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## F.B.I. Tool to Identify Extremists Is Criticized

BY LAURIE GOODSTEIN

An interactive program, developed for teachers and students, is aimed at training them to prevent young people from being drawn into violent extremism. However some religious leaders say it only focuses on Islamic extremism.

James

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Emma, Catherine, and Ruthanne: Kyle Flood (copied) is scheduling the meeting with the FBI. Would you please let him know whether you or a surrogate would like to attend the FBI briefing?

Thanks,

Dave

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Thanks David

Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 14, 2015, at 12:41 PM, Esquith, David <David.Esquith@ed.gov> wrote:

James: attached please find two files (b)(5)

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**Sent:** Saturday, November 14, 2015 12:33 PM  
**To:** Arts, Shannon; 'Saeed, Irfan'; 'Kerry Sleeper'; 'Brian Murphy'; 'charles.p.kosak.civ@mail.mil'; 'Cooper, Laura K SES OSD OUSD POLICY (US)'; 'Brette Steele - DOJ ODAG'; 'Kotila, Brodi'; 'Gersten, David'; Esquith, David; Flood, Kyle; 'Steiger, Douglas (HHS/IOS)'; 'Long, Tricia (OS/OSSI)'; Newman, Kimberly A.; Daumit, Alexander (Jim); 'Feddersen, Brett J CIV JS JS (US)'; 'Russell Porter'; 'Dara Katz'; 'SiberelJH@state.gov'; 'RosandFA@state.gov'; Selim, George; Stransky, Steven; 'Kirsten B Gnipp'; 'TROYGO'; #TRANSBORDER; #CT; Selim, George  
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Colleagues,

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Thanks,  
NSC CT and Transborder

**From:** Bartlett, Dan  
**Sent:** Friday, November 13, 2015 3:46 PM  
**Subject:** INVITE: CSG/IPC on CVE Interagency Task Force, Monday November 16, 12:00-1:30am, EEOB 374

Colleagues,

NSC/CT and Transborder will host a Counterterrorism Security Group/Interagency Policy Committee on the Countering Violent Extremism (CVE) Interagency Task Force (IATF) on **Monday, November 16, 12:00 - 1:30 p.m., in EEOB 374**. The agenda is below. The discussion paper and other attachment will be sent out separately. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Best,  
Rob

**AGENDA:**

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**ATTACHMENTS:**

- Summary of Conclusions from November 4, 2015 CSG/IPC CVE

**INVITED PARTICIPANTS:** Please confirm participation with Brett Wallace and Teresa Peterson (cc'ed) as soon as possible on Friday, November 13<sup>th</sup>. (b)(5)

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DOJ: McCord  
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Joint Staff: Jarrard  
DHS: Warrick and/or Bersin  
OMB: Newman and Daumit  
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