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For Immediate Release: **CASP Forms School Safety and Crisis Response Committee**

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Southbury, CT: In light of the recent national events and to respond to the needs of the families, schools, and School Psychologists that we service, CASP has created the **School Safety and Crisis Response Committee**. The committee will be co-chaired by Paula Gill Lopez, Ph.D., School Psychology Trainer at Fairfield University and Geoff Millenson, School Psychologist for Stratford Public Schools. The committee will achieve the following outcomes:

1. Proactively communicate with all School District Pupil Service Directors and RESCs regarding CASPs ability to support districts needs regarding school safety/crisis.
2. Communicate regularly with the NASP committee of the same name to build our relationship.
3. Develop a list of all NASP PREPaRE Trained CT School Psychologists in the State.
4. Develop a list of all Psychological First-Aid School Psychologists in the state.
5. Develop a list of all First Aid Crisis Response Trained individuals in the state.
6. Proactively develop a relationship with 2-1-1 crisis response agencies across the state.
7. Develop an on-going relationship and become active partners with Child Health and Development Institute.
8. Develop a proactive relationship with the CSDE along with DEMHAS.
9. Increase the number of School Psychologists in Connecticut who are trained in PREPaRE I and II.
10. Additional proactive measures to address Crisis Response in Schools.

Members interested in joining the committee and/or obtaining more information should contact Mr. Millenson at gmillenson@yahoo.com. School districts seeking additional information on how this committee can support your district should contact Dr. Gill Lopez at plopez@fairfield.edu. Additional information regarding the Connection Association of School Psychologists can be obtained by contacting Sarah Pinheiro, CASP Secretary at pinheiro.sarah@newfairfieldschools.org
