



ASCA Statement on Robb Elementary School Shooting

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ALEXANDRIA, VA – The American School Counselor Association expresses our deepest sadness and anger regarding the massacre of 19 fourth-graders and two teachers at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas. This year alone, 27 school shootings have injured or killed students and staff in what should be safe spaces to learn and grow.

We mourn with the families and community of Uvalde, while we plead with policymakers to take the necessary preventive action to protect our nation’s children.

“What occurred in Uvalde should be unthinkable and yet it isn’t,” said Jill Cook, ASCA executive director. “It’s well past time for local, state and national leaders to prioritize the health and safety of our children.”

Today, school counselors went back to work to pick up the pieces, reassuring and comforting students, while also processing their own considerable fear and grief. School counselors and other educators and instructional support professionals will find [resources on the ASCA website](#).

In the coming days, we will increase our advocacy efforts aligned with ASCA’s [position on the prevention of school-related gun violence](#). We will grieve, but we also must act. Unless we do, another tragedy is inevitable.

About the American School Counselor Association

The American School Counselor Association (ASCA) is a nonprofit, professional organization. ASCA promotes student success by expanding the image and influence of school counseling through leadership, advocacy, collaboration and systemic change. ASCA helps school counselors guide their students toward academic achievement, career planning and social/emotional learning to help today’s students become tomorrow’s productive, contributing members of society. Founded in 1952, ASCA has a network of 51 state and territory associations and a membership of 43,000 school counseling professionals.