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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### ***SCHOOL SAFETY UPDATE MESSAGE FROM SHERIFF FARRIS***

PUTNAM COUNTY, TN – Due to the recent school shootings, the latest occurring in Texas, as your Sheriff, who provides the Student Resource Deputies in each of the public schools in Putnam County, I want to provide a message to anyone thinking about committing an act of violence that would harm our children or faculty at our schools.

Our Student Resource Deputies and SWAT are the most highly trained Deputies within the United States, including in the areas of active shooter situations and other violent crimes against the public. If you are a bad guy and come into our schools with a gun, or any other kind of weapon, with the intention of causing harm to our faculty or children, our Deputies will eliminate you immediately.

Our Deputies are trained to run towards the threat / violence no matter the cost - even if it costs them their own lives in order to keep our children safe. We will not wait on backup, including other law enforcement or SWAT. If we have not eliminated the threat by the time other law enforcement arrives, then we have failed at what we're trained to do.

Let me be clear: there is nothing more important than our children's safety and we will take whatever action necessary to accomplish this task.

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