August 8, 2017

TO: Chief School Administrators
Charter School and Renaissance School Project Leads
Administrators of Nonpublic Schools
Approved Private Schools for Students with Disabilities

FROM: Robert J. Cicchino, Director
Office of Fiscal Accountability and Compliance

SUBJECT: Presentations on School Safety and Security by Keynote Speakers

The Eastampton Township School District and the New Jersey Department of Education’s Office of School Preparedness and Emergency Planning welcome nationally recognized speakers Kristina Anderson and Dr. David Bernstein to present their experiences on best practices, lessons learned and recovery in regard to tragic school events.

School personnel and leaders, including administrators, directors, buildings and grounds personnel, school security personnel, school resource officers, and first responders are encouraged to attend the presentations on Wednesday, August 23, 2017 from 8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Kristina Anderson was one of the most critically injured students in the Virginia Tech tragedy in 2007. She will share her personal story of the active shooter incident and offer best practices in preparedness and prevention, as well as lessons learned from her unique perspective as a survivor. She is a dedicated resource for local communities, school administrators, teachers and students in violence prevention and personal safety awareness through promoting joint training among citizens, educators, law enforcement, emergency managers, and first responders.

Dr. David Bernstein is an expert in threat assessment, corporate risk management, and deceit detection. Dr. Bernstein has held appointments at Yale School of Medicine, as well as Harvard Medical School. He has had the honor of being the keynote presenter for a conference on student threat assessment and dangerousness hosted by the Indiana School Safety Specialist Academy and the FBI. Information concerning the behavioral threat assessment process and the development and responsibilities of threat assessment teams will be presented.

There is no charge to attend, but online registration is required.
For additional information, contact Lisa Angelini at (609) 588-2323 or via email at schoolsecurity@doe.state.nj.us.

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