

**STUDENT SAFETY ASSESSMENT & MANAGEMENT SYSTEM
~ BUILDING LEVEL PROTOCOL ~
INTERVIEW WITH THE STUDENT**

The questions that follow are exploratory questions designed to assist the interviewer to gain as much information relative to the situation as possible. Follow-up and/or clarification questions are encouraged.

(Category: Threat characteristics: escalation, de-escalation)

1. What led up to what you said/wrote?
2. Tell me what happened (or what you said/wrote)?
3. How were you feeling when this happened (or when you said/wrote what you did)?
4. How serious are you in seeing this through?
5. What would it take to push you over the edge?
6. How did you feel about what you said/wrote after you felt better?

(Category: Past threatening behavior)

7. Have you ever said/written anything like this before?

(Category: Judgment and self-control)

8. Is there anything that would cause you to reconsider what you said/wrote?
9. Has anything changed how you feel?
10. Do you think anyone should be worried about you now?

(Category: Empathy)

11. Have you ever felt bad about hurting someone?

(Category: School support)

12. Is there anyone here at school you feel you could talk to if you felt this way again?

Questions 1 – 11 from: Assessment of Violent and Potentially Violent Youth in the Schools. Eric M. Johnson, Ph.D. (2005)