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This document, completed and printed in August, 2001, is dedicated to the students, families, and educators who experienced the pain and trauma associated with school violence.

While death is the ultimate form of school violence, thousands of incidents occur daily, in which fear and anxiety are associated with school attendance. Members of the task force hope that the suggestions and recommendations in this document will improve the quality of life in Isabella County schools by preparing personnel to deal with crisis incidents.

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