

# Family Safety Pledge

Schools and teachers nationwide have been asked to secure our children's safety in impossible circumstances. We honor and appreciate the efforts school systems are making for student safety. The growing epidemic of gun violence is terrifying. We must acknowledge that most gun violence to American children and teens happens in their homes and communities. While the schools have and continue to make every effort, our community is equally accountable and must take all measures possible to prevent both intentional and accidental deaths associated with the use of unsecured firearms in the home.

**The Goal of This Pledge** is to reduce the likelihood any student who may be feeling angry or suicidal has access to firearms. In taking this collective responsibility, we as a community are upholding our part to keep our children from being victims of gun violence.

**In acknowledgement of our shared community responsibility to keep children from endangering themselves or others, we, parents/guardians, pledge the following:**

1. To keep firearms in our possession under lock and key and completely inaccessible to curious children and thieves. Guns will be locked and stored separately from ammunition. This is in accordance with the American Academy of Pediatrics recommendation.
2. To ensure that children will not have unsupervised access to firearms in our home. Unlocking mechanisms will only be available to us, the parents and/or guardians. Any access to firearms in this household by children will be directly supervised by a trusted and responsible adult.

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Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Signature(s)

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Date