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MEMO To: Virginia Public School Superintendents, Administrators, School Counselors, School Resource Officers, and Threat Assessment Team Members

CC: VCSCS Staff

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Subject: **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) About K-12 Behavioral Threat Assessment and Management and Virtual (Online) Basic Behavioral Threat Assessment Training Now Available**

The DCJS Virginia Center for School and Campus Safety (VCSCS) is pleased to announce the release of the first edition of the [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\) about K-12 Behavioral Threat Assessment and Management](#). Since 2013, in accordance with the *Code of Virginia, §9.1-184*, VCSCS has developed and provided model policies and procedures to help local school boards establish and operate threat assessment teams to support the safety and well-being of their students and staff. The FAQs are a further step to address and answer questions that are frequently asked by threat assessment teams.

Some of the broader topics included in the *Frequently Asked Questions* document include:

- Establishing and Operating a Threat Assessment and Management Process
- Threat Assessment Team Membership
- Primary Functions and Responsibilities of Threat Assessment Teams
- Behavioral Threat Assessment Teams and Handling Threats of Harm to Self
- Addressing Threatening/Aberrant Behavior in the Virtual School Setting
- Records of Threat Assessment Teams

In addition to the release of the FAQs, we are pleased to announce that public K-12 school divisions can request full-day *K-12 Behavioral Threat Assessment and Management Basic Training* in a virtual (online) training format in addition to in-person requests. School or division representatives may complete the [Request a Training](#) form to schedule a session.

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