

September 26, 2016

Donna M. Hargens, Ed.D.
Superintendent, JCPS
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RE: Protecting Our Children

Dear Superintendent Hargens:

As parents, citizens and attorneys experienced in the practice of criminal law here in Jefferson County we write you regarding the continuing danger of gun violence in Jefferson County Public Schools.

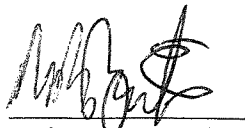
In the past five (5) weeks, there have been incidents of guns on school property at Noe Middle as well as Atherton, Iroquois and Western High. This month also marks the two (2) year anniversary of the shooting of a student inside Fern Creek High School.

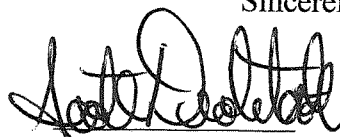
Ever-increasing and significant numbers of teenagers in Jefferson County possess loaded guns on a daily basis. We see this at the courthouse. It is not a matter of if, but of when, we will see the horror of children carried out of schools in body bags.


For this reason we demand that JCPS introduce stringent security measures at the front doors of our middle and high schools to prevent the introduction of guns into the schools. Courthouses, airports, arenas and schools elsewhere are protected by magnetometers and scanner equipment. Our schools deserve the same protection.


This imminent danger to the children in our schools is preventable. Whatever the cost, real protection must be provided. We have the means available to us, it is simply a question of the will to do what is right and necessary.

Sincerely,


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cc: School Board