

MN SCHOOL VIOLENCE PREVENTION SYMPOSIUM



9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday, December 5, 2022

The Park Event Center - 500 Division St. Waite Park, MN 56387

You and all members of your safety team are invited to attend this symposium. For program details, lodging and registration, please visit <https://massp.org/svps>.

Featured Speakers



Dr. Jillian Peterson and Dr. James Densley — The Violence Project

Co-founders and Presidents of The Violence Project

Dr. Jillian Peterson is a Professor of Criminology and Criminal Justice at Hamline University and a director of their forensic psychology program. Dr. James Densley is Professor and Department Chair of the School of Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice at Metro State University.



Bruno Dias — Prevention and Partnerships: A Viable Approach to Prevent Targeted Violence

*Associate Director, Field Operations (Midwest), Center for Prevention Programs & Partnerships (CP3)
U.S. Department of Homeland Security*

Bruno Dias has more than 20 years of combined experience in public safety, behavioral threat assessment, corporate and education institution safety and security operations. He works with federal, tribal, state, local, and territorial governments to build local prevention networks to avert targeted violence and terrorism.

School Violence Prevention Panel Discussion: Randy W. Johnson, Randy McAlister, and Holly Ryan

MSBA Executive Director Kirk Schneidawind will moderate a discussion featuring these panelists:

- **Randy W. Johnson**, *Director of the Minnesota School Safety Center (a division of the Minnesota Department of Public Safety)*
- **Randy McAlister**, *Deputy Director of Public Safety/Police Captain for Cottage Grove Police Department*
- **Holly Ryan**, *Threat Assessment Specialist for Lakeville Area Schools*



Michele Gay — School Safety: A Parent's Perspective

Co-founder of Safe and Sound Schools

Mother, educator, and co-founder of Safe and Sound Schools, Michele Gay chose to take action after losing her daughter, Josephine Grace, in the Sandy Hook School tragedy on December 14, 2012. Since that time, Michele has channeled her work as an advocate, improving safety and security in schools and communities across our country.

Partner organizations (All views in this symposium may not represent our organizations.)

