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Secure/ Higher Ed (S/HE) Thanks Delegate Vivian Watts for Attending S/HE Training at Loudoun County Public School District

S/HE was honored to have Delegate Vivian Watts attend a training session at Briar Woods High School in Ashburn, VA for over 140 middle and high school physical education teachers from Loudoun County Public Schools. S/HE's state of the art program is designed to prevent sexual assault, sexual harassment, sex trafficking, dating and domestic violence, bullying, substance abuse, mental illness, and active shootings.

"Delegate Watts is well known for her experience in keeping children safe, including her tenure at Fairfax CASA serving survivors of abuse and neglect," said Talcott J. Franklin of S/HE, who led the training session. "It was tremendously helpful that Delegate Watts attended and spoke to the teachers."

S/HE's program utilizes the latest data on health and safety to teach students how to recognize and avoid dangerous situations. The program has been extensively researched and tested. Post training surveys show that nearly 100% of students pledge to avoid victim-blaming and nearly 100% of parents report up to a year later that their child was behaving safer as a result of the training. In Canada, a similar program at 3 universities reduced rape by 1/2 and attempted rape by 2/3 over a control group.

"Delegate Watts is using her experience to help keep children safe, and our program is dedicated to contributing to those efforts," Franklin added.

Learn more about Delegate Watts at <http://vivianwatts.com>.

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