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NCPTA Implores Lawmakers to Come Together for our Children

With Mass Shootings at an All Time High, There Needs to be Solutions

Raleigh, NC (August 6, 2019): North Carolina Parent Teacher Association President Harold Dixon issued this statement in response to the recent shootings in Gilroy, California, El Paso, Texas, and Dayton, Ohio: “With three mass shootings over the course of a week, and no seeming end in sight, it is critical for our children and future generations that lawmakers come together to have a conversation and find solutions to the issue.”

“According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Web-based Injury Statistics Query and Reporting System, 1,700 children are shot and killed each year, gun violence is the second-leading cause of death among children overall, and the first-leading cause of death among black children. Statistics gathered by Everytown for Gun Safety indicate that so far in 2019 there have been 57 incidents of gunfire on school grounds across the country, resulting in 10 deaths and 35 injuries. It is more than time to provide a safe environment for all of society, and children in particular, and that can’t happen unless lawmakers sit down and come up with viable, actionable solutions.”

“With many proposals on the table, it is necessary to have serious discussions about what will make a real difference. It is never too late to do what’s right, but we will never have the opportunity if there isn’t open and honest bipartisan communication and action to solve the issue of violence in America.”

About NCPTA

North Carolina PTA is the state’s oldest and largest volunteer organization advocating for every child to reach their full potential. Founded in 1919 and affiliated with National PTA, there are more than 960 Parent Teacher Associations in schools across the state with more than 110,000 members. PTAs provide advocacy, vital volunteers, and material resources to their schools. NCPTA supports PTA units and provides programs, training, and advocacy on behalf of North Carolina’s children.

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