

Editorial Office

Journal of Mental Health and School Behavior (JMHSB)

Subject: Manuscript Submission – Evaluating the Effectiveness of Behavioral Threat Assessment Programs in Preventing School-based Active Shooter Incidents (JMHSB-257)

Dear Editor,

I want to extend my sincere appreciation for your thoughtful review and constructive guidance on my manuscript. Each of your recommendations has been carefully addressed to ensure clarity, methodological accuracy, and complete alignment with the journal's standards.

The revised manuscript now reflects the following updates:

1. **Clarification of Methodology:** The paper explicitly confirms that it is a systematic review synthesizing existing research and that no new human-subjects data were collected.
2. **Citation Consistency:** All in-text citations and references have been audited for accuracy and uniformity. The earlier Jackson & Viljoen (2024a/b/c) entries have been consolidated into a single verified reference, Jackson & Viljoen (2024), consistent with APA 7th edition guidelines.
3. **Third-Person Authorship and Style:** The manuscript maintains a formal, single-author, third-person academic voice throughout.
4. **Formatting and Compliance:** The paper has been checked for APA 7th edition conformity and journal formatting requirements.

Following these corrections, the manuscript is now complete, compliant, and ready for final editorial consideration. I am grateful for your time, insight, and contributions, which have strengthened the clarity and rigor of this work.

Thank you again for your valuable review and support of scholarly excellence.

Respectfully,