



**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

**CHRISTOPHER T. SUNUNU**  
Governor

Dear Members of the Governor's School Safety Preparedness Taskforce,

Thank you for agreeing to serve on this critically important taskforce. Ensuring that New Hampshire's schools are the safest in the nation is a priority that all Granite Staters share. Over the next 60-90 days, you all will evaluate and recommend additional steps that can be taken to ensure New Hampshire's schools are the safest they can be.

Whether it is participating in robust working groups or consulting with members of the public, your perspective will be valued, listened to, and respected. At the conclusion of the taskforce I am requesting a summary report of your findings so that we may find areas of agreement and take the next steps forward. At the end of the day, there is one goal we all share: the safety of New Hampshire's students. If we cannot put our children on the school bus and know they are safe, nothing else matters.

Below is a list of proposals I am requesting the taskforce research, and if feasible, we must determine how best to implement these concepts into our communities. They are priorities of my administration, and will lay the groundwork for what I believe to be critical investments in making our schools and children safe.

- Encourage increased participation of local school districts in early warning systems
- Evaluate increasing access for youth mental health services
- Fund additional investment in school security and safety infrastructure
- Allocate staffing to review school safety plans and provide feedback to local districts, review regularly
- Explore Violent Threat Restraining Orders / Extreme Risk Protection Order System
- Strengthen background checks
- Explore voluntary, well-trained school marshal programs
- Increase training opportunities for schools including annual statewide safety workshop for school employees to participate in and receive up to date safety training and tools

These proposed efforts will run alongside the new Public School Infrastructure Fund, which is investing nearly \$20 million in state funds directly into communities by making long overdue infrastructure and security upgrades – the first time state funds have ever been used to secure our schools, but it's still not enough. We must challenge ourselves to do more and truly be the gold standard of school safety for the entire country.

On behalf of the State of New Hampshire, thank you for serving on this historic taskforce. At the end of the day, it is all about making sure we leave New Hampshire better than we found it and securing a bright future for our kids.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Christopher T. Sununu".

Christopher T. Sununu  
Governor