Victim Services Toronto

SCHOOL SAFETY SYMPOSIUM

IMPACT REPORT

2026

107

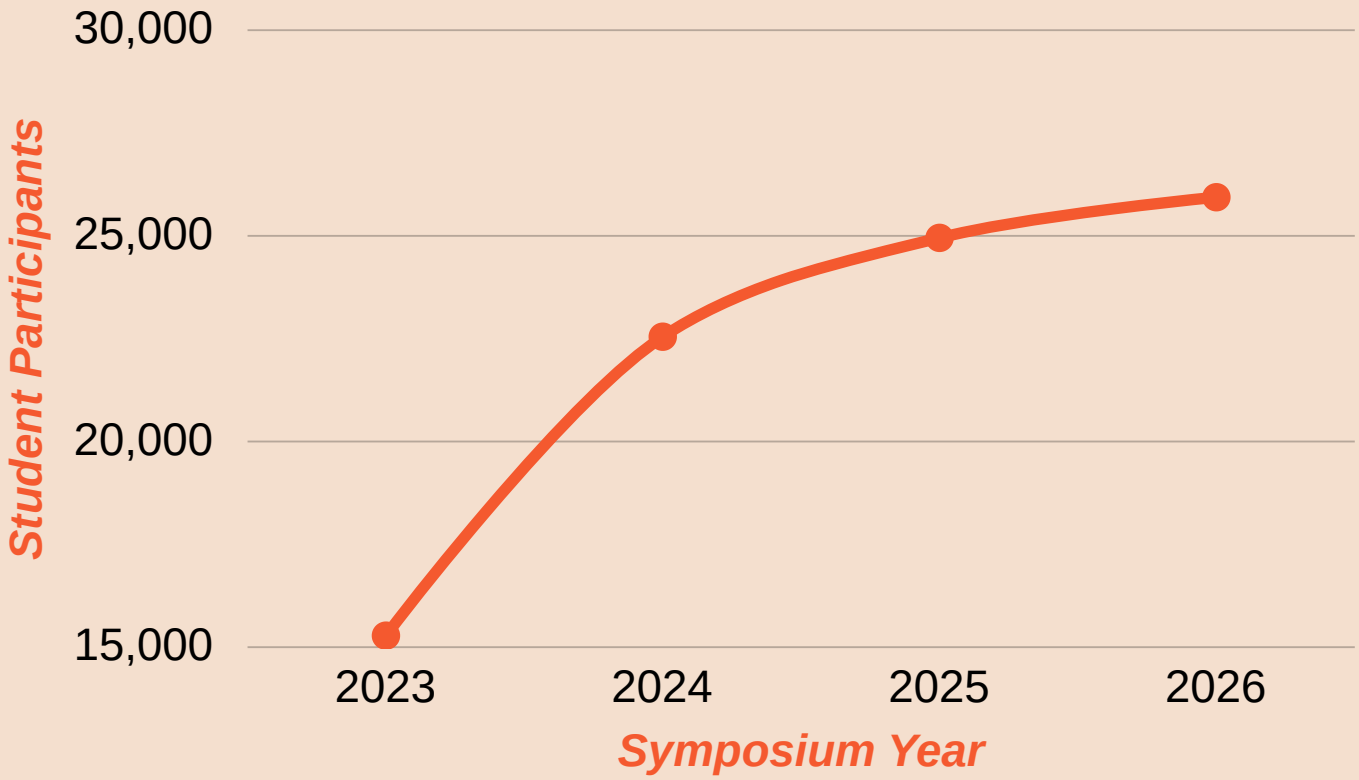
Schools In Total

25,939

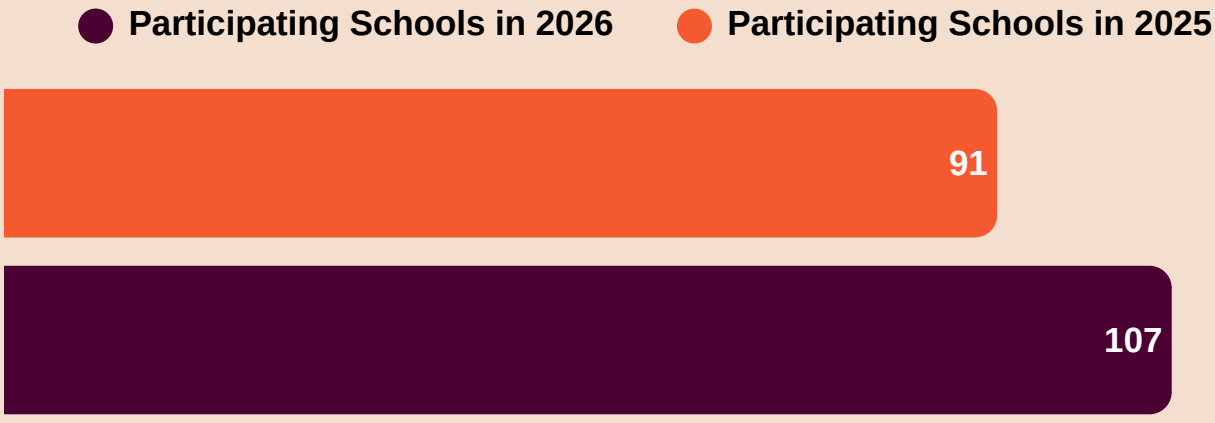
Students In Total

SYMPOSIUM GROWTH: HIGHLIGHTS

Student participation has increased by 70% since 2023.



Up 988 students since 2025 and 10,659 students since Year 1.



School participation increased by 18% from 2025 to 2026.

TORONTO REGION

102 Schools from Toronto District School Board

5 Schools from other school boards including Ontario and British Columbia regions

14 Community Organizations

STATS

STUDENTS

- **80%** of students know where to seek help if they or a classmate experience any of the issues discussed in the symposium.
- **Nearly three-quarters** of students say they learn something new from the symposium.
- **More than half** of students feel more empowered to discuss the issues covered in the symposium.
- **More than half** of students say they would recommend the symposium to a friend.

EDUCATORS

- **100%** of educators say their students learn new information and valuable skills in the symposium to support their well-being and help keep them safe.
- **All** educators say the symposium makes them more comfortable starting conversations about important topics with youth.
- **All** educators say the symposium's activities help conversations continue in the classroom and allow students to practice what they learned.

2026 TESTIMONIALS:

"Everything was good. I really liked it [and] thank you for teaching us."

-Grade 5 Student

"The information has been incredibly insightful and beneficial for our students."

-Educator

"I learned kindess, understanding, and communitation."

-Grade 6 Student

"The symposium was very well-made and insightful!"

-Grade 7 Student

"I think all of the topics are relevant for teenagers and could potentially be helpful or even life-saving."

-Grade 8 Student

"Thank you for this interesting symposium!"

-Grade 8 Student

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for beautifully capturing speaker messages that promote youth well-being and violence prevention.

2026 Speakers
for sharing your lived experience and expertise to help keep youth out of harm's way and towards a positive path.

Skills for Change
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WE THANK YOU
FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT IN
OUR PROGRAMS