



STATE OF NEW JERSEY

# DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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To: Local Educational Agency Leads, Administrators of Approved Private Schools for Students with Disabilities, Nonpublic 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 Opportunities

[N.J.S.A. 18A:17-43.4](#) requires the establishment of threat assessment teams in public, charter, and renaissance school projects. The purpose of a threat assessment team is to provide schoolteachers, 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. 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. These policies must align with the [Guidance on the Establishment of Behavioral Threat Assessment and Management Teams](#) developed by the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE).

The NJDOE, in partnership with the Jersey City - Newark Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI), is pleased to offer behavioral threat assessment and management training for school communities. Participants can register for one of the following Basic K-12 Behavioral Threat Assessment and Management Training (Virtual-Live) sessions, using the links below:

- [Thursday, March 21 from 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.](#)
- [Thursday, April 18 from 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.](#)
- [Friday, April 26 from 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.](#)
- [Thursday, May 9 from 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.](#)
- [Thursday, May 16 from 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.](#)
- [Thursday, May 23 from 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.](#)
- [Wednesday, June 26 from 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.](#)
- [Thursday, June 27 from 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.](#)

Additionally, NJDOE and UASI are hosting Advanced K-12 Behavioral Threat Assessment and Management Training (In-Person) sessions. Participants are only eligible to attend Advanced training after completion of the Basic training course. Please note that the Advanced training is not mandated for threat assessment team members but is intended to enhance threat assessment knowledge and skills. To register, please visit the [NJDOE Events Page](#).

School Safety Specialists who attend this event will receive appropriate hours toward certification renewal. For questions or more information, please contact the Office of School Preparedness and Emergency Planning at [school.security@doe.nj.gov](mailto:school.security@doe.nj.gov).

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