School Threat Assessment Teams 8.08

1. Establishment of Threat Assessment Teams. Pursuant to Florida Statute 1006.07, Threat Assessment Teams shall be established at each District school. Threat Assessment Team duties include the coordination of resources and assessment and intervention with students whose behavior may pose a threat to the safety of school staff or students consistent with the policies developed by the Office of Safe Schools.

2. Composition. Threat Assessment Teams shall include persons with expertise in counseling, instruction, school administration and law enforcement. All members of the Threat Assessment Team must be involved in the threat assessment and threat management process and final decision making. At least one member of the Threat Assessment Team must have personal familiarity with the individual who is the subject of the threat assessment. If no member of the Threat Assessment Team has such familiarity, a member of the District instructional or administrative staff who is personally familiar with the individual who is the subject of the threat assessment must consult with the Threat Assessment Team for the purpose of assessing the threat. The members of the instructional or administrative staff who provide such consultation shall not participate in the decision making process.

3. Threat Determination. Upon a preliminary determination that a student poses a threat of violence or physical harm to himself or herself or others, the Threat Assessment Team shall immediately report its determination to the Superintendent or the Superintendent's designee. The Superintendent or designee shall immediately attempt to notify the student's parent or legal guardian. Nothing in this subsection shall preclude District staff from acting immediately to address an imminent threat.

4. Access to Criminal History. Upon a preliminary determination by the Threat Assessment Team that a student poses a threat of violence to himself or herself or others, or exhibits significantly disruptive behavior or need of assistance, the Threat Assessment Team may obtain criminal history record information, as provided in Florida Statute 985.047. Members of the Threat Assessment Team may not disclose any criminal history record information obtained pursuant to this section or otherwise beyond the purpose for which such disclosure was made to the Threat Assessment Team.

5. Mental Health or Substance Abuse Issues. If an immediate mental health or substance abuse crisis is suspected, school staff shall follow District guidelines to engage behavioral health crisis resources. Pursuant to Florida Statute 1006.07(7)(h), behavioral health crisis resources, including, but not limited to, mobile crisis teams and school resource officers trained in crisis intervention, shall provide emergency intervention and assessment, make

recommendations and refer the student for appropriate services. Onsite school personnel shall report all such situations and actions taken to the Threat Assessment Team, which shall contact other agencies involved with the student and any known student providers to share information and coordinate any necessary follow up actions.

6. Reporting. Each Threat Assessment Team shall report quantitative data on its activities to the Office of Safe Schools in accordance with guidance from that office.

7. Superintendent and Principals' Compliance. The Superintendent and school principals shall be responsible for compliance with the requirements of this rule.

8. Guidance. The District Safety Specialist shall identify members of the school community to whom threatening behavior should be reported. Each Threat Assessment Team shall provide guidance to students, faculty, and staff regarding recognition of threatening or aberrant behavior that may represent a threat to the community, school, or self on an annual basis within five days after the first day of school.

9. Procedures and Guidelines. Authority is delegated to the Superintendent to enact procedures and guidelines to implement this rule and the underlying statutory requirements.

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