



Response to Connecticut School Shooting

LOUISIANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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“We in Louisiana should take special notice of the tragedy at the Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut. While we grieve with the families of Newtown, we as legislators need to ask if there are lessons to learn and apply to our own hometown schools.

Louisiana currently has laws in place to ensure our schools are prepared to respond to on-campus violence. Those laws, for example, require emergency plans, forbid weapons and body armor on school campuses, and allow schools to have police officers on campus daily.

I have talked to many members across the state, and it is clear that we should evaluate and question the policies and procedures of our schools to determine if our children are as safe as possible.

For these reasons, I have asked Rep. John Schroder, Chairman of the House Select Committee on Homeland Security, to convene a meeting of the committee early next year. The purpose will be to look carefully at the lessons we can learn from the Newtown tragedy and review our existing laws and procedures concerning school safety. The committee will discuss if we as a state need to take further action to make sure our children are free to learn, play and grow in peace and safety.”

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