

Testimonial Mary Kealy, Ed.D.

As educators grapple with the potential legislation in H.R. 4247/S.2860, a bill “To Prevent the Use of Seclusion and Restraint in Schools,” we would like to introduce you to The Mandt System®. We are the most experienced of all the vendors of training in the prevention and, if needed, use of restraint in the world. Founded in 1975, Mandt System® workshops and presentations have been made in all 50 states, Canada, and several European countries.

Mary Kealy, Ed.D., the Assistant Superintendent for Pupil Services in Loudon County, Virginia presented testimony to the House Committee on Education and Labor in regards to H.R. 4247 and said, in part:

“In my experience with best practice models, the systematic training provided through the Mandt System (www.mandtsystem.com) provides educators with the necessary components of a comprehensive training program for school staff to be certified in these techniques. . . .

It is important for school divisions to build the capacity to train staff annually, renew certifications and monitor staff implementation of these best practices to ensure appropriate implementation of these techniques and procedures. Resources must be provided to school divisions to allow for the successful implementation of the training and follow-up support required.”

The primary focus of Mandt System® training is prevention, rather than de-escalation. For every hour we spend teaching the use of restraint, we spend two hours on de-escalation, and three hours on prevention. It is our belief, and that of others, that the most effective way to prevent crises events from occurring, or escalating, is through the healthy relationships built by highly committed and well trained staff. Our goal is to help change educational cultures, not just teach a reactive skill when students escalate.

“One year after the Calgary School Board began utilizing The Mandt System®, one school reduced restraint by over 70%. One family had evaluated the school prior to Mandt System® training, and did not allow their child to attend the school. After staff completed training and implemented the program, the family visited the school again, and responded, “This is the same building, but it is a different school.” The atmosphere within the school had changed from toxic to beneficial, and was evident even on a brief visit to assess the program.”

Calgary School Board, Calgary, AB, Canada Sandra Mann

A Mandt System® training is being held in your area (**Kevin, fill in the date**). When you compare The Mandt System® to other training programs, I think you will be surprised by how inexpensive our program really is. To aid you in comparing cost, we can send you a cost comparison done by an organization in Iowa. Please email kevin@mandtsystem.com and he will send you this comparison, a review of how The Mandt System® meets educational requirements in several states, and a schedule of this and other training events.

We will be happy to provide you with a list of references and contact numbers in schools coast to coast and in Canada. For more information, please feel free to contact me at bob.bowen@mandtsystem.com, or call Kevin Mandt at (800) 819-0755. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Bob Bowen, CEO,
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