



STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

A Memo from the New Jersey Department of Education

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To: Local Educational Agency Leads, Administrators of Approved Private Schools for Students with Disabilities, Non-public School Supervisors

Route To: Business Administrators, Principals, Directors of Buildings and Grounds, School Safety Specialists, School Administration, School Social Workers, School Psychologists, School Faculty

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Kindergarten to Grade 12 Behavioral Threat Assessment and Management Training

On August 1, 2022, Governor Murphy signed [N.J.S.A. 18A:17-43.4](#), which required the establishment of threat assessment teams in public, charter, and renaissance school projects. The purpose of a threat assessment team is to provide school teachers, administrators, and other staff with assistance in identifying students with behaviors of concern, assessing students' risk for engaging in violence or other harmful activities, and delivering intervention strategies to manage the risk of harm for a student who poses a potential safety risk. Threat assessment teams also prevent targeted violence in a school to ensure a safe and secure school environment that enhances the learning experience for all members of the school community. Accordingly, boards of education and boards of trustees must develop and adopt a policy for the establishment of a multi-disciplinary threat assessment team at each school. Any policy developed by a school district, charter school, or renaissance school project concerning the establishment of a threat assessment team must be aligned with [Guidance on the Establishment of Behavioral Threat Assessment and Management Teams](#) developed by the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE).

The NJDOE is pleased to offer behavioral threat assessment and management training for communities through the United States Department of Justice's Bureau of Justice Assistance Students, Teachers, and Officers Preventing School Violence Act grant program. Participants can register for one of the following Basic Behavioral Threat Assessment and Management Training (Virtual-Live) sessions, using the links below:

- [Thursday, November 16 from 8:30 AM – 3 PM](#)
- [Thursday, December 14 from 8:30 AM – 3 PM](#)
- [Thursday, January 18 from 8:30 AM – 3 PM](#)
- [Thursday, February 29 from 8:30 AM – 3 PM](#)
- [Thursday, April 18 from 8:30 AM – 3 PM](#)
- [Thursday, May 16 from 8:30 AM – 3 PM](#)

School Safety Specialists who attend this event will receive appropriate hours toward certification renewal.

Additional questions can be directed to the Office of School Preparedness and Emergency Planning at school.security@doe.nj.gov or (609) 376-3574.

c: Members, State Board of Education
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