



North Carolina Department of Public Safety
Prevent. Protect. Prepare.

Roy Cooper, Governor

Erik A. Hooks, Secretary

March 6, 2018

The Honorable Robert A. Evans, Chairman
NC Governor's Crime Commission
1201 Front Street
Raleigh, NC 27609

RE: Special Committee on Mass School Shootings

Dear Chairman Evans:

Mass school shootings have tragically become a too common occurrence in this country. Recent school attacks, like the one in Parkland, Florida that left 17 students and faculty dead and more than a dozen others wounded, have shocked the conscience of communities across the nation. It is imperative that we utilize every resource available to us to examine and address this dangerous threat to our children and educational professionals. Therefore, I am requesting the Governor's Crime Commission to convene a special committee to engage in what I am describing as a whole-of-community and whole-of-government approach, necessary to help find solutions to the threat of mass shootings in schools.

This special committee should include Commission members representing law enforcement, juvenile justice, courts, schools and behavioral health. It should be tasked with identifying resources and developing recommendations to strengthen school safety. In so doing, the committee should conduct a series of community forums to gather and share information, listen to concerns, and identify possible strategies for preventing school gun violence.

Addressing the crisis of school violence requires a comprehensive and collaborative approach involving the community, mental health and public safety professionals. Our children deserve our full commitment to identify ways to disrupt any cycle of violence in our schools.

Sincerely,

Erik A. Hooks
Secretary

MAILING ADDRESS:
4201 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699-4201
www.ncdps.gov



An Equal Opportunity Employer

OFFICE LOCATION:
512 N. Salisbury Street
Raleigh, NC 27604
Telephone: (919) 733-2126