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Dear Parents/Guardians of Marin County Students:

We are writing about an issue that directly impacts the health and safety of our children - gun safety and the prevention of gun-related injuries. According to the Brady Campaign, it is estimated that 4.6 million children live in homes with access to unlocked guns. In addition, in 2018, the Wall Street Journal reported that 75% of guns used in school shootings came from the home. American gun violence continues to be a national health crisis.

**Parents and guardians are legally responsible for protecting children by adhering to the guidelines for safe storage of firearms under California Law AB 231, which makes someone criminally liable if they store a loaded firearm where a child is likely to gain access to it.**

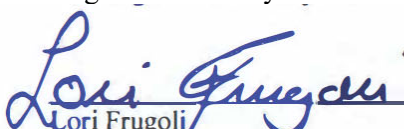
Marin school and law enforcement agencies are working together to keep our children and our schools as safe as possible. We are pleased to share this information to help educate our families about gun safety. We want to raise awareness and stop tragedies before they happen by following the guidelines below:


- **Store guns safely** (locked in a safe and not loaded);
- **Ask** about the presence of unsecured guns in other homes (play dates, neighbors); and
- **Recognize** the risk factors and warning signs of suicide and depression and speak up.


The [Marin County Office of Education Gun Safety](#) webpage provides guidelines and resources on gun safety in the home. Additional resources can be found on the [Marin Gun Safety Website for the School Community](#) which supports the mission of the [Marin Gun Safety Collaborative](#). Information includes:

- Gun lock and gun safety resources - Marin County District Attorney [Gun Locks](#) and Marin County Sheriff's Office (415) 473-7265.
- [Asking Saves Lives](#) – Brady Campaign program helping parents ask questions about gun safety in the homes their children visit.
- [Everytown / Moms Demand Action Be Smart for Kids](#) - Resources, tools and programs helping gun owners with safe gun storage and ownership practices.
- [Gun Violence Restraining Order](#) (GVRO) - Information about laws and the process that allowing families and friends to temporarily remove a firearm from a family member in crisis.

Together we can make sure our schools and communities are violence-free. If you have a firearm, thank you for ensuring that it is safely and securely stored.

  
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