

**Kentucky Public School Superintendents' Perceptions of the
Effectiveness of the Kentucky Center for School Safety**

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The Kentucky Center for School Safety (KCSS) continues to provide services to Kentucky school districts that are helpful, state of the art, and timely. To provide superintendents throughout the state the opportunity to provide feedback regarding KCSS services, all Kentucky superintendents received a questionnaire in July 2007. The final sample for this report is derived from the responses of 168 superintendents (from a pool of 177 superintendents, a 94.9% response rate). Superintendents were asked a number of questions regarding areas where KCSS had been helpful to them and/or areas where KCSS may improve its efforts. Responses to the questionnaire yielded overwhelmingly positive results. As the questionnaire administered this year was identical to one used in the summer of 2003, we now have three years of data regarding superintendents' perceptions of the effectiveness of the KCSS. The results from those data collection efforts suggest:

- In 2006, more than four in five (84.5%) superintendents agreed that funding from the KCSS supports them in the implementation of programs to make the districts safer (see chart 1). In both 2003 and 2004, nine out of ten superintendents (95.2% and 89.0%, respectively) agreed that funding from the KCSS supported them in the implementation of programs to make the districts safer (see chart 1).
- In 2006, more than 96% of the superintendents agreed that the training seminars and conferences offered by the KCSS are helpful in aiding schools to stay safe (see chart 2). In both 2003 and 2004, practically all superintendents (99.4% and 98.7%, respectively) agreed that the training seminars and conferences offered by the KCSS are helpful in aiding schools to stay safe (see chart 2).

- In 2006, over 96% of the superintendents agreed that the technical assistance provided by the KCSS is helpful to their district (see chart 3) and the KCSS email alerts they receive in times of national, state, or local crisis are helpful to them (see chart 4). In both 2003 and 2004, approximately 98% of the superintendents agreed that the technical assistance provided by the KCSS is helpful to their district (see chart 3) and the KCSS email alerts they received in times of national, state, or local crisis were helpful to them (see chart 4).
- In 2003, 2004, and 2006, more than 90% of the superintendents agreed that they would not be able to sustain the alternative education program in their district without the Safe Schools funding provided by the Kentucky General Assembly (see chart 5).
- In 2006, over 95% of the superintendents agreed that the KCSS provides a timely response to requests from their district (see chart 6) and 97% of superintendents agreed that the KCSS keeps them updated on available programs to effectively reduce violence (see chart 7). In both 2003 and 2004, approximately 98% of the superintendents agreed that the KCSS provides a timely response to requests from their district (see chart 6) and kept them updated on available programs to effectively reduce violence (see chart 7).
- In 2006, more than 96% of the superintendents agreed that their district was safer because of the leadership, services, and programs provided by the KCSS (see chart 8). In both 2003 and 2005, over 98% of the superintendents agreed that their district was safer because of the leadership, services, and programs provided by the KCSS (see chart 8).

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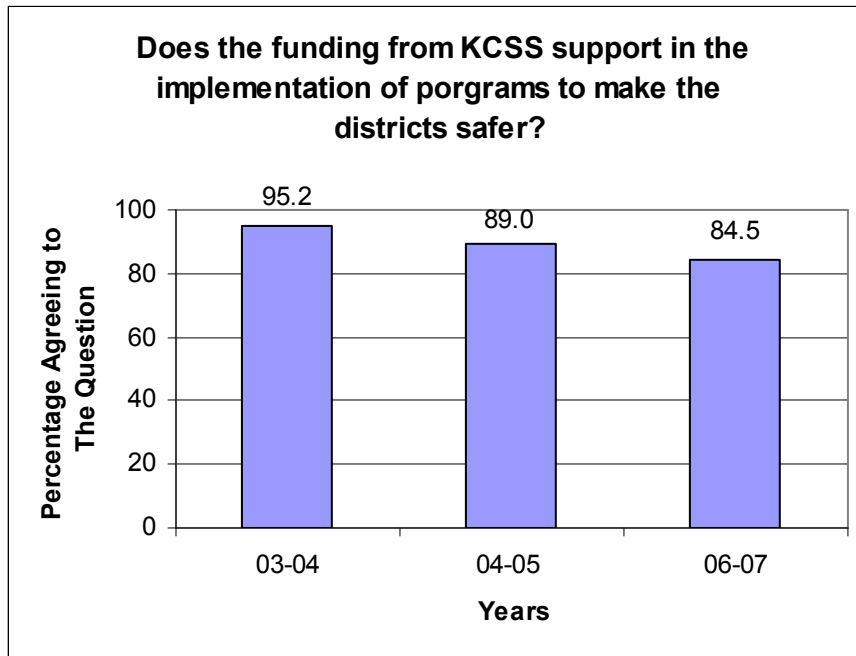


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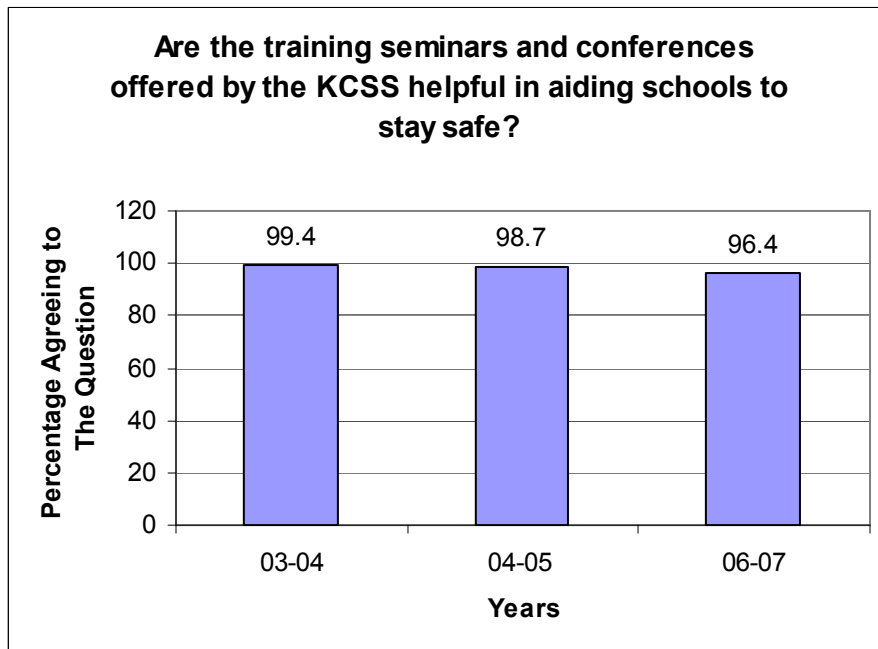


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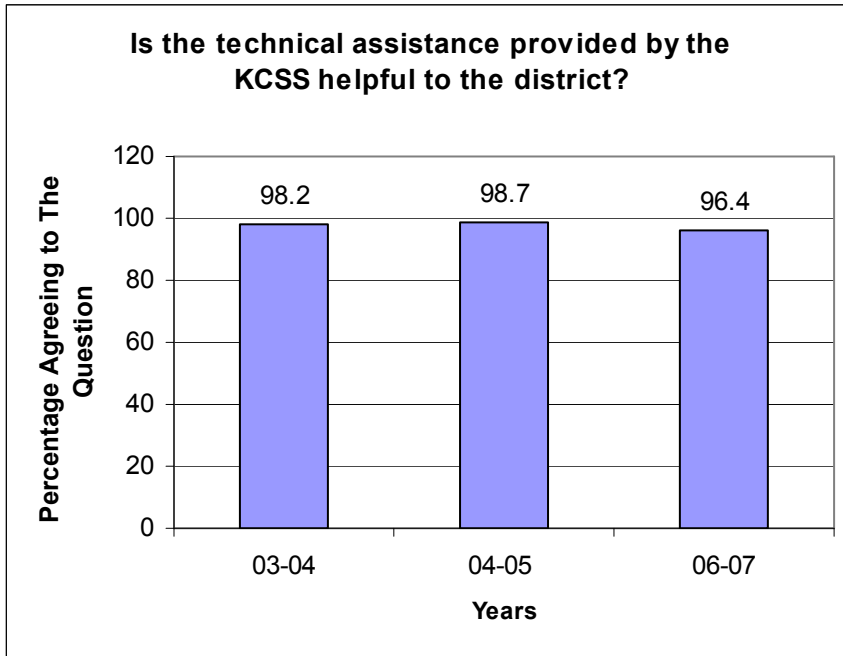


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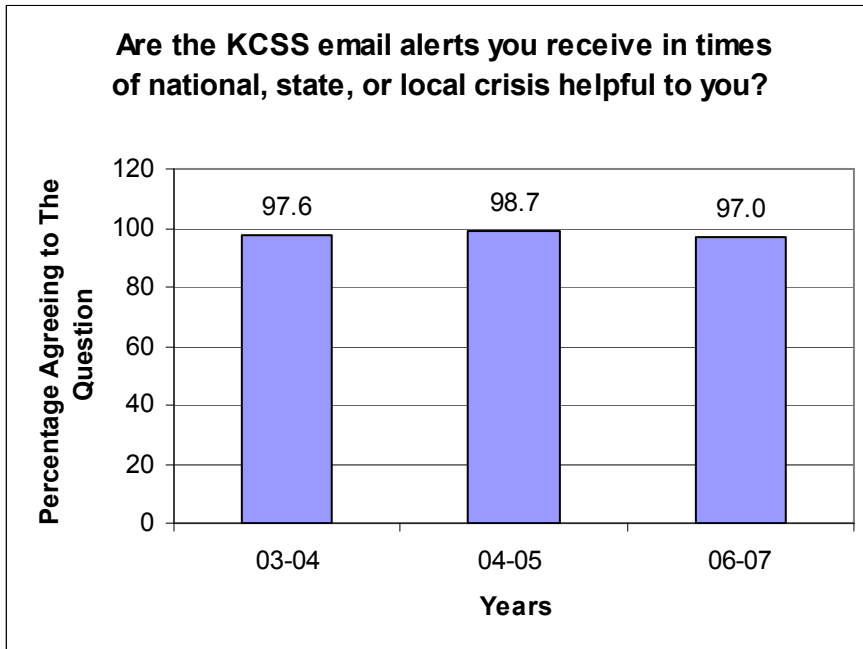


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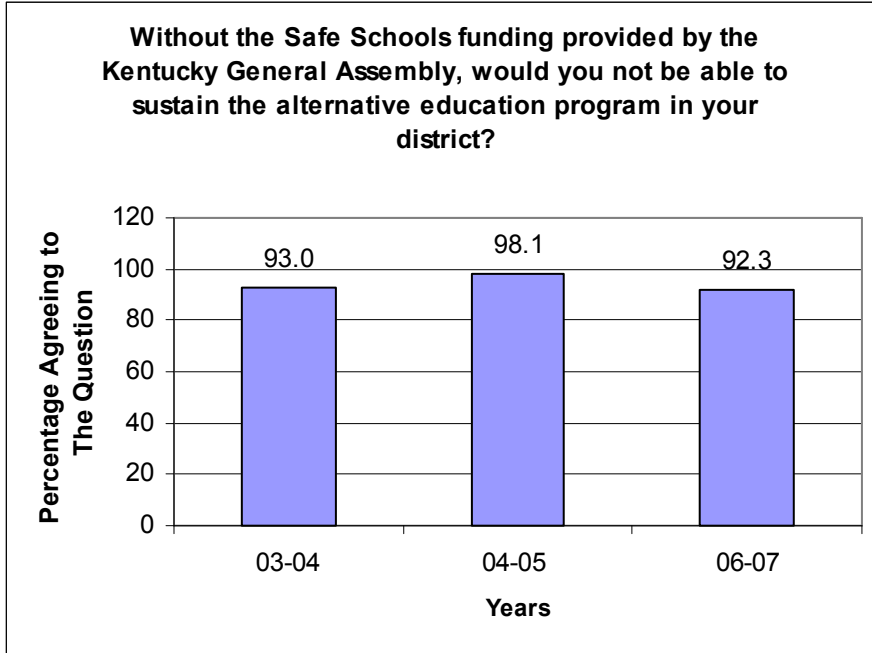


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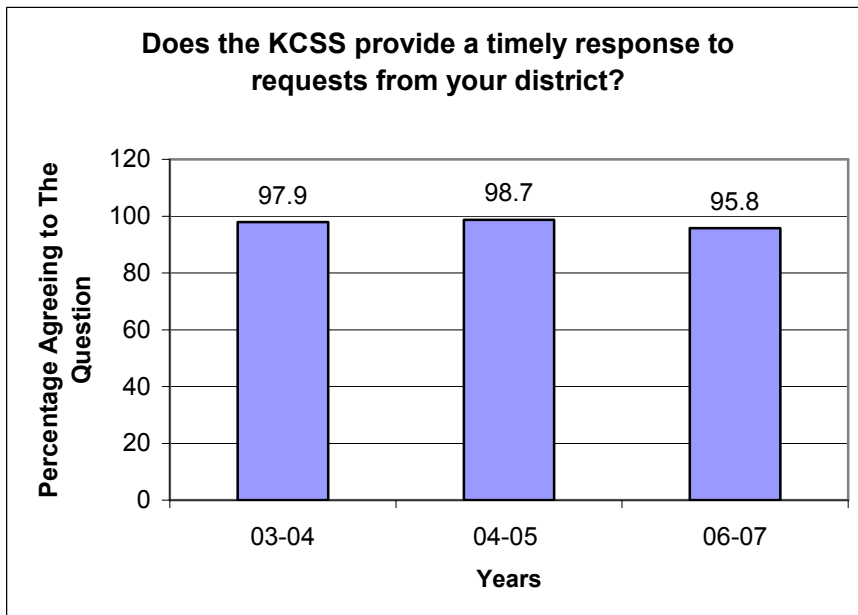


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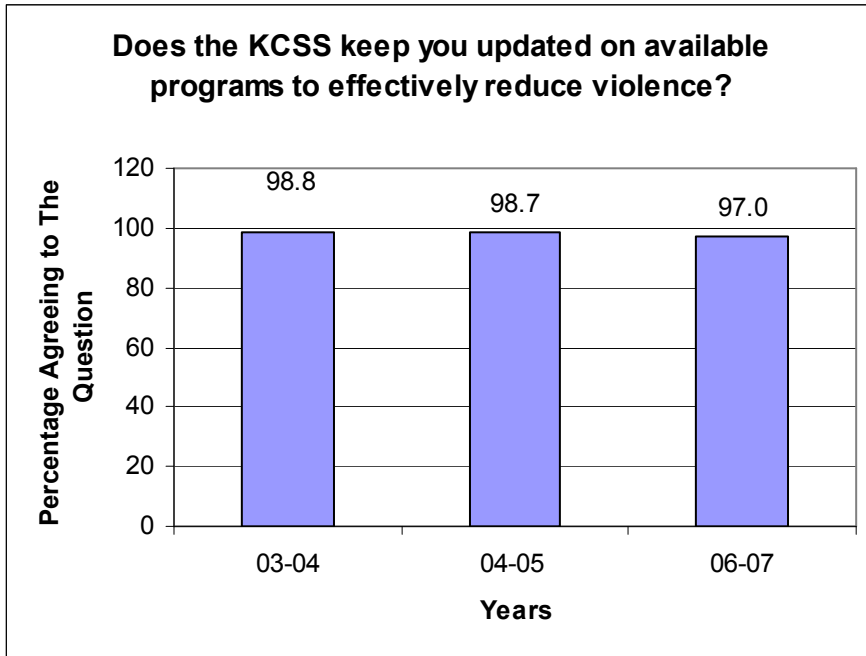


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