

**REQUEST TO BE ADDED TO AUG. 17, 2022 BOARD MEETING AGENDA**

Ms. Leticia Rodriguez – We are [Safe Kids LB](#), a growing group of parents who are joining forces to drive practical changes within the Long Beach Unified School District (LBUSD) that free our schools from school violence.

Following the latest school massacre in Uvalde, one thing is clear – there were warnings far ahead of the shooting that were ignored or not taken seriously enough by the young people that saw or received them. While the world turns its attention to dissecting the timelines of what was done (or sadly, not done) when a shooter entered the Robb Elementary campus, we asked: ***Why weren't these threats reported to police, parents or school officials? What exists for LBUSD students to report a threat other than tell a teacher or parent?***

As the Board is likely aware, the **LBUSD and LBPD have no technology based anonymous reporting system in place**. Nothing for the 70,000 students on the front lines of this issue. Those with the greatest visibility into those that may harm others, themselves or are being harmed. Students need an easy, anonymous way to share what they are seeing, hearing or concerned about. We need them to know what a threat is and looks like, and we need them to trust their gut instincts and report.

The state of Michigan (OK2SAY) built its own app-based reporting system and Sandy Hook Promise has a [system](#) it offers to school districts nationwide (presently 120+). In 2020, Michigan's OK2SAY system received **3,743 tips reporting: suicide threats, drugs, other (e.g., anxiety, stress, depression, harassment), cyberbullying and sexual misconduct**. Threats that all have the potential to directly or indirectly harm student safety. It is critically important to note that **73% of school and law enforcement professionals were unaware of the problem before the tip**.

We are demanding the LBUSD implement a similar system to protect our school today. We request the topic of an anonymous reporting system be added to the August 17, 2022 agenda of the LBUSD School Board.

Thank you and regards,

Safe Kids LB and supporters

<b>Name (First, Last)</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Grade Level(s) as of Fall 2022</b>	<b>Board of Ed District</b>
Leslie Bryant	Lowell Elementary	2 <sup>nd</sup>	4
Steve Bryant	Lowell Elementary	2nd	4
Brittany H. Scholten	Emerson parkside academy	1st	4
Brian Jones	Lowell Elementary	2nd	4
Heather Sierra	Patrick Henry	Kindergarten	5
Laura Yuen-Burlon	Lowell	1st & 3rd	4
Shannon Bulrice	Naples Elementary	3rd	4
Lauren Jones	Lowell Elementary	2nd	4
Roben Alarcon	Millikan HS	10th	5

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Tasha Higgins	Browning HS	9th and 11th	2
Kimberley Lynne	Lowell Elementary	1st	4
Melissa Rosett	Gant Elementary	3rd	4
Kate Enright	Lowell Elementary	1st & 2nd	4
Emily Farrier	Fremont Elementary/IVA	4/8	4
Michelle Omura	Lowell Elementary	2nd	4
Jill Parker	Stanford MS Wilson HS Millikan HS	6th & 8th 11th 12th	4
Rachel Jones Cummings	Fremont elementary Rogers middle	TK, 1 8	4
Jessica Birardi	Fremont Elementary	3rd	4
Vincent Birardi	Fremont Elementary	3rd	4
Maria Lebel	Rogers Middle	8th	4
Krista Richardson	Fremont Elem; IVA	3rd, 8th	3
Cori Iverson	Lowell Elementary	2nd	4
Tiffany Sidwell	Cubberly K-8	7th	4
Joya Buxton	Los Cerritos/Longfellow	PreSchool Currently	1
Virginia Purnell	Lowell	2nd & 4th	4

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