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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** School District Superintendents  
Charter School Directors

**FROM:** Jacob Oliva

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**SUBJECT: Standardized Statewide Behavioral Threat Assessment Instrument**

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The 2019 Legislature passed and Governor Ron DeSantis signed Senate Bill 7030, which requires the Department's Office of Safe Schools to "...develop a standardized, statewide behavioral threat assessment instrument for use by all public schools, including charter schools, which addresses early identification, evaluation, early intervention, and student support." The full text of the legislation is available at <http://laws.flrules.org/2019/22>.

The required behavioral threat assessment instrument is the Comprehensive School Threat Assessment Guidelines (CSTAG), developed by Professor Dewey Cornell of the University of Virginia along with a team of educators and researchers. Florida-specific train-the-trainer courses on the CSTAG led by Dr. Cornell will conclude in early August of this year.

The CSTAG is available on the Office of Safe Schools website at <http://www.fldoe.org/safe-schools/> and it is required for use by school Threat Assessment Teams established pursuant to section (s.) 1006.07(7), Florida Statutes, beginning in the 2019-20 school year.

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