NASP Applauds Announcement of White House Office to Prevent Gun Violence

Bethesda, MD—The National Association of School Psychologists (NASP) applauds today’s announcement that the White House will create an office for gun violence prevention. For years, NASP and its members have called for government action to address the horrific and preventable violence that has plagued our country and taken the lives of students and school personnel from Newtown, CT; Parkland, FL; Uvalde, TX; and so many other communities across the United States.

NASP has worked with Congress and multiple Administrations urging more effective, commonsense, long-overdue gun safety laws, including reinstating the assault weapons ban. We worked closely on and supported the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act, with the expectation that this was the first in renewed federal efforts to end gun violence, not the last. We are grateful for President Biden’s leadership in establishing an office that will coordinate efforts across the government to address this crisis that threatens the safety of our schools.

Now, Congress must follow suit in understanding the urgency of preventing gun violence and enacting legislation that will protect our children and communities. Gun violence is the number one cause of death among children and teens. We need stronger gun safety laws now.

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