Threats Against Schools

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Agenda

• Investigating threats
• Communicating with parents and the media
• Discipline of students who make threats
• Developing a safe environment
• Responding to student walkouts and protests
• Takeaways
# Background

- History of school shootings in the United States
- 303 school shootings since 2013
- In 2018, an average of one school shooting per week
- Mississippi school shootings

# Investigating Threats

- No playbook
- Threats made in school
- Threats made on social media
- How do you start?
- When do you involve law enforcement?
- What if you don’t believe it is a real threat?
Communicating with Parents and the Media

• What do you say?
• When do you say it?
• How do you communicate your message?

Discipline of Students

• Miss. Code Ann. § 37-13-92
• Student not charged with a crime
• Student charged with a crime
• Due Process
• Alternative school
• Young students and students with disabilities
Developing a Safe Environment

- Premises
- Personnel/SROs/Other Security
- Training
- Legislation

Responding to Student Walkouts/Protests

- What does the First Amendment say?
- What is allowed?
- What is not allowed?
- What are the issues if walkouts are permitted?
QUESTIONS?