



June 3, 2022

Chief Harold Medina
Albuquerque Police Department
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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL TO: hmedina@cabq.gov

In Re: Guns at schools

Dear Chief Medina:

The tragic school shooting in Uvalde, Texas on May 24, 2022, is a potent reminder that guns in the hands of schoolchildren is a recipe for disaster. As a community, we need to do everything we can to ensure that guns are safely kept away from children and to act swiftly and decisively when minors are found to be in possession of firearms on school premises.

Only a day after the Uvalde shooting, a student at Volcano Vista High School brought a ghost gun with an extended magazine loaded with twenty bullets onto campus. Fortunately, your officers acted quickly and discovered and seized the gun before it could be used to inflict harm. The Children, Youth, and Family Division's Juvenile Probation and Parole Office (JPPO), however, determined that this student did not meet the criteria for being detained and instructed your officers not to arrest him.

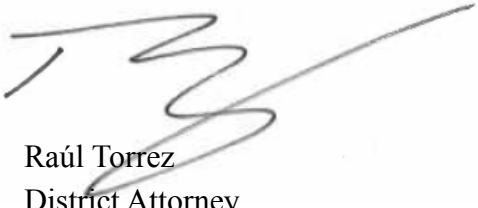
I copied you on a letter to the Children, Youth, and Family Division (CYFD) today regarding the risk assessment instrument (RAI) CYFD utilizes to determine whether a juvenile can be detained. There are significant issues with that RAI as it relates to guns at schools and minors in possession of firearms.

We request to meet with you at your earliest convenience to discuss this issue and its ramifications for public safety in our community. Together, we can find ways to overcome the

problems with CYFD's RAI and protect Albuquerque schools, students, and teachers from becoming victims of gun violence.

As you and I have previously discussed, our schools are not a place for guns, and students have no business being in possession of a firearm on school grounds. We must be hypervigilant in preventing school shootings in Bernalillo County. Thank you for the diligent efforts of your officers to protect the community and for your willingness to work together with my office to keep our schools safe.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Raúl Torrez', written over a light gray background.

Raúl Torrez
District Attorney