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NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF JUSTICE EXAMINES VIRGINIA'S SCHOOL SAFETY THREAT ASSESSMENTS

WASHINGTON – The Office of Justice Programs' National Institute of Justice today published an article summarizing a recent study of student threat assessment efforts in Virginia's K-12 public schools. Threat assessment is a systematic approach to violence prevention designed to distinguish serious threats — behaviors or communications in which a person poses a threat of violence to others — from threats that do not. Sponsored by NIJ, the study examines the progress in resolving threats without resorting to suspension or expulsion of students from school. A second part of the research identified key threat assessment program areas in need of improvement.

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TITLE: *Student Threat Assessment: Virginia Study Finds Progress, Areas To Improve*

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