

Behavioral Threat Assessment & Management (BTAM) & School-Based Teams

BACKGROUND INFO

- ❖ As per, N.J.S.A. 18A:17-43.4., schools are required to have teams starting in 9.2023
- ❖ Multidisciplinary team made up of School Administrator, Mental Health Professional, and Law Enforcement (at minimum)
- ❖ Reviews and addresses concerning behaviors and threats that are reported

BTAM is NOT...

- ❖ Adversarial or the same as the disciplinary process - although it may lead to discipline
- ❖ A criminal investigation or conviction
- ❖ Profiling based on traits or characteristics
- ❖ Violence prediction



WHAT IS BTAM?

- ❖ Part of a comprehensive approach to school safety
- ❖ A fact-based approach that is case specific
- ❖ Early Intervention & Violence Prevention
- ❖ Compassion-Based & Student-Focused
- ❖ Identifies students on pathway to violence

HOW CAN I HELP?

- ❖ Hear or see something concerning on or off school grounds? Report it to School Administrator(s) in a timely manner!
- ❖ Only report firsthand information & facts
- ❖ Understand this is a confidential process
- ❖ If you feel there is imminent danger and/or it is outside school hours, CALL 911!

TOGETHER, LET'S PROMOTE SAFETY & PREVENT VIOLENCE IN LPS!