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Forums Planned to Break the Conspiracy of Silence
National Speaker to Address Challenges Faced by Students

DELAND — Two additional forums have been scheduled to address the challenges facing today’s students. The meetings are a proactive effort to reach out to families and the community on the national issue to end the “conspiracy of silence.” This will conclude a series of forums that were planned following the first that was held at New Smyrna Beach High last month:

“Today’s Students – Today’s Challenges: Parents and Community Matter”

• Wednesday, April 23, 6 p.m.
  Deltona High School auditorium
  100 Wolf Pack Run, Deltona

• Thursday, April 24, 6 p.m.
  Spruce Creek High School auditorium
  801 Taylor Road, Port Orange

Dr. Scott Poland will be the keynote speaker. He is a nationally recognized expert on school crisis, youth violence, suicide intervention, self injury, school safety, threat assessment, parenting and the delivery of psychological services in schools.

Attendees will come away with tips on how to assist children in making the right choices and advice on raising children in challenging times. The discussion will outline the problematic things that students face including bullying, technology, alcohol abuse, teenage driving, divorce and the pressure to perform academically.

Parents, students and community members throughout Volusia County are invited to attend the one-hour presentations and take part in a question and answer session at the conclusion. Joining together to become informed about how to safeguard
children is an opportunity to prevent future tragedies and learn how to resolve issues that may otherwise go undetected. Dr. Poland has lectured and written extensively on these subjects, appeared on all major television network news programs, and has presented over 1,000 workshops in every state and numerous foreign countries.

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