

THE SCHOOL LETTER CAMPAIGN FOR SECURE GUN STORAGE

School board meetings commonly provide opportunities for public comment. Use these talking points to prepare for and deliver remarks at your local school board meeting in support of the district disseminating information on the risks of unsecured firearms and the importance of secure storage.

TALKING POINTS

School Board Meeting

- Firearm-related injuries are the number one cause of death for children and teens in the United States. These tragedies impact our schools and communities far too often.
- More than half of U.S. gun owners do not practice secure gun storage, and 4.6 million children in America live in homes with an unlocked gun as a result.
- Every day, eight kids are unintentionally injured or killed due to someone misusing an unsecured firearm from the home.
- 76 percent of school shooters used a firearm from the home of a parent or close relative.
- We can protect students by encouraging those in our community to practice secure firearm storage.
- You can help by requiring that schools in [DISTRICT] send letters home to parents and caregivers about the dangers of unsecured guns in the home and how they can practice and promote secure firearm storage.
- Brady and the nationally recognized End Family Fire secure storage program have drafted template letters that you can customize and disseminate to aid in this effort.
- As concerned families, students, teachers, and community members, we are dedicated to preventing firearm tragedies and would appreciate working with you on this effort.

If your state had a secure storage or child access prevention law:

- [STATE] has adopted a law requiring [ex. firearms must be kept locked where there are minors present,] but not all gun owners are aware of this law.
- In some instances, caregivers and even school administrators have been held liable for not implementing adequate safety measures that could have helped prevent shootings.

