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Dear LISPAN School Superintendents and Designees,

Given recent events around the country relevant to school violence, LISPAN has been investigating the best training model for our local Long Island school crisis teams. The most widely cited model is that of Dr. Dewey Cornell, referred to as either the Virginia Model, also known as Threat Assessment Training (TAT) model. This training is offered by Dr. Cornell and his team directly, but also through a collaboration with an organization known to most of us: Sandy Hook Promise. Their web site may be found at: <https://www.sandyhookpromise.org/>

It is the philosophy of SHP that any school-based training in TAT must be provided to ALL INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT CRISIS TEAMS AT ONE TIME. In this manner, the reliability, integrity, fidelity, and transferability of information across and between school buildings may be maximized. SHP has agreed that if LISPAN can recruit school districts who would honor SHP's prerequisite for attendance by **all participating district crisis teams** for a one-day training – they would provide this training at no cost. Ideally, the maximum number of participants in one training would be between 100-125, which will allow several school districts to be trained at one time. SHP has offered to repeat this training as often as cohorts of districts might agree on such a training. In addition, SHP asks that each participating school to register as a SAVE Promise Club, for more information the link is: [www.sandyhookpromise.org/savepromiseclub](http://www.sandyhookpromise.org/savepromiseclub)

SHP also encourages each middle and high school to follow this adult training by training their students in Say Something, which provides a double layer of protection for the school.

LISPAN is now seeking member districts who would be interested in becoming part of the first cohort of Long Island school districts to be trained in TAT starting in Fall 2018. More information is available about this training on the SHP web site, with their program being known as Safety Intervention and Assessment: [https://www.sandyhookpromise.org/prevention\\_programs](https://www.sandyhookpromise.org/prevention_programs)

If you may be interested in this training, please contact: TBA

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