



## Area High Schools Get Safety Assessment

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**MARCH 21, 2006** -- On the same day a Michigan teenager is put in jail for making a Columbine-type threat in school, a former member of the secret service talked to officials at local schools about how to prevent a similar attack.

Dr. Marisa Randazzo was at Ashley High School on Tuesday. She gave threat assessment training at the school. She discussed how staff can determine if an attack is in the works and how they can prevent violent acts. She says it takes a joint effort to keep schools safe.

Risk Solutions International, where Randazzo serves as a member of its Expert Advisory Counsel, conducted an assessment of every school in New Hanover County. The assessment was completed in December. It found that most schools in the area are safe. Some extra precautions were recommended such as metal detectors and video monitoring systems.



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