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Dear School Community:

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 a study conducted by the New England Journal of Medicine, data showed that firearms are now the leading cause of death in children and adolescents in the U.S. American gun violence continues to be a national health crisis that is only getting worse.

This is a reminder that gun owners may be liable under California Law if they do not properly store their firearms in a locked container or lock the firearm with a locking device. In addition, ammunition should be stored separately from the locked firearm.

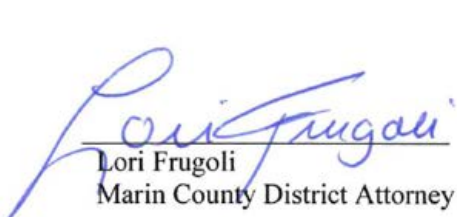
Marin school and law enforcement agencies are working together to keep our children and our schools as safe as possible. We are pleased to share this information to help educate our families about gun safety. We want to raise awareness and stop tragedies before they happen by following the guidelines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

Resources for administrators, teachers and families 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](#) and Marin County Sheriff's Office (415) 473-7265. Learn More about obtaining a [FREE Gun Locks](#).
- [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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