



2015 SAFE SCHOOL SUMMIT

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Press Release

Police, educators join DA Morrissey at 2015 Safe School Summit

More than 100 educators and local police joined Norfolk District Attorney Michael W. Morrissey at his 2015 Safe School Summit at Lombardo's in Randolph on Nov. 18.

The Summit opened with a presentation from Professor Elizabeth K. Englander, a nationally recognized expert and researcher in school bullying and aggression reduction. Larry Dieringer, from Engaging Schools, offered a presentation on the evidence-based national movement toward using more effective – and less exclusionary – forms of discipline in schools, and later led a workshop on Restorative and Accountable Classroom Discipline. Wellesley's School Superintendent David Lusier, High School Principal Jamie Chisum and Sgt. Scott Stowstead gave a workshop on their town's successful information sharing protocols and agreements.

"The problems we see coming into our courts are often the same problems that teachers, coaches and administrators saw germinating in their schools months and years before we see them," District Attorney Morrissey said. "We understand the importance of supplying the training and resources teachers need to effectively help students before small problems become big and big problems bring them to court, or worse."

Morrissey thanked the Mass Teachers Association and President Barbara Madeloni for their partnership in putting on the event and reaching the teachers, nurses, administrators, leaders in guidance, adjustment and school psychologists who attended.

"Law enforcement's relationships with superintendents are important, but it is also important to have open lines of communication with those who have the most face-to-face student contact," Morrissey said. "We were very fortunate to secure tremendous local and national experts in shaping school environments to make them safer and more supportive

