Elizabeth Brown is the principal at Forest High School in Marion County, FL. She became principal just over a month after an active shooter incident and was given the mission of leading the school community through the healing process and creating a culture where students and staff felt safe. She currently serves on the board of directors for the Florida Association of Secondary School Principals and as a member of NASSP’s Principal Recovery Network.

Frank DeAngelis was a staff member at Columbine High School in Littleton, CO, from 1979–2014, filling several roles before becoming the principal in 1996. Among the numerous professional awards he has received, DeAngelis was selected as the 2013 Colorado High School Principal of the Year and was an NASSP National Principal of the Year finalist in 2014. He retired in 2014 after 35 years at Columbine High School and presently serves as a consultant for safety and emergency management for the Jeffco School District in Colorado.

Greg Johnson has served as an educator at West Liberty-Salem since 1997 and has been the middle level and high school principal since 2005. In 2017, his building experienced an active shooter situation when a student shot and critically injured a fellow student. Johnson and Assistant Principal Andy McGill responded to the report of gunfire and were able to detain the shooter and tend to the injured student. Both are founding members of the Principal Recovery Network.

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