



STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

MEMORANDUM

TO: District Superintendents
Safety Coordinators

FROM: James B. Rawl
Director, Office of Safe Schools

DATE: January 9, 2024

RE: South Carolina School-based Behavioral Threat Assessment and Management Guide:
Best Practices Guide for South Carolina K-12 Schools (2nd Edition)

The South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) is pleased to release the [South Carolina School-Based Behavioral Threat Assessment and Management Guide \(2nd Edition\)](#). This resource, developed in collaboration with administrators, educators, and other external stakeholders, is intended to provide guidance to schools as they establish or strengthen threat assessment teams and implement threat assessment protocols.

To further assist districts, the SCDE's Behavioral Threat Assessment Portal allows the appropriate school personnel to complete and store electronic assessment screenings and plans for individual students. Identified personnel should contact the district Web Access Coordinator (WAC) to obtain credentials to access the portal.

Please share this resource, available at [School-Based Behavioral Threat Assessment and Management Guide \(2nd Edition\)](#) with district administrators, school leaders, educators, and staff.

If you have any questions, please contact James B. Rawl, Director of the Office of Safe Schools, at jbrawl@ed.sc.gov or D. Chenise Wiley at dcwiley@sc.ed.gov.