

# ESPs Help Keep Our Schools Safe

They work in our halls and on our school grounds, in the cafeteria and on our buses, in the library and in the front office, keeping an eye on our students while doing their jobs and making sure the school day runs smoothly. They're usually the first to arrive at school and the last to leave, and our schools wouldn't be as successful, or as safe, without them.

They're education support professionals (ESPs), and they are an integral part of the school community.

SOURCE: 2012 NATIONAL K-12 ESP MEMBERSHIP STUDY



# 75%

of K-12 ESPs live within the boundaries of the school districts where they are employed. They get to know their students and they care about their well-being.

# 57%

feel they have effective strategies for handling bullying at school.



# 59%

have witnessed bullying behavior, and 89 percent of these have intervened or tried to stop it.



# 45%

have witnessed school violence, and 85 percent of these have intervened or tried to stop it.

# 92%

of ESPs say their job responsibilities involve promoting school safety.

# 97%

of ESPs say their district has a policy on bullying prevention and 57 percent have received training on how to implement it.

# 82%

say they strongly believe they are safe at school, despite news reports about school violence.

