



Opportunity Through Education

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TO: School District Superintendents
School Principals
Counselors
Psychologists

FROM: Kari Eakins, Chief Policy Officer

DATE: April 19, 2021

SUBJECT: Threat Assessment Training

THREAT ASSESSMENT TEAMS

Threat assessment is a problem-solving approach to violence prevention that involves assessment and intervention with students who have threatened violence in some way (Cornell, 2019) with the goal of preventing violence and resolving conflicts or problems that underlie threatening behavior.

A potential need for Threat Assessment Teams in School Districts has been identified by Wyoming educators and mental health professionals. In response, the Wyoming Department of Education, in partnership with Region V B.O.C.E.S., Wyoming Safe2Tell, and the Wyoming Association of Sheriffs and Chiefs of Police applied for the STOP School Violence Project grant from the U.S. Department of Justice. Funds were awarded to begin this work in the 2021 school year. Moving forward, the project will be called the Safe Student Alliance, as it encompasses the grant partners, along with schools, educators, and local community resources needed to fully support this work.

The grant funds will be used to support the safety of students by training teams on the Comprehensive School Threat Assessment Guidelines Model. The WDE asks that each district designate one representative to complete the [threat assessment survey](#) by **May 1, 2021**.

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