

URGENT: ALL SCHOOL PRINCIPALS/AP's, STUDENT SERVICES, AND ALL TEACHERS: Helping Students Cope with School Violence/National Tragedies

Category: Urgent

Audience: All Principals/APs, All Teachers , Student Services

Due Date: Dec 17, 2012

Meeting Date: n/a

Attachment(s): [Warning Signs for Staff.pdf](#)
[NASP-Tips for Parents and Teachers.pdf](#)

To inform School Administrators, Counseling Professionals, and Teachers of the available resources to assist students in coping with school violence/national tragedies.

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- Violent school incidents or national tragedies often receive excessive media coverage that cause children confusion and emotional upset. Parents and school personnel must help children cope with the aftermath of these tragedies.
 - Miami-Dade County Public Schools has a variety of resources in place to prevent, prepare for, respond to, and recover from acts of violence.
 - Curricula is utilized to teach students the necessary skills for peacefully resolving conflicts, managing anger, and establishing healthy coping skills.
 - Principals and Student Services Professionals are strongly encouraged to review and distribute the attached **Tips for Teachers and Parents** resource developed by the National Association of School Psychologists.
 - All school staff should be vigilant for warning signs in students who may be having difficulty in coping with violent tragedies or who may be prone to engaging in violent behavior.
 - The District maintains a BeSafe: Anonymous Reporting System that can be used to report potential dangers.
 - School counseling professionals have and will continue to receive training in school crisis prevention and intervention techniques.
 - The District Crisis Management Team works with school administrators and Critical Incident Response Teams to provide student intervention services following tragedies.
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