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Subj: IAIE Task Force on School Safety

Dear Selected IAIE Member,

You have been chosen on the basis of geographic area, professional role, and commitment to Invitational Education to be part of [the IAIE Task Force to Promote SCHOOL SAFETY](#). This task force is organized in response to the terrible tragedy at Sandy Hook Elementary School.

President Obama has asked for input on how to prevent further tragedies like the murders at Sandy Hook. So far, suggestions focus on increasing school security, restricting gun ownership, and strengthening mental health services. No attention has been given to [creating, sustaining, and enhancing truly welcoming & caring schools](#). [This is the primary mission of Invitational Education.](#)

## RATIONALE

1. A common denominator among young killers is withdrawal and loneliness. The purpose of Invitational Education is to summon [every person to realize his or her relatively boundless potential in all areas of worthwhile human endeavor](#). Everyone matters
2. All other efforts to reduce violence focus on a single program. In contrast, Invitational Education addresses all five powerful P's of Education (Place, Policies, Programs, Processes, and People). These are [the heart of education](#).
3. Invitational Education provides an ethical, logical, democratic, and research-based justification for its mission. It is deeply human, with its [core principles of respect, trust, optimism, and intentionality, encompassed within a circle of care](#).
4. As [a theory of practice](#), Invitational Education is practical, cost-effective, and provides a language of transformation for schools
5. Most schools see themselves as inviting. The reality is that they seldom are. The reason is that schools know what to do, but why. [The Inviting School Survey is a straightforward and encompassing way to determine the "I.Q." \(invitational quotient\) of any school](#).

The Task Force to Promote School Safety will serve as a network for sharing ideas, promoting Invitational Education, and making schools a better place for people. Please join us in this endeavor.

Let us know that you want to be part of this Task Force by Emailing William W. Purkey at [wwpurkey@aol.com](mailto:wwpurkey@aol.com).

Best wishes for a safe Holiday Season and a promising New Year.

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