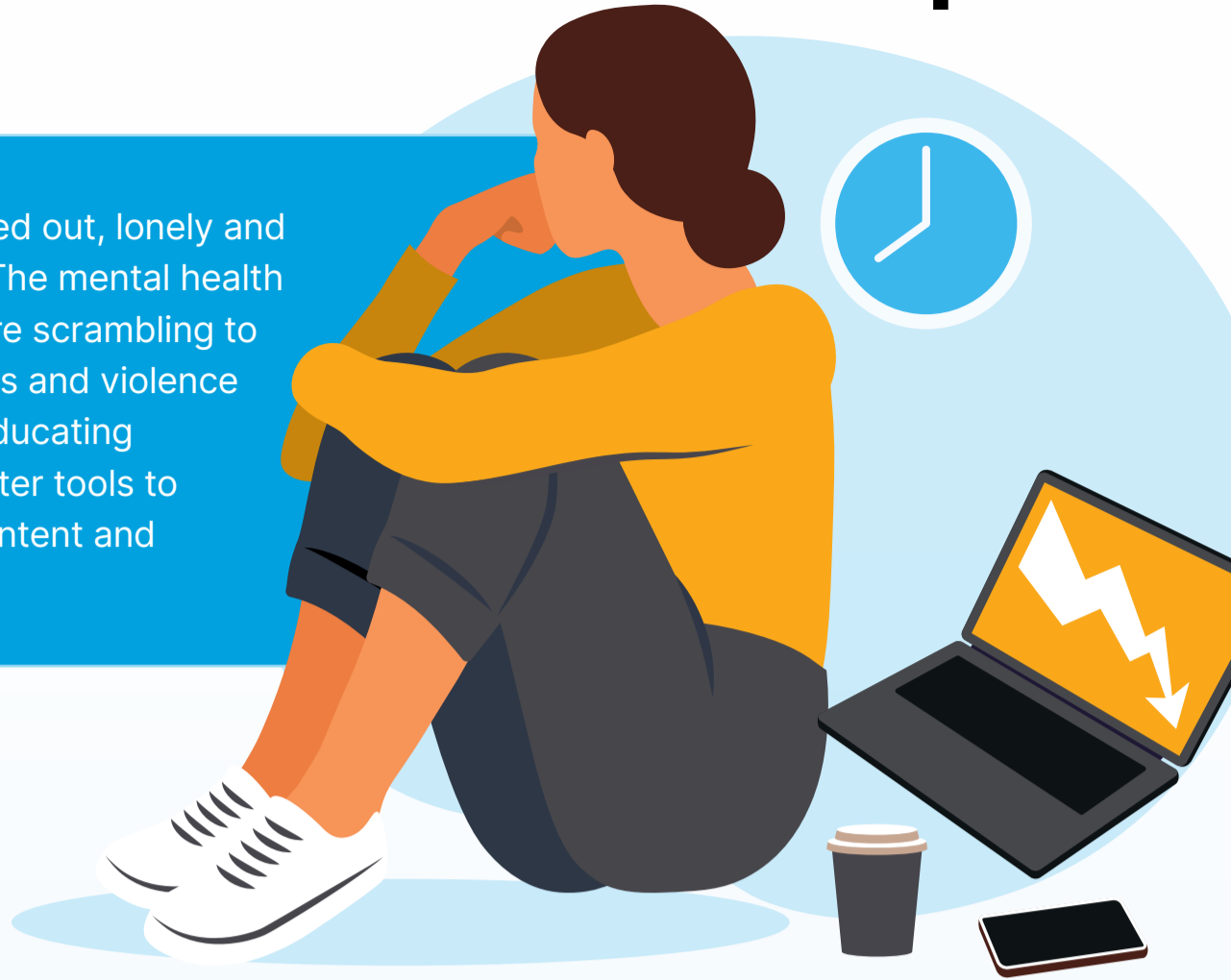


The facts speak volumes! Students are stressed out, lonely and depressed and educators are not far behind. The mental health crisis in K-12 is at boiling point and teachers are scrambling to not only support the students, prevent suicides and violence but also, cope themselves. All this on top of educating the children. They need more support and better tools to effectively get ahead of potentially harmful content and intervene at the student's 'thought' stage.



## Global

Est. **10.5M** children lost parents or caregivers

**245,000+**

U.S. children lost a parent or grandparent caregiver to COVID-19

**1 in 3**   

High school students reported persistent feelings of sadness or hopelessness

**51%**   

Rise in emergency visits for suicide attempts: girls ages 12-17 years



Gabrielle Shapiro, M.D., chair of APA's Council on Children, Adolescents, and Their Families and a clinical professor of psychiatry at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, said, "The level of societal anxiety, adown onto our kids, who've had nearly constant interaction with it on social media."

## Funding & Program Support

There is hope. President Biden signed the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act (BSCA) in June 2022 to expand vital mental health services toward providing more state and district support. It includes the support to create or improve current initiatives that promote safe, positive and inclusive learning environments for both students and staff. \$1 billion has been added to the act to establish safer and healthier learning environments. It's also meant to support the prevention and response to acts of bullying, violence, and hate that impact schools and communities overall.

## Technology to bridge the gap


Technology can be a teacher's second pair of eyes. Web filtering and wellbeing reporting solutions are evolving all the time, providing valuable support for districts. Tools like Impero ContentKeeper and Wellbeing offer a layer of security and web filtering that call out those harmful searches as and when the student is searching. With digital behavior reporting coupled with the ability to report physical signs of a suffering student, teachers and districts can intervene at 'thought' stages of suicide.


**156,000+**

REFERENCES to suicide and self-harm

Physical violence incidents have more than doubled since pre-pandemic

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