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### Texas PTA Responds to School Shooting in Santa Fe, Texas

**Austin, Texas** – One more time our country is plagued by a school shooting resulting in multiple casualties and injuries. Instead of celebrating our students and the end to another successful school year, Santa Fe High School near Houston, Texas, is grieving the loss of life on its campus and grappling with the devastation to its community.

“It’s time to take action. We are way beyond ‘enough is enough,’” said Texas PTA President Lisa Holbrook. She added, “As a mother and leader of the largest child advocacy association in Texas, it is unconscionable and downright disgusting we can no longer send our children to school without the fear of mass shootings.”

Texas PTA calls on our legislature to make school safety the number one issue on their agenda. Texas PTA is currently working with the Texas School Safety Center in San Marcos to identify ways to better protect our school campuses. In addition, Texas PTA will make school safety a priority for the next legislative session which starts in January 2019. Texas PTA plans to take a holistic approach, urging policy makers to assess current policies to identify students with mental health issues and the methods of intervention being utilized. Texas PTA will also call for the state to evaluate all school campuses to ensure full implementation of school safety plan requirements and perhaps strengthening those security requirements.

Holbrook said, “Texas PTA applauds the administrators, teachers, school personnel, and first responders who put the lives of students before themselves. Texas is a strong resilient state. We must work together to stop senseless acts like the one in Santa Fe that rob our students of a safe learning environment.”

