

The following are step by step actions you, your colleagues, family members, students and community members can easily take to advocate for SBYSP programs statewide!

1. **Sign and share [this petition](#)** (begun by a Counselor at Brick Memorial High School on 8/26, it currently has over 25,000 signatures!)

2. **Call and email/write your State Legislators, the Governor's Office, Senate and Assembly Budget Committee members, and Legislative Leadership. Here is how:**

*The following is a [Template letter to legislators and the Governor](#) .

Use this template and in the "example" section on the second paragraph, please be sure to include your own personalized experience with the program or your knowledge of the impact of the program in your community (use of examples is critical). If possible, you can also mention and include the link to this [DCF September 2018 Report on the SBYSP](#) into your own letter- this reflects the outcomes of SBYSP programs.)

2. a. Write and call your State Legislators - send your personalized version of the template above via email or regular mail using your local legislators' contact information found below.

*Click on the corresponding links to find your local legislators' contact information by [name](#), [locality](#) or [district](#). (Once you identify your district #, it is best to use that link as you would simply click on the number of your legislative district to access one page with your district's Senator and two Assembly Members and all their contact information.)

2. b. Use this link to [Write the Governor](#).

2. c. Send the same personalized letter/email and call [Assembly Budget Committee Members](#) and [Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee Members](#) (Find the Committee Members' contact information [here](#).)

2. d. Send the same personalized letter/email and call [Assembly and Senate Leadership](#) (Click on the names at the link for contact information.)

3. Contact your legislators or groups of legislators on social media:

What can you post? Share how you feel about cutting SBYSP programs or provide a clear statement of support to continue funding of SBYSP programs. Use pictures of the program or its activities (if possible):

Tag your governing members:

1. [This document](#) provides social media links for The Governor and the Legislature (grouped by Party and Senate/Assembly)
2. On this page, you can click on a name for [individual social media links for Democratic Assembly Members](#) (If you know of any similar lists for the Senate/Republicans, please share them with me to distribute.)
3. Tag NJAMHAA when you reach out on Facebook and Twitter:
@njamhaa

Use our hashtag: #saveschoolbased

4. Ask your School Board, Town Council, County Board, all State or Local elected officials to sponsor a resolution: [Template Resolution](#)

5. Reach out to newspapers, radio and tv: (please share links to anything you have published or aired with NJAMHAA)

[Send a letter to the editor](#) – these should be limited to 200 words

[Reach out to media outlets on social media](#)

6. Submit Testimony on the FY2021 Revised Budget Proposal to the Legislature’s Budget Committees:

There is a link posted near the top of the [Legislature’s home page](#), “[Submit Testimony](#)”, that you can use to submit testimony to both Budget Committees via email. Alternatively, you can mail your testimony to the [Assembly](#) and/or [Senate](#) at the addresses at these links.

**Please share any personal experiences you have with SBYSP programs and how it has impacted students.

7. Here are some other supportive materials for your reference:

Repeating link for [DCF September 2018 Report on the SBYSP](#)

[Budget data](#) (taken from the [original FY2021 budget](#) and the recently released [FY2021 Revised Budget Proposal](#))

[List of SBYSP Schools](#) (if you have a school to add, please email me the information – we are missing a few)

News article on SBYSP cuts:

1. <https://www.politico.com/states/new-jersey/story/2020/09/01/proposed-cuts-to-school-based-mental-health-services-unconscionable-educators-say-1314114>
2. <https://patch.com/new-jersey/brick/nj-plan-eliminate-student-mental-health-program-sparks-outcry>
3. <https://www.nj.com/education/2020/09/thousands-pushing-to-spare-life-saving-school-counseling-program-from-murphys-budget-ax.html>

Rally with us:

1. **Join us for a Virtual Rally to SAVE NJ's School Based Programs**
Tentatively Scheduled: Wednesday, September 9th at 4pm on Zoom (Invitation will be shared when available)
2. **Join us at a Student led mask-required rally at the State House (see flyer below)**

Organizers

-Mercer For Abolition
-Central Jersey DSA
-Trenton Student Voice Power Movement

Masks Required

RALLY AT THE STATE HOUSE

FIGHTING FOR A BUDGET THAT NJ DESERVES



CALL TO ACTION REGARDING GOV.
MURPHY'S BUDGET CUTS TO THE
TRENTON AND NJ SCHOOL BASED
YOUTH SERVICES PROGRAMS

Want Change?

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PLEASE SHARE ALL OF THIS INFORMATION FAR AND WIDE!