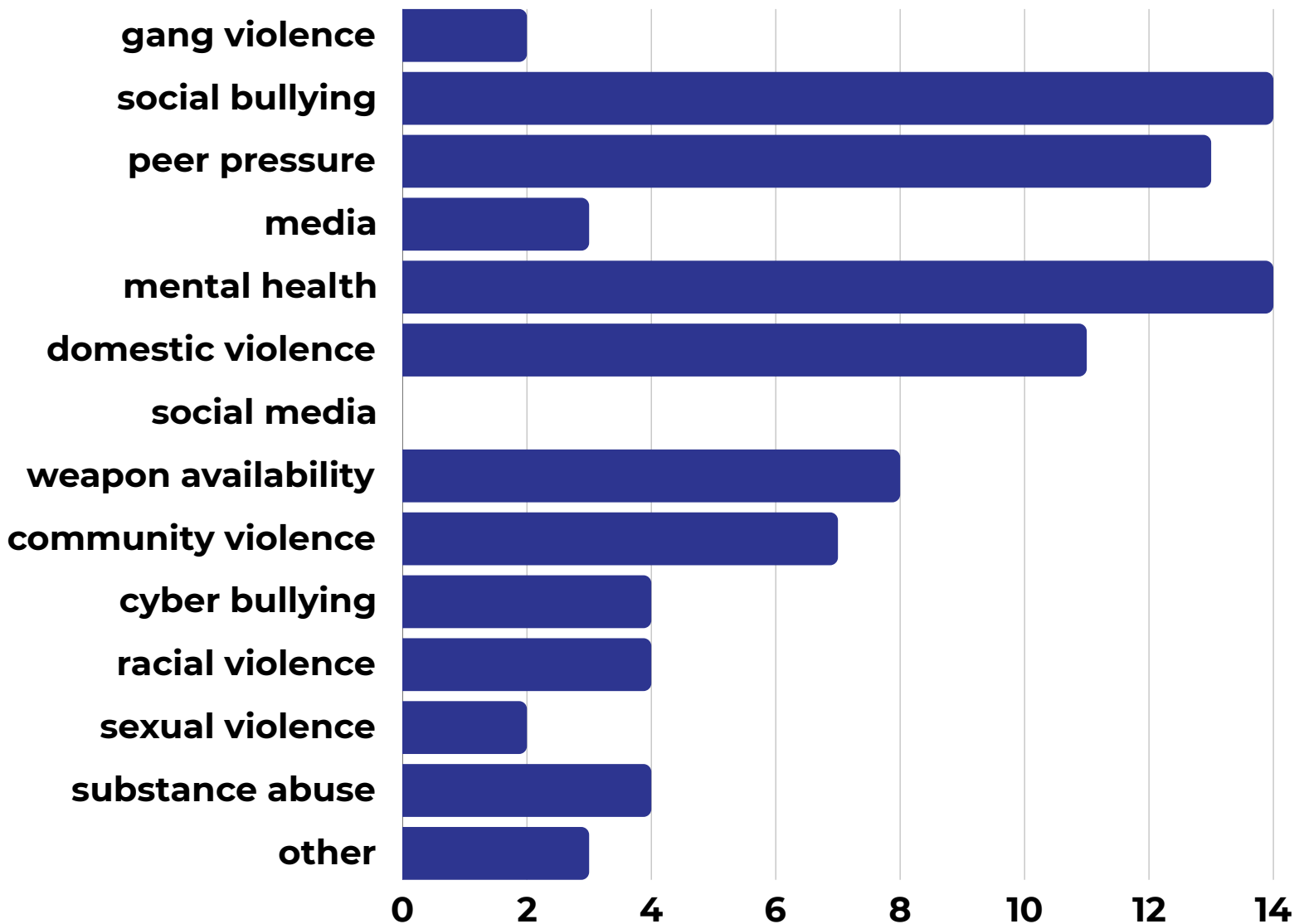
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2026

TYPES OF VIOLENCE

Social Bullying (14/27)
Mental Health Issue (14/27)
Peer Pressure (13/27)



2026 SOLUTIONS FOR SAFER COMMUNITIES

Talk with a trusted adult (16/27)

Advocate for others/be an ally (15/27)

Become a positive role model (14/27)

