

To whom it may concern:

I am a school social worker at an alternative high school and a charter middle school in Stamford and also have experience working at the elementary school level. I believe social workers are an absolute necessity in helping to prevent violence and mitigate risks associated with students with mental health issues. We are either the first school employees to identify the warning signs or the first to be notified by other school personnel - mostly teachers. And yet it is not always easy to get the community and family support in place. This is definitely the most frustrating factor.

Thank you for your time,  
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