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TO: Chief School Administrators
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ROUTE TO: District and School Administrators, Counselors, School Psychologists,
Emergency Management Personnel, School Resource Officers

FROM: Robert J. Cicchino, Director
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SUBJECT: School Behavioral Threat Assessments Training

The New Jersey Department of Education's Office of School Preparedness and Emergency Planning (OSPEP), in partnership with the U.S. Department of Education Office of Safe and Healthy Students' Readiness and Emergency Management for Schools Technical Assistance Center, is conducting a workshop on May 22 designed to familiarize schools staff with behavioral threat assessments to prevent targeted violence at K-12 schools.

Each school day, educators are entrusted to provide a safe and healthy learning environment for students. School officials, together with their local partners and stakeholders, collaborate to create and maintain their emergency operations plan, or School Safety and Security Plan (SSSP). The May 22 training addresses how school behavioral threat assessment teams can be integrated into emergency operation planning and the SSSP.

Topics covered in the training will include:

- Forming threat assessment teams
- Effective characteristics of school threat assessments
- Five stages of a school threat assessment
- Use of social media in threat assessments
- New information and guidance from the Federal Bureau of Investigation

Participants will have the opportunity to discuss concepts in small-group sessions and practice threat assessment through a tabletop exercise.

There is no fee to attend, but registration is required.

| Date/Time | Location | Registration Link |
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| May 22, 2017 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. | Hamilton Technology Center (Mercer County) 1200 Negron Drive Hamilton, NJ 08691 | Register online |

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