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Dear Dr. Hagerty:

The Attorney General's Office recently presented a series of workshops across the state entitled, "**School Safety: Positive Plans for Times of Crisis.**" These workshops were co-sponsored by the following Florida Associations: the District School Superintendents; School Administrators; School Boards; and School Resource Officers. The goal of this training was to introduce and acquaint the school community with the process and resources available in developing plans for a safe school environment.

The challenge was to find presenters who could relate to a diverse group of school board members, administrators, and school resource officers. Fortunately, we found two exceptional instructors with innovative ideas from a progressive school district. These two gentlemen were Dr. Ron Pinnell and Mr. Wolfgang Halbig of your district. Dr. Pinnell spoke of parameters of school law and zones of authority through the use of state statutes, in conjunction with administrative rules. Mr. Halbig discussed the working relationship of school security and administration and gave valuable "tricks of the trade." Every evaluation was positive and can be summarized by one participant's comment of "excellent motivators--very energetic--love their job responsibilities." The comment continues, "{t}hey create areas for deep concentration and present good ideas for prevention."

I would like to commend Dr. Pinnell and Mr. Halbig on their professionalism and dedication in providing a safe school environment to the students of Seminole County. Thank you for your continued support by encouraging participation of your staff in educating law enforcement and school personnel throughout the state. This office looks forward to working with Dr. Pinnell and Mr. Halbig again in the future.

Sincerely,

Robert A. Butterworth
Attorney General