

THE SCHOOL LETTER CAMPAIGN FOR SECURE GUN STORAGE

Customize this letter for school board members to request formal adoption of a districtwide resolution directing all schools to provide parents and guardians with clear information on the dangers of unsecured firearms and best practices for secure firearm storage.

TEMPLATE

Letter to School Board

Dear School Board Members:

Firearm-related injuries are the number one cause of death for children and teens in the United States. We know all too well how these tragedies impact our schools and communities. That's why we want to offer our support to help you provide the students and staff of [INSERT SCHOOL OR DISTRICT] with a safe educational environment. A key way to do this is by passing a resolution to annually disseminate notifications educating parents and guardians about the risks associated with child access to unsecured firearms.

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. Tragically, every day, eight kids are unintentionally injured or killed due to family fire, or someone misusing an unsecured firearm from the home. According to an FBI study, 76 percent of school shooters used a firearm from the home of a parent or close relative.

We can protect students by encouraging parents and guardians to practice secure firearm storage, which means storing firearms locked, unloaded, and separate from ammunition.

We are providing you with a template resolution we hope you will customize and come together to adopt to ensure all schools in our district disseminate information to educate parents and guardians about the dangers of unsecured guns in the home and how they can practice and promote secure firearm storage. Families can also find personalized guidance on secure storage options and resources at endfamilyfire.org.

We urge the [NAME OF SCHOOL BOARD] to consider holding a public hearing with our fellow parents and community members to gain insight and input into this and other strategies for promoting secure firearm storage.

As concerned families, students, teachers, and community members, we are dedicated to preventing firearm tragedies. We are grateful for your consideration and would appreciate a chance to meet with you about this effort.

Sincerely,
[Your name]

