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Re: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST Expedited Processing and Fee Waiver Requested

Attorney General's memorandum on forming a partnership to address threats against school administrators, board members, teachers and staff

To Whom It May Concern:

Headquarters: 3100 Broadway • Suite 1210 • Kansas City, Missouri 64111 • (816) 931-5559 • FAX (816) 931-1115 Virginia Office: 19415 Deerfield Avenue • Suite 312 • Leesburg, Virginia 20176 • (703) 554-6100 • FAX (703) 554-6119 This is a Freedom of Information Act Request under 5 U.S.C. Section 552 *et seq.* and 28 CFR 16.1 *et seq.* relating to the October 4, 2021, Memorandum issued by the Attorney General on the formation of a partnership among federal, state, local, tribal, and territorial law enforcement to address threats against school administrators, board members, teachers and staff ("October 4 Memorandum").

Paragraph #4 of the Memorandum states, in part:

To this end, I [Attorney General Merrick Garland] am directing the Federal Bureau of Investigation, working with each United States Attorney, to convene meetings with federal, state, local, Tribal, and territorial leaders in each federal judicial district within 30 days of the issuance of this memorandum. These meetings will facilitate the discussion of strategies for addressing threats against school administrators, board members, teachers, and staff, and will open dedicated lines of communication for threat reporting assessment, and response.

This Request seeks records relating to meetings held under this directive.

Further, as this request relates to a matter of significant current and ongoing public interest and debate, Landmark Legal Foundation ("Landmark") requests that this records request be given expedited processing. In addition, as Landmark is a tax exempt organization with a long record of widely sharing public records through various media outlets as part of its public education program, Landmark requests the waiver of all fees and costs associated with this request.

I. Records Requested

Landmark seeks disclosure of the following records from October 4, 2021 to November 4, 2021 relating to:

- 1. Any records of communications between DOJ personnel in your office and state, local, Tribal and territorial leaders discussing meetings held or planning to be held pursuant to the October 4 Memorandum. Communications includes emails (sent from official government accounts or personal email accounts), text messages and letters.
- 2. Any meeting agendas produced, distributed and currently in possession of DOJ personnel in your office relating to meetings with federal, state, local, Tribal, and territorial leaders held or planning to be held under the directive of the October 4 Memorandum.
- 3. Any records listing names of individuals who have attended any meetings held under the directive of the October 4 Memorandum.
- 4. Any transcripts or audio recording of meetings between DOJ personnel and state, local, Tribal and territorial leaders held under the October 4 Memorandum.

- 5. Any memos received by DOJ personnel in your office from state, local, Tribal and territorial leaders on matters discussed in the October 4 Memorandum.
- 6. Any memos sent by DOJ personnel in your office to state, local, Tribal and territorial leaders on matters pertaining to the matters discussed in the October 4 Memorandum.

II. Fee Waiver & Expedited Processing

Landmark seeks a fee waiver and expedited processing of this request.

A. Fee Waiver

Department regulations allow for waiver or reduction of fees. 28 CFR 16.11. Requesters must show:

(i) Disclosure of the requested information is in the public interest because it is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of the government, and (ii) Disclosure of the information is not primarily in the commercial interest of the requester. 28 CFR 16.11(k).

As shown below, Landmark satisfies each of these factors.

1. Release of Requested Records will contribute significantly to public understanding of government operations or activities.

The Attorney General's October 4, 2021 Memorandum set off a political and legal firestorm. Its legal validity has been the subject of many news reports and commentary in all media sectors. As recently as October 27, 2021 Attorney General Merrick Garland testified before the Senate Judiciary Committee on the Memorandum's effect on the free speech rights of parents who wish to testify before school boards.¹ Who is attending the meetings proscribed in the Memorandum and what is being discussed might involve suppression of the 1st Amendment rights of parents throughout the nation.

In his testimony before the Senate Judiciary Committee, Attorney General Garland stated that he believed the memorandum did not chill free speech.² He stated that the Memorandum was to address violence and threats of violence against school board members.³ The details of these meetings directly involves whether a threat exists and whether the federal government has jurisdictional authority in these matters.

Thus, Landmark submits this FOIA request to the Department of Justice to inform and educate the public as to details of meetings held under the October 4 Memorandum and to test the veracity of public statements made by the Attorney General and details in the Memorandum.

² Id. ³ Id.

¹ https://www.c-span.org/video/?515521-1/department-justice-oversight-hearing (October 29, 2021).

Along with Department regulations, the FOIA requires the Department to waive fees when disclosure of the requested record is in the public interest. 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(A)(iii), <u>Long v. BATF</u>, 964 F. Supp.494, 498 (D.D.C. 1997). Further, "the amended statute 'is to be liberally construed in favor of waivers for noncommercial requesters." <u>McClellan Ecological</u> <u>Seepage Situation v. Carucci</u> 835 F.2d 1282, 1284 (9th Cir. 1987), <u>quoting</u> 132 Cong. Rec. SS-14298 (Sept. 30, 1986) (statement of Sen. Leahy). Senator Leahy then explained that the 1986 amendment's purpose was "to remove the roadblocks and technicalities which have been used by various federal agencies to deny waiver or reduction of fees under FOIA." 132 Cong. Rec. S-16496 (Oct. 15, 1986).

As stated above, the Department's regulations set forth factors to determine whether a release of requested records is in the public interest. Landmark satisfies each of these factors, as clearly demonstrated by a close reading of the regulations.

a. Whether the subject of the requested records concerns "the operation or activities of the government."

This factor concerns the subject of the request. 28 CFR 16.11(k)(2)(i). Landmark seeks government records relating to meetings held under the Attorney General's October 4, 2021 Memorandum. Meetings held with individuals outside the federal government with DOJ officials (including FBI personnel) concerns the operations of DOJ activities and by extension, the government.

b. Whether the disclosure is likely to contribute to an "understanding of the operations or activities of government."

This factor concerns the informative value of the information to be disclosed. 28 CFR 16.11(k)(2)(ii). The disclosure of the records sought will contribute to the public's knowledge of the details of meetings between DOJ (and FBI) personnel and third parties about the issues raised in the October 4 Memorandum. To Landmark's knowledge, DOJ has not stated whether this information will be made public. And there is no telling when DOJ would release details of these meetings and what type of information would be released. Even in an instance where Congress has demanded release of information, federal agencies have been slow to respond. The release of records relating to meetings held under the October 4 Memorandum will help clarify government activities that aren't conducted in public view. This would no doubt contribute to an understanding of government operation or activities.

c. Whether the disclosure of the requested information will contribute to "public understanding."

This factor concerns the contribution to an understanding of the subject by the public likely to result from disclosure. 28 CFR 16.11(k)(2)(iii). The disclosure of the requested information will contribute to the public understanding of the Department's operations as a result of Landmark's long record of educating the public with information gathered through FOIA requests.

Upon receipt of this information, Landmark will promptly analyze and share the requested material. Landmark will take several steps, among others, to ensure that the public has access to the information, thus ensuring that the information will contribute to the "public understanding" of the Department's conduct and operations:

- Landmark will post responsive information on its website (www.landmarklegal.org), which is accessed regularly by thousands of individuals and offers the information to potentially millions of citizens;
- Landmark will use its extensive contacts in radio broadcasting to ensure proper public dissemination of requested records;
- 3. Landmark will include the information in its newsletter, which is distributed to thousands of individuals, groups and the media;
- Landmark will disseminate the information via its widespread distribution technology, which reaches hundreds of media outlets, reporters, editorial writers, commentators and public policy organizations;
- 5. Landmark staff will use the information to publish articles in print media, many of which are widely circulated. Landmark has successfully published such numerous articles in the past;
- 6. Landmark will issue press releases to specific media outlets; and
- 7. Landmark staff will appear on television and radio programs.⁴

Landmark has a proven record of ensuring that information it receives under FOIA requests garners widespread attention in print, electronic and broadcast media. Landmark's investigations have been cited by the *Associated Press*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Washington Post*, *The Washington Times* and *the* Fox News Channel.

Landmark's attorneys are regular guests on radio shows throughout the country. Editorials written by Landmark personnel are featured in publications such as The Hill, The Federalist, The Daily Wire, MSN, RealClearPolicy and the Dallas Morning News.

d. Whether disclosure is likely to contribute "significantly" to public understanding of government operations or activities.

This factor concerns the significance of the contribution to public understanding. 28 CFR 16.11(k)(2)(iv). The disclosure of the records requested will contribute significantly to the public understanding of government operations or activities. Matters discussed, evidence presented and names of attendees at meetings held under the October 4, 2021 Memorandum will

⁴ <u>See Judicial Watch, Inc. v. Rosotti,</u> 326 F.3d 1309, 1314 (D.C. Cir. 2003). Here, the Court determined that an entity who provided "nine ways in which it communicates collected information to the public" sufficiently justified how disclosure would contribute to the public's understanding as to the activities of the federal government.

clarify the frequency and veracity of the purported threats that School Boards are facing. The information requested will disclose whether individuals with certain political agendas are trying to influence DOJ policy and whether groups or individuals are being excluded. The information requested will also disclose whether DOJ and the FBI are acting outside the scope of their legal and constitutional authority.

Landmark satisfies each of these factors.

2. Disclosure of Requested Material is Not in Landmark's Commercial Interest.

To grant a fee waiver, the disclosure of the requested material must not be in the commercial interest of the requester. 28 CFR 16.11(k)(ii). Landmark does not have any commercial interest in the release of the requested records. Obtaining, analyzing, and disseminating this information tracks Landmark's mission to educate the public about the activities of federal agencies. Landmark has no commercial interest of any kind, nor can it as a 501(c)(3) public interest nonprofit organization. So a waiver of fees should be granted.

B. Landmark's Request Should Receive Expedited Processing.

Under Department regulations, requests may be taken out of order and given expedited treatment. 28 CFR 16.5(d). To receive expedited process, a FOIA request must show any one of four factors:

(i) Circumstances in which the lack of expedited treatment could reasonably be expected to pose an imminent threat to the life or physical safety of an individual;
(ii) An urgency to inform the public about an actual or alleged federal government activity, if made by a person primarily engaged in disseminating information;
(iii) The loss of substantial due process rights; or

(iv) A matter of widespread and exceptional media interest in which there exist possible questions about the government's integrity which affect public confidence. (emphasis added) 28 CFR 16.5(d).

Department of Justice regulations thus track the FOIA's requirement for expedited processing when a compelling need has been established. The regulations have added another factor relating to government integrity. Landmark meets both factors for expedited processing.

1. Urgency to Inform.

a. There is a Compelling Need For Public Disclosure of the Requested Records.

There is a compelling need for the immediate release of the information requested. There are legitimate questions on whether the October 4, 2021 Memorandum has chilled individuals' First Amendment rights. As for entities "primarily engaged in disseminating information," a

compelling need is shown by an "urgency to inform the public concerning actual or alleged Federal Government activity" under the FOIA. 5 U.S.C. Section 552(a)(6)(E)(v)(II). Among the factors to be considered as to whether there is a compelling need are "(1) whether the request concerns a matter of current exigency to the American public; (2) whether the consequences of delaying a response would compromise a significant recognized interest; and (3) whether the request concerns federal government activity." <u>ACLU</u>, 321 F.Supp.2d at 29.

The requested records related directly to several matters of tremendous public interest and debate as evidenced by the countless news articles, media reports, editorials and coverage raised by the promulgation of the October 4 Memorandum. Whether the matters raised in the October 4 Memorandum are serious and verifiable or whether the Memorandum was issued as an effort to chill speech is a valid question that needs addressing. Disclosure of information from the meetings discussed in the October 4 Memorandum will help answer this question.

As the October 4 Memorandum can effectively chill an individual's right to express himself before a governmental body, the details surrounding meetings held under the Memorandum are of compelling interest. The right to free speech is one of the most protected rights under our constitutional system and efforts to curb speech are given the highest degree of judicial scrutiny and are only upheld if the government can show an overwhelming interest in regulating such speech. The substance of matters discussed at these meetings will illuminate whether the government's actions are permissible.

In short, Landmark meets the factors for a compelling need.

b. Landmark is Primarily Engaged in Disseminating Information.

As part of its mission as a tax-exempt, public interest law firm, Landmark investigates, litigates and *publicizes* instances of improper and illegal government activity. As stated above, Landmark will take various steps to disseminate responsive information to the public. Landmark will post information on its website; include the information in its newsletters; disseminate information via various widespread distribution technologies; publish articles in large circulation print media; and issue press releases to a wide range of media outlets.

Moreover, Landmark's work is regularly reported on in national print, broadcast and electronic media outlets, including the *Washington Post*, *Washington Times*, *The New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, and many other national publications. Landmark's work is often discussed on national radio talk shows. Landmark's only purpose in seeking this information is also to disseminate such information to the public.

Landmark has thousands of supporters throughout the United States who are regularly informed through newsletters and other correspondence of the Foundation's activities. Landmark exists only through the donations received from the public and does not accept any government funds. As a result, Landmark must disseminate information about its activities to the public to function.

In <u>Elec. Privacy Info. Ctr. v. DOD</u>, 241 F. Supp. 2d 5 (D.D.C. 2003), the D.C. District Court found that a public interest group was "primarily engaged in disseminating information" for purposes of the FOIA. The court reasoned that he group "gathers information of potential interest to a segment of the public, uses its editorial skills to turn the raw material into a distinct work, and distributes that work to an audience." <u>Elec. Privacy Info. Ctr. v. DOD</u>, 241 F. Supp. 2d 5, 11 (D.D.C. 2003)(citing <u>National Sec. Archive v. U.S. Dep't of Defense</u>, 880 F.2d 1381, 1387 (D.C. Cir. 1989).

Landmark gathers information of potential interest to the public, especially those with a conservative viewpoint, analyzes the information, and then creates a report or summary of that information which it distributes to Landmark's audience through newsletters, reports and its webpage. Landmark's audience includes its supporters, including official advisors, news media, visitors to its website and the public when Landmark officials discuss the information in print, television and radio.

Please note, Landmark has been involved in extensive litigation arising from a governmental Department's failure to properly produce documents in accordance with its obligations under the FOIA. See Landmark Legal Foundation v. Environmental Protection Agency, 272 F.Supp.2d 70 (D.D.C. 2003). In that case, the EPA destroyed records in violation of a preliminary injunction and failed to properly circulate Landmark's Request to relevant departments within the Agency. The Agency was thus found in civil contempt of court. Landmark fully expects the Department to fully comply with the legal mandates set forth in the FOIA.

If Landmark's FOIA Request is not expedited, the potential exists for spoliation of evidence that could show improper or politicized DOJ and FBI conduct. Expediting Landmark's Request will allow Landmark – and the public – to understand an issue of national interest.

Furthermore, please provide assurances that DOJ and FBI officials are seeking to prevent destruction of repositories of information that may hold records responsive to this request. Additionally, know that any actions taken in contravention of the Department's responsibilities will be raised if this request becomes the subject of litigation.

2. Government Integrity.

For reasons like those describing the urgency to inform the public about the matter, Landmark's request relates to an area that has questioned the integrity of officials at the highest levels of government. Politicizing resources of the Department of Justice and the FBI to chill the First Amendment rights of citizens directly involves government integrity. In short, Landmark's request fulfills the requirements of 28 CFR 16.5(d)(iv).

III. Conclusion

If you intend to deny this request in whole or in part, Landmark requests that you provide specific and substantive justifications with full citation to applicable exemptions and supporting case law.

Please also note, while Landmark realizes that the Department considers requests for fee waivers case-by-case, Landmark has successfully litigated whether it qualifies for a fee waiver in federal court.

For the reasons stated above, Landmark asks that the Department grant Landmark's requests for a fee waiver and for expedited processing. You may contact Michael O'Neill at (703) 371-6330 or via email at <u>mike@landmarklegal.org</u> if you have any questions.

Please deliver responsive records to Mr. O'Neill's attention at the following address:

Michael J. O'Neill Landmark Legal Foundation 19415 Deerfield Ave. Suite 312 Leesburg, VA 20176

Electronic copies of responsive records can be delivered via email to Mr. O'Neill's email address as well.

Please produce records on a rolling basis as they become available for disclosure.

Certification

<u>Under Department regulations and as required by law, I certify, to the best of my</u> knowledge and belief, that the above facts are true and correct.

11/4/2021

Date

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VIA E-mail

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> Re: Request Number: EOUSA-2022-000376 Subject of Request: Attorney General's Memorandum Addressing Threats of Violence Against School Board Members, Administrators, Etc.

Dear Mr. O'Neill:

This letter is the **first interim response** from the Executive Office for United States Attorneys (EOUSA), the official record-keeper for all records located in this office and the various United States Attorneys' Office, in the above-captioned matter. EOUSA is continuing to process potentially responsive records to your request, and will provide additional response(s) as necessary. To provide you with the greatest degree of access authorized by the Freedom of Information Act and the Privacy Act, we have considered your request in light of the provisions of both statutes.

The records you seek are located in a Privacy Act system of records that, in accordance with regulations promulgated by the Attorney General, is exempt from the access provisions of the Privacy Act. 28 CFR § 16.81. We have also processed your request under the Freedom of Information Act and are making all records required to be released, or considered appropriate for release as a matter of discretion, available to you.

Thus far, we have reviewed 125 pages of material for this interim response:

19 page(s) are being released in full (RIF);106 page(s) are being released in part (RIP); and 0 page(s) are withheld in full (WIF).

We are continuing to process your request as expeditiously as possible. Toward that end, we are hopeful that our release of the enclosed 125 pages of records, redacted only as required pursuant to FOIA exemptions (b)(6) and (b)(7)(C) and the Privacy Act to protect the privacy of third parties, and not redacted pursuant to any FOIA exemption that is discretionary, will enable you to narrow your request to seek documents from fewer than all of the United States Attorney's Offices.

We are also contemplating making a discretionary release of a 45-page document produced by EOUSA's Office of Legal and Victim Programs that is privileged and possibly non-responsive, which might facilitate your review of the enclosed documents. If you have any questions about that or any other aspect of this interim release please feel free to contact Attorney-Advisor Theodore B. (Ted) Smith of my staff at 202-507-0473 or theodore.smith@usdoj.gov.

Sincerely,

Kevin Krebs Assistant Director

Enclosure(s)

From:	Romine, Nicole M. (USAWY) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (USAEO) [Contractor]
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Subject:	Reporting on: Guidance on Implementing the Attorney General's Memorandum on Addressing Threats against School Administrators, Board Members, Teachers, and Staff
Date:	Tuesday, October 26, 2021 3:12:38 PM

Ms. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

In Wyoming, we have excellent relationships with our state, local, tribal, and federal law enforcement partners, including local prosecutors. Our district read the memo to suggest that we needed to reach out to our schools, educational communities, etc. to explain to them how they should report acts of violence or significant (non-free speech) true threats directed towards them. We accomplished that goal collaboratively with the FBI.

The District of Wyoming, in partnership with the FBI, conducted a virtual meeting on Tuesday, October 26, 2021, in an effort to comply with the AG's Memo on this topic. The following law enforcement agencies participated: FBI (Wyoming SSRA); Wyoming Division of Criminal Investigation (Director), and the Wyoming School Resource Officers Association (with officers from Lander and Cheyenne Police Departments). In addition to these agencies, Jillian Balow, elected Wyoming Superintendent of Public Instruction, also participated. She was able to offer a helpful snapshot of what schools across the District of Wyoming has encountered over the last year.

During the virtual meeting, we explained to the participants how to contact both local and federal law enforcement and emphasized that we would work collaboratively to address these types of incidents should they occur. We discussed openly with them FBI, state, local, tribal, and USAO roles in investigating and prosecuting actual threats made to Wyoming school officials. We used the talking points that were sent out after the initial memo to guarantee that our goal was to ensure protection of Constitutional rights while also investigating/prosecuting actual threats or violence that are not protected by the Constitution. At the conclusion of our meeting we were able to determine that there has not been any significant problems in Wyoming, even with the increase in attendance at school board meetings statewide. All participants indicated a willingness to notify the USAO and the FBI should significant problems develop.

The USAO sent a follow-up email to all participants reiterating those same points, and providing the participants the contact information of the USAO and FBI should they need any federal assistance. All participants indicated they would share this information with relevant parties, including local school superintendents, local law enforcements, and SROs across the state.

If you have questions or concerns about this approach, please let me know.

Sincerely,

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Date:	Wednesday, November 3, 2021 4:44:34 PM

US Attorney Will Thompson, SDWV, convened a meeting on November 2, 2021, to discuss implementation of the Attorney General's October 4, 2021 memorandum entitled "Partnerships among Federal, State, Local, Tribal and Territorial Law Enforcement to Address Threats against School Administrators, Board Members, Teachers and Staff." Representatives from the US Attorney's Office, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the West Virginia State Police participated in the meeting. Initial discussions resulted in a consensus among the participants that the threats to school personnel addressed in the Attorney General's memorandum had not yet occurred in this federal district. Nevertheless, all in attendance agreed that cooperation among federal, state and local law enforcement partners was crucial in the areas of outreach, threat mitigation and prevention to avoid future threats. Outreach in schools would continue to involve joint efforts by law enforcement and school personnel to provide education and training for the dual purpose of threat prevention and to facilitate a quick response time to threat situations. Likewise, it was agreed that effective and quick dissemination of information among the various law enforcement partners during threat situations would be crucial to threat mitigation. Finally, attendees concluded that prevention was the ultimate goal of the cooperative effort among the law enforcement partners - while threats to school personnel hasn't occurred yet, all agreed that the potential for such crimes was high.

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Attachments:	Education Threats Memo to Director Wilkinson.11 3 2021.pdf

Ms. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Attached please find a memorandum explaining the steps taken by the U.S. Attorney's Office in the Northern District of West Virginia in response to the Attorney General's recent memorandum. Please let me know if there is anything else that you need from me or my office regarding this issue.

Regards, Bill



William J. Ihlenfeld, II United States Attorney Northern District of West Virginia

Subject	Date
Attorney General's Memorandum on Addressing Threats against School Administrators, Board Members, Teachers and Staff	November 3, 2021
То	From
Monty Wilkinson, Director, EOUSA	William J. Ihlenfeld, II, United States Attorney

In response to the Attorney General's memorandum regarding threats against school officials, supervisory attorneys from the United States Attorney's Office met in person or by phone a variety of state, local and federal law enforcement officials within the Northern District of West Virginia. The purpose of these meetings was to assess trends in harassment, intimidation, and threats of violence against school officials in the district, to offer support for victims, and to discuss relevant state and federal laws available to address illegal conduct.

Colonel Jan Cahill, Superintendent of the West Virginia State Police, explained his belief that most situations involving threats or harassment of school officials can be handled by state and local officials. Col. Cahill feels comfortable that existing state laws are sufficient to address the majority of incidents.

George Swartwood, Chief of the Martinsburg (W.Va.) Police Department, said that there have been a handful of situations in Berkeley County in which attendees at board of education meetings have been boisterous and disruptive. However, he said these incidents were able to be handled at the local level without the need for federal assistance.

Shawn Schwertfeger, Chief of the Wheeling (W.Va.) Police Department, advised that his department has excellent lines of communication with Ohio County Schools. Whenever there is even a remote possibility of any controversy at school board meetings, a representative of his department is in attendance. Through this proactive approach, he believes they have diminished any likelihood of violent or disruptive behavior.

Charlie Kush, Chief of the Weirton (W.Va) Police Department, advised that there have been no incidents and pointed out that they soon expect to have a resource officer in every school in his jurisdiction. With the increased presence, he expects to be able to proactively disrupt and prevent any potential violence or disruptive conduct.

Rachel Romano, Harrison County (W.Va.) Prosecuting Attorney, said that there have not been any incidents in her county that would require the help of federal law enforcement officials. Ms. Romano said that she would not hesitate to call for federal help if the situation warranted such a request.

Joseph Barki, Brooke County (W.Va.) Prosecuting Attorney, advised there have not been any issues regarding harassment, intimidation, threats of violence, and actual violence against school officials, teachers, and employees within his jurisdiction.

Scott Smith, Ohio County (W.Va.) Prosecuting Attorney, advised that there have not been any issues regarding harassment, intimidation, threats of violence, and actual violence against school officials, teachers, and employees within his jurisdiction.

Michael Nordwall, F.B.I. Special Agent in Charge of the Pittsburgh Field Office, explained that his agency would continue to investigate harassment, intimidation, and threats of violence occurring in West Virginia, whether it involved school officials or anyone else.

Several of the officials with whom we spoke cited the following state statutes as helpful tools in addressing this type of conduct:

- W.Va Code § 61-6-19, Willful disruption of governmental processes
- W.Va Code § 61-5-27, Intimidation of and retaliation against public officers and employees, jurors, and witnesses
- W.Va. Code § 61-2-9(b) & (c), Assault and Battery

In summary, the officials with whom we spoke believe they have the tools and resources needed to address harassment, intimidation, and threats of violence against school officials. Moreover, each of them appreciated the offer of support and understand that they may call the U.S. Attorney's Office or the F.B.I. if a situation were to arise requiring federal intervention.

Good morning!

I just wanted to make sure that EOUSA was aware that Tim's message below was meant as a response by both Wisconsin districts.

Thanks!

Rick Frohling Acting United States Attorney Eastern District of Wisconsin (414) 297-4528



In coordination with the FBI-Milwaukee Division, the United States Attorney's Offices for the Eastern and Western Districts of Wisconsin have conducted outreach to Wisconsin law enforcement. In particular, the two Acting United States Attorneys met with the head of the Wisconsin Department of Justice - Division of Criminal Investigation regarding a broader outreach to the Wisconsin law enforcement community. We have developed a comprehensive summary of federal and state offenses relating to threats, stalking, cyberstalking, and harassment. The summary also contains contact information for the US Attorney's Offices, local FBI offices, and Wisconsin law enforcement. The summary will be distributed to the broader Wisconsin law enforcement community through the Wisconsin Department of Justice, our offices' Law Enforcement Communication Coordinators, and local Wisconsin Sheriffs and Police Chief organizations. In addition, we plan that the same list will be distributed through the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction directly to administrators, teachers, and school board members. Last, we plan a joint release recognizing the importance of spirited debate and First Amendment rights, but emphasizing that we will protect administrators, teachers, and board members

against unlawful threats and harassment.

Tim O'Shea U.S. Attorney's Office Madison, Wisconsin (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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-	School Administrators, Board Members, Teachers, and Staff
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The United States Attorney's Office for the Western District of Washington held the required meeting with appropriate law enforcement leaders on October 26, 2021.

It was a joint meeting with the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Washington and involved law enforcement leaders throughout the State. The FBI SAC consulted with the Executive Director of Washington Association of Sheriffs & Police Chiefs (WASPC) to identify the appropriate participants. The FBI has a longstanding and productive relationship with WASPC and the SAC serves on WASPC's Board. WASPC recommended that their Board Members and the Chairs of their Homeland Security Committee participate in the discussion. These Chiefs and Sheriffs represent both small and big cities, rural and urban counties, an tribal governments, and, as a result, represented a cross-section of law enforcement throughout the State. The participants at the meeting included the Sheriffs from Franklin County (EDWA), Grant County (EDWA), Grays Harbor County (WDWA), and Chiefs from Des Moines (WDWA), Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe (WDWA), Kent (WDWA), Redmond (WDWA), and Wenatchee (EDWA). Also in attendance were the FBI SAC, the Executive Director of WASPC, and the Chief of the Washington State Patrol. U.S. Attorneys Nick Brown (WDWA) and Vanessa Waldref (EDWA) attended with their FAUSAs.

There were no significant issues that arose from the meeting that we believe should be brought to the Deputy Attorney General's attention.

Please let us know if we can provide any additional information or answer any questions.

Best, Tessa

Tessa M. Gorman First Assistant United States Attorney Western District of Washington Cc: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) USAEO) [Contractor] (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) @usa.doj.gov>; (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (USAEO) < (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) @usa.doj.gov>; (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (USAEO) < (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) @usa.doj.gov>; (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (USAEO)

Subject: Guidance on Implementing the Attorney General's Memorandum on Addressing Threats against School Administrators, Board Members, Teachers, and Staff

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MEMORANDUM – Sent via Electronic Mail

- DATE: October 20, 2021
- TO: ALL UNITED STATES ATTORNEYS ALL FIRST ASSISTANT UNITED STATES ATTORNEYS ALL EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT UNITED STATES ATTORNEYS ALL CRIMINAL CHIEFS ALL LAW ENFORCEMENT COORDINATORS ALL PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICERS
- FROM: Monty Wilkinson Director
- SUBJECT: Guidance on Implementing the Attorney General's Memorandum on Addressing Threats against School Administrators, Board Members, Teachers, and Staff

ACTIONS REQUIRED: (1) Convene a meeting by November 3, 2021, with appropriate district law enforcement leaders in accordance with the Attorney General's memorandum.
(2) Notify the Executive Office for United States Attorneys that you have held this meeting, identify which agencies participated, and note any significant issues for the Deputy Attorney General's attention.

DUE DATE: November 3, 2021

CONTACT PERSONS: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) for meeting confirmation notifications) Contractor Legal Programs Office (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) Qusdoj.gov (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (for non-legal/coordination questions) Law Enforcement Coordinator Program Manager Office of Legal Programs (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (b)(6), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (b)(6), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (for legal questions)



This provides further guidance for implementing the Attorney General's October 4, 2021 memorandum entitled, <u>"Partnerships among Federal, State, Local, Tribal, and Territorial Law Enforcement to Address Threats against School Administrators, Board Members, Teachers, and Staff.</u>" The memorandum instructs the United States Attorneys, as the chief federal law enforcement officers in their federal districts, to convene in partnership with the FBI, meetings with appropriate law enforcement agencies.

The Department's aim in requesting these meetings is to assess and discuss trends in violations of criminal laws regarding harassment, intimidation, threats of violence, and actual violence against school officials, teachers, and employees. These meetings should be designed to ensure open lines of communication between federal, state, local, Tribal, and territorial authorities so that appropriate law enforcement agencies are made aware of criminal conduct that falls within their jurisdiction. The problem may be more pressing in some federal districts than others.

The Attorney General's directive emphasizes that constitutionally protected speech must be safeguarded. These meetings should make clear that law enforcement must not interfere with, and should protect, spirited debate about policy matters and peaceful protest.

The Deputy Attorney General has requested that each United States Attorney's office (USAO) convene at least one meeting by November 3, 2021. Please consider the following when planning meetings:

- *Partners to include in meetings*. These meetings should include relevant federal, state, local, Tribal, and territorial law enforcement agency partners that are best suited to gauge and respond to criminal threats to school officials, teachers, and employees in your federal district. These meetings are for law enforcement partners only and are not for education system or school officials.
- *Format of meetings.* You may choose the most efficient and effective means by which to conduct these meetings. For USAOs in states that have multiple federal districts, you may consider holding a statewide or multi-district meeting in conjunction with other USAOs. If the USAO, working with the FBI, deems individual consultations with relevant law enforcement partners to be a more appropriate means of comprehensively assessing the threats, those consultations can take the place of a single joint meeting involving multiple agency representatives.

The format can be as formal or informal as you deem appropriate, through whichever means – in-person, virtual, or hybrid – you believe is most feasible and effective. For offices that plan to convene in-person meetings, please follow COVID-19 workplace safety guidance and local COVID-19 protocols, including social distancing and other safety requirements (*e.g.*, masking and other health guidelines).

- *Discussion topics*. While assessing the extent or lack of the problem in your federal district and discussing improvements to communication channels is paramount, the following topics should also be discussed:
 - How victims can be supported;
 - State, local, Tribal, and territorial laws that address this conduct. This discussion topic would be appropriate for non-federal partners to lead, as they will be the subject matter experts;
 - Relevant federal laws and the appropriate exercise of federal law enforcement authority. This discussion topic would be appropriate for the USAO, the FBI, and other federal partners to lead.
 - Outreach and training needs, including resources for threat mitigation.

If your office has already finalized planning for a meeting or held a meeting, there is no need to hold an additional meeting. Please continue to bear in mind that the purpose of these meetings is to address violations of criminal law regarding harassment, intimidation, threats of violence, and actual violence against school officials, teachers, and employees, not exercises of free speech, expression, or petition.

By November 3, 2021, please notify EOUSA of the following: (1) confirm that your office has held the required meeting with appropriate district law enforcement leaders and indicate the date of the meeting; (2) identify the law enforcement agencies that participated; and (3) note any significant issues arising from the meeting that you believe should be brought to the Deputy Attorney General's attention. Please provide this notification by email – no particular format is required – to (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) at (b

Please direct any non-legal questions (*e.g.*, questions about the process for setting up these meetings) to (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) Law Enforcement Coordination Program Manager. For legal questions, please contact (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) Contact information is provided above.

Thank you for your continued work to make all communities safer.

cc: All United States Attorneys' Secretaries

From:	Garriques, Ian (USAWAE)		
To:	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (USAEO) [Contractor]		
Cc:	Waldret, Vanessa (USAWAE); (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (USAWAE)		
Subject:	EDWA Meeting Confirmation Notification (AG School Threats Memo)		
Date:	Tuesday, November 2, 2021 12:41:45 AM		
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Ms. (b)(6)

On October 26, 2021, and in order to implement Attorney General's memorandum regarding threats to school officials and staff, the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Washington held the required meeting with appropriate law enforcement leaders. The meeting was a joint meeting with the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Western District of Washington and involved law enforcement leaders throughout the State. The FBI SAC consulted with the Executive Director of Washington Association of Sheriffs & Police Chiefs (WASPC) to identify the appropriate participants. The FBI has a longstanding and productive relationship with WASPC and the SAC serves on WASPC's Board. WASPC recommended that their Board Members and the Chairs of their Homeland Security Committee participate in the discussion. These Chiefs and Sheriffs represent both small and big cities, rural and urban counties, and tribal governments, and, as a result, represented a cross-section of law enforcement throughout the State. The participants at the meeting included the Sheriffs from Franklin County (EDWA), Grant County (EDWA), Grays Harbor County (WDWA), and Chiefs from Des Moines (WDWA), Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe (WDWA), Kent (WDWA), Redmond (WDWA), and Wenatchee (EDWA). Also in attendance were the FBI SAC, the Executive Director of WASPC, and the Chief of the Washington State Patrol. U.S. Attorneys Vanessa Waldref (EDWA) and Nick Brown (WDWA) attended with their FAUSAs. There were no significant issues that arose from the meeting that we believe should be brought to the Deputy Attorney General's attention.



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From:	Shappert, Gretchen (USAVI)
To:	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) USAEO) [Contractor]
Cc:	Shappert, Gretchen (USAVI)
Subject:	From the VI-USAO: Implementing the Attorney General's Memorandum on Addressing Threats against School Administrators, Board Members, Teachers and Staff
Date:	Tuesday, October 26, 2021 2:20:20 PM
Attachments:	Memorandum USAVI Violent School Threats 26 OCT 2021 (002).pdf

Good afternoon:

Attached please find a Memorandum describing our meeting to Address Threats against School Administrators, Board Members, Teachers and Staff.

Thank-you and best wishes, Gretchen

Gretchen C.F. Shappert U.S. Attorney for the Virgin Islands Office of the U.S. Attorney Ron De Lugo Federal Building 5500 Veterans Drive, Suite 260 Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas VI 00802-6214 340-774-5757(front desk) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (w) (c)

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MEMORANDUM

GRETCHEN C.F. SHAPPERT

United States Attorney District of the Virgin Islands



Subject: Implementing the Attorney	Date:	October 26, 2021
General's Memorandum on Addressing		
Threats against School Administrators, Board		
Members, Teachers and Staff	From:	Gretchen C.F. Shappert
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To: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)		District of the Virgin Islands
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United States Attorneys		

Reference the Attorney's General's October 4, 2021 memorandum entitled, "Partnerships among Federal, State, Local, Tribal, and Territorial Law Enforcement to Address Threats against School Administrators, Board Members, Teachers, and Staff."

On October 26, 2021 our office held the required meeting with appropriate district law enforcement leaders to assess and foster communications. The participating law enforcement agencies were the United States Attorney's Office - District of the Virgin Islands, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the Virgin Islands Police Department.

The following topics were discussed:

- Victim support
- o Territorial laws that address conduct
- o Relevant federal laws and the appropriate exercise of federal law enforcement authority
- Outreach and training needs, including resources for threat mitigation

In conclusion, there were no significant issues raised during the meeting which require the Deputy Attorney General's attention.

From:	Bubar, Daniel (USAVAW)
To:	(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (USAEO) [Contractor]
Cc:	(b)(6); USAVAE); Aber, Jessica D. (USAVAE); Kavanaugh, Christopher (USAVAW)
Subject:	Report of EDVA and WDVA Meeting with Law Enforcement
Date:	Friday, October 29, 2021 11:39:09 AM

Good morning, Ms. Wyrick,

This morning, October 29, 2021, United States Attorneys Jess Aber (EDVA) and Chris Kavanaugh (WDVA) jointly held a WebEx meeting with federal, state and local law enforcement officers from across Virginia in response to the Attorney General's October 4th Memo. During the meeting, both US Attorneys, FBI leadership, and the Commonwealth's Attorney from Newport News addressed the reporting mechanism for referring criminal violations related to violence, threats of violence, and harassment at school board meetings and other public settings. They also emphasized the need for continued partnership and communication with local law enforcement regarding these matters. We also conveyed the importance of protecting individuals' First Amendment rights, and our offices' ongoing commitment to not restricting free speech that falls within lawful boundaries. The speakers encouraged input and follow up questions from the attendees at any time going forward.

Attendees of the meeting included law enforcement representatives from the FBI, Virginia State Police, Blacksburg Police Department (PD), Fauquier County Sheriff's Office (SO), Spotsylvania County SO, Lynchburg PD, Chesapeake PD, Clarke County SO, Prince William County PD, Arlington PD, Salem PD, Franklin County SO, Christiansburg PD, Portsmouth PD, Suffolk PD, Albemarle SO, Fredericksburg PD, and Newport News PD.

We received feedback after the meeting from the Chief of Richmond PD, advising that he has assigned uniformed officers to attend Richmond's school board meetings, which has been well received by the school board president despite initial hesitance. With the officers present, meeting attendees were able to calm down and the board conducted its business effectively.

Should you have any questions or need additional follow up, please let us know.

Sincerely,



Dear Rebecca,

I am reporting on the meeting which the District of Utah held today with local, state, federal, and

Tribal law enforcement in response to the Attorney General's October 4th memo addressing public school related threats. In attendance were several representatives from the FBI, the Utah Department of Public Safety, the Director of the Utah SIAC, rural County Sheriffs from Uintah, Duchesne, Uintah, and San Juan counties, a Bureau of Indian Affairs law enforcement chief, and several representatives from the Mountain Ute and Navajo Indian Tribes.

The representation from the U.S. Attorney's Office from the District of Utah included: Acting U.S. Attorney Andrea Martinez, Violent Crime Deputy Chief Karin Fojtik, Indian Country Coordinator (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) our Tribal Victim Specialist (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and myself.

The topics that were covered in the meeting included a short discussion of the memo itself, recent quotes from the Attorney General, and coverage of the talking points provided by PAO. From there, we focused on the legal authorities that give rise to federal jurisdiction over the related crimes discussed in the memo, including a short discussion of the elements of the interstate threats statute. We ended by discussing the role of our Utah fusion center (SIAC) in receiving the threat related tips from the 1-800-CALL-FBI hotline. We did not open the meeting up for questions or comments, although we provided cell phone numbers for all of the U.S. Attorney's Office personnel who were on the call in the event there were questions about the memo itself or the investigation and prosecution of these crimes.

We will also present on this topic at another regularly scheduled meeting for law enforcement from our most populous counties on November 4th.

Andy Choate Executive Assistant United States Attorney District of Utah c: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

From:	Hoff, Ashley (USATXW)
To:	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) [USAEO) [Contractor]
Subject:	Notice of Implementation/10-20-2021 EOUSA Memo/Western District of Texas
Date:	Wednesday, October 27, 2021 9:17:00 PM
Attachments:	San Antonio Area ISD FBI Meeting 10.27.21.docx

Hi (b)(6)

Pursuant to the EOUSA memo dated October 20, 2021 and referencing the AG memo dated October 4, 2021, I provide the following information:

- 1. FBI SAC Christopher Combs and I held a meeting on October 27, 2021 with the greater San Antonio Area ISD Police Chiefs to discuss the items highlighted in the AG's October 4, 2021 memo, concerning threats of violence and violent incidents related to school officials, school boards, administrators, and teachers. We underscored that the FBI and the USAO are available to assist if there is federal jurisdiction or a question about federal jurisdiction for any threats or acts of violence related to this subject area and related to school safety for students. We underscored that we are sworn to uphold the Constitution and it is not our intent to interfere with individual rights of assembly and free speech, but that we are focused on acts of violence and threats. I also advised that we are ready and willing to work with the ISD police, our local police and Sheriffs, as well as our colleagues in state prosecution to ensure that violence and threats of violence are addressed. We generally discussed state jurisdiction and federal jurisdiction regarding matters of violence or threats of violence. The SAC and I answered a few questions and the ISD Police Chiefs thanked us for our time and our interest. After the meeting, I provided a contact list that contained our duty AUSA roster and our Law Enforcement Coordinator's information on it.
- 2. The attached list has the agencies that were invited to the Zoom meeting.
- 3. No significant issues were raised or identified.

For our office, the plan going forward is to involve our Law Enforcement Coordinator to assist as a liaison with our state and local law enforcement partners throughout the district to ensure strong and open lines of communication. At upcoming crisis management and other meetings with groups of federal and state/local law enforcement partners, we will emphasize our accessibility and willingness to assist.

Please let me know if there are any questions or concerns. Sincerely,

Ashley C. Hoff United States Attorney Western District of Texas (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Meeting with Area ISD Police and FBI San Antonio SAC

Wednesday, 10/27/21 @ 9am via ZOOM

Invitees: Ashley Hoff, USA WDTX -Speaker Christopher Combs, SAC FBI San Antonio -Speaker , NEISD Police -Host **NISD** Police Southside ISD Police (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) **Boerne ISD Police** (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) **EISD** Police , South San Antonio ISD Police (b)(7)(C) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) EC ISD Police (b)(6) San Antonio ISD Police (b)(7)(C (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Schertz ISD Police (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Harlandale ISD Police Southwest ISD Police Judson ISD Police (b)(6) (b)(7)(C) Somerset ISD Police Alamo Heights Police

From:	Lowery, Jennifer (USATXS)
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Cc:	Imperato, Ralph (USATXS)
Subject:	USAO/TXs" Outreach Report
Date:	Friday, October 29, 2021 6:21:56 PM
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Please find USAO/TXS' report of outreach pursuant to the Attorney General's October 4, 2021 memorandum "Partnership Among Federal, State, Local, Tribal and Territorial Law Enforcement to Address Threats Against School Administrators, Board Members, Teachers, and Staff".

If you have questions, please contact Criminal Chief Ted Imperato at ralph.imperato@usdoj.gov.

Have a great weekend!

Jennifer



Jennifer B. Lowery Acting United States Attorney Southern District of Texas United States Department of Justice email: <u>iennifer.lowery@usdoj.gov</u> phone (b)(6); I mobile: (b)(6); United States Attorney's Office, 1000 Louisiana, Houston, TX 77002

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To: EOUSA Re: USAO/TXS' AG's Memo Outreach Report Date: October 29, 2021 From: Acting US Attorney Jennifer B. Lowery

The USAO/TXS conducted outreach pursuant to the Attorney General's October 4, 2021 memorandum "Partnership Among Federal, State, Local, Tribal and Territorial Law Enforcement to Address Threats Against School Administrators, Board Members, Teachers, and Staff". Criminal Chief Ted Imperato conducted the Houston area outreach. AIC Rick Lara conducted the Brownsville Division outreach. AIC Mike Hess conducted the Corpus Division outreach. AIC Angel Castro conducted the McAllen Division outreach. AIC Homero Ramirez conducted the Laredo Division outreach. All the outreach was conducted in the last week.

They spoke to our partners about violence, threat of violence, or harassment directed toward any school board members, principals, teachers, or school staff members. They provided information about Federal and state resources which are available, potential federal charges and provided direct phone numbers in case any incident occurs that may be of federal interest. The conversations were good, and it was good for the offices to make the outreach in case the ISDs have any issues or need a contact on this topic, or other Federal interest topics.

The following individuals were contacted in each Division:

Houston Division

Houston ISD- Chief Pedro Lopez Jr. Humble ISD- Commander Jose Sanchez Conroe ISD- Chief William Harness Cypress-Fairbanks ISD- Chief Eric Mendez Fort Bend ISD- Chief David Rider Lamar CISD- Chief Dallis Warren Alvin ISD - Chief Michael Putnal Santa Fe ISD- Chief Walter Braun Clear Creek ISD - Captain J. Rivas Deer Park ISD- Chief Gregory Grigg Galena Park ISD - Chief Bryan Clements Angleton ISD - Chief Jerome Griffin Brazosport ISD - Chief Wade Nichols Royal ISD - Chief Marilyn Vaughn Alief ISD - Chief Dan Turner Klein ISD- Chief David Kimberly FBI HOU- ASAC Chris Raia

Brownsville Division

Brownsville RA FBI - Nick Meyers Acting Supervisory Agent Cameron County DA's Office – DA Luis Saenz Willacy County DA's Office – DA Annette Hinojosa Brownsville ISD PD – Oscar Garcia, Chief Port Isabel ISD PD – Robert Rodriguez, Chief Los Fresnos ISD PD – Joe Vasquez, Chief San Benito ISD PD – Juan Sosa, Chief Harlingen Campus Security Dept. – Danny Castillo, Director Raymondville ISD PD – Lauro Gutierrez, Chief

Corpus Christi Division

Corpus Christi ISD PD -Kirby Warnke, Chief

McAllen Division

Rio Grande City ISD PD - Hernan Garza, III, Chief Roma ISD PD - Benjamin Gonzalez, Jr., Chief Pharr-San Juan-Alamo ISD PD - Rolando Garcia, Chief McAllen ISD PD - Jose Silva, Chief Edinburg ISD PD - Ricardo Perez, Chief Donna ISD PD - Donald O. Crist, Interim Chief La Joya ISD PD - Raul Gonzalez, Chief

Laredo Division

United ISD - Aron Salazar, Asst. Chief Zapata ISD - Raymond Moya, III, Chief Cotulla ISD - Ruben V. Cervantes, Superintendent Laredo ISD - Doreen Hale, Chief Webb County ISD Superintendent- spoke with Jim Hogg County ISD - (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) McMullen ISD - Jasen Jones, Superintendent

If you need more information, please contact Criminal Chief Ted Imperato at <u>ralph.imperato@usdoj.gov</u>.

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Date: Mo	nday, October 25, 2021 3:14:17 PM

As requested in Director Wilkinson's October 20, 2021 memorandum, I am writing to confirm that the USAO-TNE has held the required meetings and/or consultations with appropriate district law enforcement leaders on the following dates, and engaged those law enforcement leaders on the subject matter in a manner consistent with the guidance set forth in the 10/20/2021 memorandum:

Knoxville Headquarters Division:

10/7/21: In-person meeting with FBI Knoxville Headquarters executive leadership 10/8/21: In-person meeting with FBI executive leadership, Knoxville Police Chief Thomas, and Knox County Sheriff Spangler

Chattanooga Branch Division:

10/13/21: Telephone consultation with Chattanooga Acting Police Chief Eric Tucker 10/13/21: Telephone consultation with Hamilton County Sheriff's Office Chief Deputy Garrett

Greeneville Branch Division:

10/20/21: Telephone consultation with FBI Johnson City Supervisory Special Agent 10/20/21: Telephone consultations with Bristol Police Chief Austin and Johnson City Police Chief Turner

10/20/21: Telephone consultations with First, Second, and Third Judicial District Attorneys General Baldwin, Staubus, and Armstrong

10/22/21: Telephone consultation with Kingsport Police Deputy Chief Bellamy

The USAO-TNE has NOT identified any significant issues arising from these meetings and consultations that should be brought to the Deputy Attorney General's attention.

Francis M. (Trey) Hamilton III Acting United States Attorney U.S. Attorney's Office Eastern District of Tennessee 800 Market Street, Suite 211 Knoxville, TN 37902 (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

From:	Stewart, Mary Jane (USATNM)
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Cc:	(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (USATNM); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (ME) (FBI); (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (ME) (FBI); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (USATNM); (b)(6), (USATNM)
Subject:	Response to the Attorney General's Memorandum on Addressing Threats Against School Administrators, Board Members, Teachers, and Staff
Date:	Friday, October 29, 2021 1:29:10 PM

On October 13, 2021, the USAO MDTN convened a meeting via Webex of local, state, and federal law enforcement for the purpose of discussing a variety of topics of interest to the law enforcement community, including discussing the Attorney General's Memorandum on Addressing Threats Against School Administrators, Board Members, Teachers and Staff. Acting U.S. Attorney Mary Jane Stewart lead the discussion and was followed by FBI ASAC Matt Foster. The discussion covered instances and examples where a federal nexus may exist and would require intervention by federal agencies and investigation by the FBI. The discussion also included the Department's prohibition on interfering with the constitutionally protected freedom of speech and expression.

The USAO has enjoyed a long-standing relationship with our law enforcement community, and the coordination among agencies in this district is among the best in the nation. We have recently worked together to respond to civil unrest and violence and have resolved all incidents with appropriate restraint and enforcement, including bringing federal charges. We fully anticipate that all agencies represented will work together to resolve any issues which require federal law enforcement intervention. Whether or not future meetings on this subject are necessary will depend on whether heightened emotions result in the escalation of threats or violence directed at school officials in the district. It is important to note that one school district has experienced heated board meetings with the public, which resulted in threats of violence and received national exposure in the news. Also, some school districts have implemented mask requirements for students, contrary to the Governor's Executive Order preventing masking requirements. The Tennessee General Assembly convened a special session on October 19th to consider legislation preventing mandatory masking requirements. We continue to monitor these developments and will coordinate law enforcement responses should it become necessary.

Agencies in attendance included: FBI ATF DEA Homeland Security Investigations ICE U.S. Secret Service U.S. Postal Inspection Service IRS-Criminal Investigation Transportation Security Administration Tennessee Valley Authority-Office of Inspector General Tennessee Bureau of Investigation Tennessee Dept. of Homeland Security Tennessee Department of Safety Tennessee Comptroller-Office of Investigations
Tennessee Department of Correction Metropolitan Nashville Police Department Nashville International Airport Police

Respectfully, Mary Jane Stewart Acting U.S. Attorney <u>Middle District of Tennessee</u> (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

From:	Holmes, Dennis (USASD)
To:	(b)(6) (b)(7)(C) USAEO) [Contractor]
Cc:	(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (USASD) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (USASD)
Subject:	District of South Dakota Response -Addressing Threats to School Officials
Date:	Thursday, October 28, 2021 11:47:08 AM

Ms. Wyrick,

Below is the District of South Dakota's response as requested in the Director Wilkinson's Memorandum of October 20, 2021.

By November 3, 2021, please notify EOUSA of the following:

1. confirm that your office has held the required meeting with appropriate district law enforcement leaders and indicate the date of the meeting.

A WebEx meeting was held October 26, 2021 with officials from the South Dakota Department of Public Safety, South Dakota Office of Homeland Security, South Dakota School Safety Center, the FBI, and US Attorney's Office. US Attorney staff included the Acting US Attorney, the LECC Coordinator and the Tribal Liaison. The Acting US Attorney led the meeting. There were separate communications before and after the meeting with the South Dakota Attorney General's Office, South Dakota Division of Criminal Investigation, South Dakota School Resource Officers Association, Bureau of Indian Affairs Law Enforcement, Tribal Police Chiefs for all nine South Dakota Indian Reservations, Sioux Fall Police Department and Rapid City Police Department.

2. identify the law enforcement agencies that participated.

See answer to 1 above.

3. <u>note any significant issues arising from the meeting that you believe should be brought to</u> <u>the Deputy Attorney General's attention.</u>

No significant issues where identified. Officials could remember only incident, and that happened in early 2020. On that occasion an irate parent, who was upset about mask mandate, had to be removed from a school board meeting by the school resource officer. No threats were made to board members or school staff. Officials had could not identify any other threats or incidents that had occurred in South Dakota.

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If you need any additional information, please let me know.

Dennis R. Holmes Acting United States Attorney-District of South Dakota United States Attorney's Office PO Box 2638 325 1st Avenue, Suite 300 Sioux Falls, SD 57101-2638 605-330-4400/ (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) direct) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (cell) dennis.holmes@usdoj.gov Please note: Any e-mail message you send to me is subject to retention and archival by the Department of Justice.

From:	DeHart, Rhett (USASC)	
To:	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) <u>USAEO) [Contractor]</u>	
Cc:	Ferensic, Susan (CO) (FBI)	
Subject:	Meeting ConfirmationDistrict of South Carolina	
Date:	Friday, October 29, 2021 9:48:41 AM	

Hello Rebecca,

I, along with FBI SAC Susan Forensic, attended a meeting to discuss the Attorney General's Memo on Threats against School Administrators, Board Members, Teachers, and Staff. (Susan is copied on this email.) The meeting occurred on October 27 in Columbia, and there were representatives from 5 federal agencies (FBI, USMS, ATF, USSS, USAO) and more than a dozen state and local agencies, including police departments, sheriffs offices, and solicitors. More than 30 law enforcement officers from across South Carolina were present at this luncheon in Columbia.

I reviewed the Attorney General's memo and stressed that it addressed only criminal threats and did not infringe upon constitutionally protected free speech. I also discussed potential federal charges if a situation arose in this context, and I made clear that the FBI and the U.S. Attorney's Office stood ready to help. After a brief discussion with state and local officers, we learned that this issue has not been a problem in the District of South Carolina to date.

In short, the meeting went well, and our presence was well received. We have no significant issues to report to the DAG.

Please let me know that you received this notification, and if you need additional information.

Thanks in advance!

Rhett

Rhett DeHart: Acting United States Attorney Charleston: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) Columbia: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) 151 Meeting Street, Suite 200 Charleston, S.C. 29402

From:	Myrus, Richard (USARI)		
То:	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) [USAEO) [Contractor]		
Subject:	Meeting re: threats		
Date:	Wednesday, November 3, 2021 12:58:21 PM		

(b)(6);

As directed by the October 20 memorandum regarding threats against school administrators, etc., I conducted a telephonic meeting with the following invitees from state law enforcement agencies:

Providence Colonel Hugh T. Clements, Jr.; Cranston Colonel Michael J. Winquist; Pawtucket Chief Tina Goncalves; Central Falls Colonel Anthony J. Roberson; Warwick Colonel Bradford E. Connor; Woonsocket Chief Thomas Oates; Westerly Chief Shawn Lacey; Barrington Chief Michael Correia; North Kingstown Chief Patrick Flanagan; and Rhode Island State Police Colonel James M. Manni

In addition, ASAC DiMenna of the FBI's Boston Division participated. There were no significant issues arising from the meeting that should be brought to the Deputy Attorney General's attention.

Best,

Rich

Richard Myrus | First Assistant

United States Attorney's Office, District of Rhode Island

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Subject:	Meeting to address threats against school personnel		
Date:	Wednesday, November 3, 2021 12:30:15 AM		

Rebecca,

Good evening.

I am writing to notify EOUSA that my office has held the required meeting regarding addressing threats against school administrators, board members, teachers and staff.

Specifically, on November 2, 2021, I held a meeting at the U.S. Attorneys Office to discuss this matter with the following persons:

- 1. Joe Gonzalez, FBI Special Agent in Charge
- 2. Alexis Torres, Secretary of the Puerto Rico Department of Public Safety
- 3. Jessika Correa Gonzalez, Lead Prosecutor for the Puerto Rico Department of Justice and
- 4. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Prosecutor for the Puerto Rico Department of Justice

No significant issues arose during the meeting that I believe should be brought to the attention of the Deputy Attorney General.

If you have any questions or require any additional information, please let me know.

Thank you,

Stephen



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From:	Kaufman, Steve (USAPAW)
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Cc:	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (USAPAW); Nordwall, Michael D. (PG) (FBI)
Subject:	WDPA Response - AG"s Memorandum re School Threats Etc.
Date:	Tuesday, November 2, 2021 3:28:56 PM

Rebecca – This email is in response to the directive we received from EOUSA dated October 20, 2021. We held a meeting in the Western District of Pennsylvania on October 8, 2021. The FBI SAC and I discussed the AG's Memorandum of October 4, 2021 as part of a larger monthly meeting of the heads of the major law enforcement agencies in Western Pennsylvania. The following agencies were in attendance:

Allegheny County Housing Authority Police Allegheny County Police Department Allegheny County Sheriff's Office Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms & Explosives Department of Education – OIG Department of Homeland Security/Customs and Border Protection - Pittsburgh Office Department of State - Diplomatic Security Service **Drug Enforcement Administration Environmental Protection Agency-CID** Federal Bureau of Investigation Homeland Security Investigations - Immigration and Customs Enforcement Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Enforcement and Removal Operations Internal Revenue Service–Criminal Investigation Pennsylvania Board of Probation & Parole Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General Pennsylvania State Police Pittsburgh Bureau of Police Pittsburgh Department of Public Safety Postal Inspection Service (USPIS) Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA) United States Attorney's Office United States Marshals Service (USMS) Western Pennsylvania Chiefs Association

The FBI SAC and I noted the priority being placed by the AG on the issue of violence attendant to school board meetings, or directed to school administrators, board members, teachers and staff. We stated that we would investigate and bring charges where appropriate, and would assist state and local law enforcement in any other way possible. Although some meetings involving school boards and community members in our District have involved a significant degree of tension, no one present at the meeting had learned of any conduct which rose to the level of criminal activity.

At my request, our Law Enforcement Coordinator also reached out to his contacts with local police departments with the same message. And I note that the Head of the Western Pennsylvania Chiefs Association attended the meeting on October 8th.

I also communicated with management staff at the Allegheny County District Attorney's Office (our largest DA's Office since Allegheny County includes Pittsburgh) with the same message. The DA's Office thanked us for the outreach and will ensure that their supervisors are aware of our willingness to assist.

Please let me know if I can provide any further information.

Steve

Stephen R. Kaufman Acting U.S. Attorney United States Attorney's Office Western District of Pennsylvania



cc: Pittsburgh FBI SAC Michael Nordwall

From:	Sonoff, Kevin (USAOR)
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Cc:	Asphaug, Scott (USAOR); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) USAOR); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (USAOR)
Subject:	AG Memo Reporting: Oregon School Threats Meeting
Date:	Tuesday, November 2, 2021 5:32:26 PM

Hello Ms. Wyrick,

1.) On Monday, November 1, 2021, in response to the October 4, 2021 Attorney General's memorandum on school threats, Acting U.S. Attorney Scott Erik Asphaug convened a virtual meeting of Oregon law enforcement officials to discuss strategies for addressing threats made against school executives and staff. Our meeting featured presentations from the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Oregon, FBI Portland Field Office, and Oregon District Attorneys Association, discussing how and when threatening conduct exceeds Constitutional protections and rises to the level of criminal behavior (federal or state).

2.) The following law enforcement agencies participated in this meeting:

- Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF)
- Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians
- Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation
- Coquille Indian Tribe
- Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA)
- Homeland Security Investigations (HSI)
- FBI Portland Field Office
- Lincoln County Sheriff's Office
- Office of Oregon Governor Kate Brown
- Oregon District Attorneys Association
- Oregon Association Chiefs of Police (OACP)
- Oregon State Police (OSP)
- Oregon State Sheriffs' Association (OSSA)
- Portland Police Bureau
- U.S. Attorney's Office District of Oregon

3.) The following significant issues were identified during and in preparation for our meeting:

- The primary issues driving protests and threats against school officials are mask and vaccine mandates, school districts' equity or perceived equity work, and critical race theory or other curriculum-related topics.
- In some parts of the state, relationships between law enforcement and school boards or school officials have been strained due to ideological differences. School officials need support developing stronger relationships with local law enforcement leaders.
- Currently, there is no clearinghouse for or collection of threat incidents that have occurred. Federal and state law enforcement officials were unaware of certain specific incidents that had occurred recently around the state. It is unclear if these incidents were reported to law enforcement. As a follow-up to our meeting, FBI Portland plans to distribute the Oregon Titan Fusion Center's tip reporting procedures to school board members and other school officials.

The Fusion Center will begin tracking reported incidents.

- School districts need guidance and training on how to monitor threats (on socials media and elsewhere) and assess the risk associated with such threats.
- School officials need safety plans for individuals and public meetings to include topics such as: safety precautions for individuals, de-escalation strategies, physical setup protocols for inperson meetings, best practices on when to hold virtual versus in-person meetings, etc.

Please let us know if you have any questions or would like to discuss any of the above issues identified.

Sincerely, Kevin Sonoff

Kevin Sonoff

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Subject:	FW: Guidance on Implementing the Attorney General's Memorandum on Addressing Threats against School Administrators, Board Members, Teachers, and Staff			
Date:	Monday, November 1, 2021 2:30:40 PM			
Attachments:	Guidance on Implementing the Attorney Generals Memorandum on Addressing Threats against School Administrators Board Members Teachers and Staff.docx Guidance on Implementing the Attorney Generals Memorandum on Addressing Threats against School Administrators Board Members Teachers and Staff.pdf			

Pursuant to the memo below, please be advised that the USAO-MDPA, in partnership with the FBI, held a virtual meeting on November 1, 2021, to implement the AG's October 4, 2021, memo addressing threats against school officials. Participants in the meeting included all District Attorney's in the MDPA, senior officials in the PA Office of Attorney General, senior officials in the PA State Police, senior officials in the FBI-Philadelphia Division, and senior members of my office. No significant issues arose during the meeting. If you need anything further, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Bruce D. Brandler

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Subject: Guidance on Implementing the Attorney General's Memorandum on Addressing Threats against School Administrators, Board Members, Teachers, and Staff

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MEMORANDUM - Sent via Electronic Mail

DATE: October 20, 2021

TO: ALL UNITED STATES ATTORNEYS ALL FIRST ASSISTANT UNITED STATES ATTORNEYS ALL EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT UNITED STATES ATTORNEYS

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The USAOs for the EDOK, NDOK, and WDOK (which share the same FBI Field Office) provide the following joint response to the Director's guidance referenced below:

- On October 14, 2021, the Acting U.S. Attorneys (USAs) for the Eastern, Northern, and Western Districts in Oklahoma addressed this issue at the statewide Oklahoma Sheriffs Association (covering all 77 counties in the state) conference, an in-person meeting in Norman, Oklahoma. The Acting USAs were joined by other federal law enforcement leaders in a two-hour panel discussion that included the U.S. Marshal, FBI ASAC, Secret Service SAC, DEA ASAC, ATF ASAC, and BIA SAC. No significant issues were raised by the audience.
- 2. On July 22-23, 2021, the FBI OKC Field Office and the Association of Threat Assessment Professionals hosted a "Violence Prevention Symposium" in Oklahoma City. This Symposium addressed threat assessments and response. Indeed, one session specifically focused on "Building a Defensible School Safety Framework from Concept to Reality." The symposium was conducted by the FBI, in connection with a federal, state, academic, mental health, and private sector professionals. Participants included those from entities throughout the state of Oklahoma, including tribal law enforcement. The Oklahoma Department of Education assisted with advertisement for the event. Presenters included, but were not limited to, agents with the FBI JTTF and an AUSA from WDOK. The target audience included "K-12, Higher Education, Law Enforcement, Corporate Security, Mental Health, Human Resources, EAP, Legal, or others directly involved in threat assessments / preventing targeted violence."
- 3. Following an in-person meeting between the USAO and FBI, on October 28, 2021, the FBI sent out an update email to the Oklahoma Threat Association Coordination Committee requesting continued engagement on any Threat Assessment or Threat Management referrals, tactics, techniques, and best practices. They also provided information about the National Threat Evaluation and Reporting (NTER) Master Trainer

Program (MTP) hosted by the US Department of Homeland Security's Office of Intelligence and Analysis.

Best, Travis Smith Executive Assistant U.S. Attorney—WDOK

From: USAEO-OTD <USAEO.OTD@usa.doj.gov>
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Subject: Guidance on Implementing the Attorney General's Memorandum on Addressing Threats against School Administrators, Board Members, Teachers, and Staff

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MEMORANDUM - Sent via Electronic Mail

DATE:	October 20, 2021		
TO:	ALL UNITED STATES ATTORNEYS ALL FIRST ASSISTANT UNITED STATES ATTORNEYS ALL EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT UNITED STATES ATTORNEYS ALL CRIMINAL CHIEFS ALL LAW ENFORCEMENT COORDINATORS ALL PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICERS		
FROM:	Monty Wilkinson Director		
SUBJECT:	Guidance on Implementing the Attorney General's Memorandum on Addressing Threats against School Administrators, Board Members, Teachers, and Staff		
ACTIONS RI	EQUIRED:	 (1) Convene a meeting by November 3, 2021, with appropriate district law enforcement leaders in accordance with the Attorney General's memorandum. (2) Notify the Executive Office for United States Attorneys that you have held this meeting, identify which agencies participated, and note any significant issues for the Deputy Attorney General's attention. 	
DUE DATE:		November 3, 2021	
CONTACT P	ERSONS:	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (for meeting confirmation notifications)	

Kadon, Karl (USAOHS)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) USAEO) [Contractor]
(USAOHS)
CONFIRMATION OF MEETING RE "Guidance on Implementing the Attorney General's Memorandum on Addressing Threats against School Administrators, Board Members, Teachers, and Staff"
Monday, November 1, 2021 11:56:00 AM

Good morning (b)(6) (b)(7)(C) Per the implementation email we received on the above, this is to confirm that the USAO for the Southern District of Ohio convened a WEBEX meeting today (November 1, 2021) at 10 AM with appropriate law enforcement agencies. Invitations were sent to all law enforcement agencies in the district and approximately 87 responded affirmatively, the vast majority being city, township and village police chiefs and sheriff's departments (also some university police agencies). Acting U.S. Attorney Vipal Patel welcomed and thanked the group. I spoke, as did FBI SSA Benjamin Egan and SDOH Victim-Witness Advocate (b)(6) (b)(7)(C) No issues were raised, significant or otherwise. I hope this is helpful. Please let me know if you have any questions!

Karl

Karl P. Kadon Chief, Criminal Division Assistant United States Attorney United States Attorney's Office Southern District of Ohio 221 E. Fourth Street, Suite 400 Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

From:	Palmiere, Samuel (USANYW)		
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Cc:	(b)(6), (USANYW)		
Subject:	Response to Oct 4th Memorandum		
Date:	Friday, November 5, 2021 3:53:20 PM		

Hi Rebecca, I was able to meet with our districts law enforcement partners at smaller meetings held within our district. These are meetings that I attend on a regular monthly basis with our partners. On October 13th I attended an Erie County Chiefs of Police meeting. Erie County is the most populated County in our district, at this meeting that is attended by 23 Chiefs of Police, 2 Chiefs of large New York Universities, the Sheriff's Department, State Police and several Federal agencies, I reaffirmed our long standing partnerships with all of these depts. I was able to speak specifically to our AG's support of the great work they do each and every day, I also addressed, as they intervene in harassment and threats at school district meetings the DOJ is able to support them in their investigations and charges if these actions of violence, threats, intimidation or harassment rise to a

level where Federal help can bring a a quick and lawful deposition to these cases. On Oct 21st I repeated this dialog at the Western New York Law Enforcement meeting, a meeting that I also attend regularly and has membership of Chiefs of Police, Sheriffs, State Police and additional Chiefs of University Police Depts from all over our district. In addition to formal meeting I was able to have similar conversations directly with law enforcement heads. The comments were very positive thanking our office for this support and all of our past support. There is no significant issues to report.

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Law Enforcement Coordinator U.S. Attorney's Office Western District of New York 138 Delaware Ave. Buffalo, NY 14202 (b)(6): (b)(7)(C) E-mail (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Busdoj.gov

Coombe, Elizabeth C. (USANYN)
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (USAEO) [Contractor]
The Attorney General's Memorandum on Addressing Threats Against School Administrators, Board Members, Teachers, and Staff
Monday, November 1, 2021 11:50:56 AM

Good morning, (b)(6)

NDNY held the required meeting this morning.

Our U.S. Attorney and Criminal Chief spoke during the meeting as well as an FBI Acting ASAC. We invited all of our local, state, and federal law enforcement partners to participate. We do not have a list of those who decided to participate because we decided that a teleconference was best for our very large district, and we did not have a roll call.

We do not have any significant issues arising from the meeting that should be brought to the attention of the Deputy Attorney General.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Thank you, Beth Coombe

Elizabeth C. Coombe | First Assistant U.S. AttorneyNorthern District of New York445 Broadway, Suite 218 | Albany, NY 12207(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) | (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (cell)

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From:	Graff, Ilan (USANYS)
To:	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) USAEO) [Contractor]
Cc:	Boeckmann, Nicole (USANYE)
Subject:	Update on Partnership to Address School Threats
Date:	Wednesday, October 27, 2021 2:15:24 PM

On October 27, 2021, the Eastern and Southern Districts of New York convened a virtual meeting via conference call with district law enforcement leaders about the school-related threats initiative. The meeting included the supervisors of the safe streets task forces for our districts, which handle threat-related cases and are staffed by FBI agents, as well as law enforcement officers from the New York City Police Department, New York State Police, Clarkstown Police Department, Dutchess County Sherriff's Department, Hempstead Police Department, City of Middletown Police Department, Mount Vernon Police Department, Nassau County Police Department, Nassau County Sheriff's Department, City of Newburgh Police Department, New Rochelle Police Department, Orange County Sherriff's Department, Peekskill Police Department, City of Poughkeepsie Police Department, Putnam County Sherriff's Department, Ramapo Police Department, Rockville Centre Police Department, Suffolk County Police Department, Suffolk County Sheriff's Office, Town of Crawford Police Department, Town of Fallsburg Police Department, Town of Newburgh Police Department, Town of New Windsor Police Department, Town of Poughkeepsie Police Department, Town of Walkill Police Department, Westchester County Police Department, White Plains Police Department, and Yonkers Police Department. The group had not yet observed an uptick in threats of this nature, though all agreed that they would be alert to any that develop and err on the side of caution when engaging our Offices for support or potential prosecution. No issues arose that we think require the DAG's attention.



Ilan Graff | Deputy U.S. Attorney U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York One St. Andrew's Plaza, New York, New York 10007 Desk: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

From:	Federici, Fred (USANM)
To:	(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (USAEO) [Contractor]
Cc:	Bujanda, Raul (AQ) (FBI)
Subject:	Attorney General Garland"s October 4, 2021 Memorandum Regarding Threats
Date:	Tuesday, November 2, 2021 4:40:17 PM

In accord with Director Wilkinson's October 20, 2021 memorandum, this email is to confirm that on November 1, 2021, at 3:00 pm, the FBI and the U.S. Attorney's Office in the District of New Mexico jointly convened a meeting to address threats of violence against school officials in our district, as directed by Attorney General Garland in his October 4, 2021 memorandum on the same subject. The meeting was held via a Webex format. Individuals who attended the meeting included the undersigned, FBI Special Agent-in-Charge Raul Bujanda, FBI ASAC Eric Brown, FBI Supervisory Special Agent Percy Giles, New Mexico State Police Chief Tim Johnson, New Mexico State Police Deputy Chief Carolyn Huyhn, Santa Fe Police Chief Andrew Padilla, Las Cruces Police Chief Miguel Dominguez, Albuquerque Police Department Deputy Chief Josh Brown and Rio Rancho Police Chief Stewart Steele. Navajo Nation Police Chief Phillip Francisco was also invited but did not attend. No significant issues arose from the meeting that should be brought to the Deputy Attorney General's attention.

Fred Federici Acting U.S. Attorney District of New Mexico (b)(6): (b)(7)(C) (Direct dial and messages) (Cell) Rebecca,

Pursuant to the Attorney General's October 4th and October 21st memorandums, the District of New Jersey today held a meeting to address threats against school administrators, board members, teachers, and staff. Here are responses to the questions posed in the October 21st memorandum:

- 1. We confirm that we held the required meeting today (October 27, 2021) with appropriate district law enforcement leaders.
- 2. We invited the New Jersey Attorney General's Office, the 21 New Jersey County Prosecutors, the FBI, and the New Jersey State Police. We had approximately 50 participants.
- 3. We do not have any significant issues to report from the meeting. In fact, we are thankful to report that in New Jersey, our County Prosecutors have not seen the threats against school employees that may be occurring elsewhere. That being said, we discussed keeping open lines of communication, resources (at the state and federal level) for victims, and the differing federal versus state statutory landscape.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks!

Rahul

Rahul Agarwal Acting Principal Assistant U.S. Attorney United States Attorney's Office District of New Jersey Office: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) Cell: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

From:	Farley, John (USANH)	
To:	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) USAEO) [Contractor]	
Subject:	NH Meeting Confirmation	
Date:	Tuesday, November 2, 2021 2:35:05 PM	

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

In response to the Attorney General's 10/4/2021 memorandum regarding school-related threats, between 10/27 and 11/1, I engaged in conversations with representatives of the FBI, ATF, NH Attorney General's Office, NH County Attorney's Association, and the Manchester, Nashua, Concord, and Londonderry Police Departments. Although our state has seen some unruly behavior at a few school board meetings, there have been no threats of violence or other issues that are of significant law enforcement concern. We have excellent lines of communication with our state and local partners and our partners are aware that our office and other federal partners are available to assist. No issues arose during those conversations that should be brought to the attention of the Deputy Attorney General.

Thanks

John

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Subject:	Guidance on Implementing the Attorney General's Memorandum on Addressing Threats against School Administrators, Board Members, Teachers, and StaffDistrict of Nebraska response
Date:	Wednesday, November 3, 2021 4:12:26 PM

Here is the District of Nebraska's response to the directive to convene meetings with appropriate law enforcement agencies to address threats against school administrators, board member, teachers and staff:

1) confirm that your office has held the required meeting with appropriate district law enforcement leaders and indicate the date of the meeting;

Three virtual meetings via WebEx were convened on November 1, 2021;

(2) identify the law enforcement agencies that participated;

Representatives of the Omaha Police Department, Lincoln Police Department and Kearney Police Department participated.

(3) note any significant issues arising from the meeting that you believe should be brought to the Deputy Attorney General's attention.

There were no significant local issues that were brought to our attention requiring the Deputy Attorney General's attention. Only minor issues over masking requirements and critical race theory being taught have led to any angry outbursts and all agencies reported they were able to handle the problems locally. All report having a good working relationship with the FBI and know how, and when, to reach out to federal law enforcement for assistance.

Please call if you have further questions.

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From:	Chase, Nick (USAND)
То:	(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (USAEO) [Contractor]
Cc:	VanHorn, Terry (USAND); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
Subject:	USAO-ND - Report on Implementing Attorney General"s Memorandum on Addressing Threats against School Administrators, Board Members, Teachers, and Staff
Date:	Monday, November 1, 2021 10:20:22 AM

Rebecca:

On October 8, 2021, I met with the FBI RACs covering the District of North Dakota, SSA Erin Falb and SSA Brian Vanoosbree. In this meeting, we reviewed the Attorney General's Memorandum on Addressing Threats against School Administrators, Board Members, Teachers, and Staff ("the Memo") and discussed the most effective way to implement the Memo. We were not familiar with any threat directed at a school official within the last two years. According to ND State Superintendent Kirsten Baesler, there have been no threats at any school in North Dakota. There has, however, been tension concerning mask mandates in schools – limited to the school districts of Fargo, West Fargo, and Grand Forks. Alexis Baxley, Executive Director of North Dakota School Boards Association, confirmed that there have been no reported threats at any school official in North Dakota this year.

SSA Falb, SSA Vanoosbree, and I again discussed our plan to implementing the Memo. Despite there being no threats at a North Dakota school, we agreed that I should hold meetings with the police chiefs of Fargo, West Fargo, and Grand Forks, where there has been at least some controversy. During the week of October 25, 2021, I conducted a series of meetings with the three police chiefs where there has been at least some controversy. All three police chiefs have school resource officers who attend all school board meetings and have reported that there has been disagreement but that there has not been anything even approaching a physical threat or intimidation. The police chiefs and I discussed importance of protecting everyone's right to free and protected speech. All three police chiefs agreed that any threats toward school officials and staff will be treated very seriously by local law enforcement as the mostly likely primary first responder. Moreover, all three police chiefs voiced their understanding that they can contact the FBI and this USAO (all three have close relationships with our FBI and this USAO) for any assistance that it needs in investigation threats. We discussed the available federal statutes for prosecutive certain types of threats and the extensive resources the FBI has in investigating electronically-conducted threats. Following these meetings, on October 27, 2021, I reported my conversations to SSA Falb and SSA Vanoosbree and the three of us decided that further meetings would not be productive.

Based on these meetings, I do not believe there is anything significant to report to the Attorney General at this time. This is an important issue and we hope we have implemented the Memo effectively.

Nick Chase Acting USA – North Dakota (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

From:	Stetzer, William (USANCW)
То:	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) [USAEO) [Contractor]
Cc:	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) USANCW)
Subject:	NCWD reply - Attorney General's Memorandum on Addressing Threats against School Administrators, Board Members, Teachers, and Staff
Date:	Tuesday, November 2, 2021 9:43:01 AM
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Dear Ms. (b)(6)

On October 6, 2021, FBI SAC Robert R. Wells and representatives from the WDNC, MDNC, and EDNC USAOs participated in a Homeland Security conference call meeting with federal and state law enforcement representatives throughout North Carolina. Represented agencies included the following:

- Department of Homeland Security/Office of Intelligence and Analysis
- Department of Homeland Security/Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency
- Federal Bureau of Investigation
- Department of Justice/U.S. Attorney's Office
- United States Secret Service
- U.S. Marshal Service
- North Carolina State Highway Patrol
- North Carolina National Guard
- North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation
- North Carolina Information Sharing and Analysis Center
- State Capitol Police
- Alcohol Law Enforcement
- North Carolina Department of Transportation/DMV
- North Carolina Department of Information Technology
- North Carolina Department of Public Instruction
- North Carolina Department of Public Safety
- North Carolina Division of Emergency Management

SAC Wells provided an overview of the memo received from Attorney General Garland regarding school violence. SAC Wells briefed the FBI's role pertaining to any threat of death or violence related to schools. SAC Wells advised that the large majority of threats of violence or death pertaining to schools will fall within the jurisdiction of state and local law enforcement agencies. SAC Wells explained under certain circumstances a threat of death or violence will fall under federal jurisdiction, to include use of on-line communications (email or social media) to make such threats, and these threats will be closely coordinated with the US Attorney's offices. SAC Wells explained that the FBI will use existing Violent Crime task forces to share information with local and state law enforcement agencies, and to work on violent threats jointly when appropriate. SAC Wells explained that the FBI has appropriate policies and procedures in place to handle any of these threats, and no changes to our current methods and procedures are necessary.

There were no significant questions or comments from the group.

Sincerely, Bill Stetzer | Acting United States Attorney United States Attorney's Office for the Western District of North Carolina 227 West Trade Street (Carillon Building) | Suite 1650 | Charlotte, NC 28202 Tel^{(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)} - <u>william.stetzer@usdoj.gov</u>

From: To: Subject: Date:	Hairston, Sandra (USANCM) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) USAEO) [Contractor] Notification of Meetings Monday, November 1, 2021 4:33:44 PM
To:	Executive Office for U. S. Attorneys
From:	Sandra Hairston
	Acting U. S. Attorney
	Middle District of North Carolina (MDNC)
Re:	Implementing the Attorney General's Memorandum on Addressing Threats against School Administrators, Board Members, Teachers, and Staff
Date:	November 1, 2021

Please be advised of the following:

On October 6, 2021, FBI Special Agent in Charge (SAC) – Charlotte Field Division – Robert Wells, participated in a Homeland Security conference call meeting with federal and state law enforcement representatives throughout North Carolina. Represented agencies included the following:

- Department of Homeland Security/Office of Intelligence and Analysis
- Department of Homeland Security/Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency
- Federal Bureau of Investigation
- Department of Justice/U.S. Attorney's Office (a representative from the MDNC was not present for this meeting, but SAC Wells reported back to the Acting U. S. Attorney for the MDNC the information discussed during the call).
- United States Secret Service
- U.S. Marshal's Service
- North Carolina State Highway Patrol
- North Carolina National Guard
- North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation
- North Carolina Information Sharing and Analysis Center
- State Capitol Police
- Alcohol Law Enforcement
- North Carolina Department of Transportation/DMV
- North Carolina Department of Information Technology
- North Carolina Department of Public Instruction
- North Carolina Department of Public Safety
- North Carolina Division of Emergency Management.

SAC Wells provided an overview of the memo received from Attorney General Garland regarding school violence. SAC Wells briefed the FBI's role pertaining to any threat of death or violence related to schools. SAC Wells advised that the large majority of threats of violence or death pertaining to schools will fall within the jurisdiction of state and local law enforcement agencies. SAC Wells explained under certain circumstances a threat of death or violence will fall under federal jurisdiction, to include use of on-line communications (email or social media) to make such threats, and these threats will be closely coordinated with the US Attorney's offices. SAC Wells explained that the FBI will use existing Violent Crime task forces to share information with local and state law enforcement agencies, and to work on violent threats jointly when appropriate. SAC Wells explained that the FBI has appropriate policies and procedures in place to handle any of these threats, and no changes to our current methods and procedures are necessary. There were no significant questions or comments from the group.

On November 1, 2021, the Acting U. S. Attorney for the MDNC and SAC Wells, convened a meeting via conference call with representatives from several of the local Sheriffs' offices in the Middle District, along with representatives from police departments in the district. The meeting was called to discuss how federal law enforcement can assist our local partners if threats of death or violence take place against school administrators, board members, teachers or staff. SAC Wells provided the same information during this call that he conveyed during the October 6 conference call. Acting USA Hairston reminded the group that AUSAs are assigned as points of contact for all counties in the district.

No significant issues were identified during the call, and there were no comments or questions from the group.

Participants on the call included the following agencies:

- Orange County Sheriff's Office
- Cabarrus County Sheriff's Office
- Person County Sheriff's Office
- Davidson County Sheriff's Office
- Guilford County Sheriff's Office
- Forsyth County Sheriff's Office
- Davie County Sheriff's Office
- Carrboro Police Department
- High Point Police Department
- Durham Police Department.

Please advise if additional information is needed.

Sandra J. Hairston

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To:	(b)(6) (b)(7)(C) (USAEO) [Contractor]
Cc:	(b)(6); (USANCE)
Subject:	Report re: addressing threats in Education
Date:	Wednesday, November 10, 2021 12:37:35 PM
Attachments:	image001.png

Rebecca,

I apologize for this being late.

- 1. EDNC did hold the required meeting. On October 6, 2021, FBI SAC Robert R. Wells and representatives from the Western, Middle and Eastern North Carolina US Attorney's Offices participated in a Homeland Security conference call meeting with federal and state law enforcement representatives throughout North Carolina. SAC Wells provided an overview of the memo received from Attorney General Garland regarding school violence. SAC Wells briefed the FBI's role pertaining to any threat of death or violence related to schools. SAC Wells advised that the large majority of threats of violence or death pertaining to schools will fall within the jurisdiction of state and local law enforcement agencies. SAC Wells explained under certain circumstances a threat of death or violence will fall under federal jurisdiction, to include use of on-line communications (email or social media) to make such threats, and these threats will be closely coordinated with the US Attorney's offices. SAC Wells explained that the FBI will use existing Violent Crime task forces to share information with local and state law enforcement agencies, and to work on violent threats jointly when appropriate. SAC Wells explained that the FBI has appropriate policies and procedures in place to handle any of these threats, and no changes to our current methods and procedures are necessary. There were no significant questions or comments from the group.
- 2. The law enforcement agencies participating were: NC Department of Justice; Department of Homeland Security; FBI; NC Department of Public Safety; NC Capitol Police; NC DMV; NC State Bureau of Investigation; US Marshal; US Secret Service; NC Emergency Management; NC Highway Patrol; NC Department of Health and Human Services.
- 3. No significant issues arose at the meeting that need to be brought to the attention of the DAG.

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From:	Thaggard, Joseph (USAMT)
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Cc:	<u>Johnson, Leif (USAMT)</u> ; (b)(6) (USAMT)
Subject:	Confirmation of meetings to address threats against school administrators and other school officials
Date:	Wednesday, October 20, 2021 5:13:37 PM

Ms (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

Per Director Wilkinson's October 20, 2021 memo, I write to confirm that the USAO for District of Montana has met with law enforcement officials to address threats against school administrators and other school officers, as directed by the Attorney General on October 4, 2021. These are the actions the USAO has taken:

- 1. On October 14, 2021, Acting U.S. Attorney Johnson and I met with the FBI supervisors in Montana to coordinate a response to the Attorney General's memorandum. Following that meeting, Mr. Johnson sent a letter to the Montana Attorney General, the Montana County Attorney's Association, all sheriffs, the Montana Office of Public Instruction, the Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association, the Montana Police Protective Association, the Montana School Board's Association, and the FBI supervisors for Montana. The letter summarizes the Attorney General's directive, the desire of the USAO to work with all interested parties, advises of the appropriate federal statutes that might serve as the bases for prosecutions under the Attorney General's directive, and encourages all the interested parties to contact the USAO with questions or comments about the directive.
- 2. On October 15, 2021, Mr. Johnson met with the Montana County Attorneys Association about the directive and his October 14, 2021 letter. The meeting including a representative from the Montana Attorney General's Office.
- 3. On October 19, 2021, Mr. Johnson met with Elzie Arntzen, State Superintendent of the Montana Office of Public Instruction, at the request of Superintendent Arntzen. Mr. Johnson advised her of the nature of the USAO's efforts.
- 4. Ms. Arntzen, as well as the Cascade County Attorney, Cascade County Sheriff, and the Great Falls Chief of Police have all since written to Mr. Johnson advising that the local law enforcement authorities are best suited to address criminal threats against school administrators and other school officials. Additionally, Mr. Johnson has received telephone calls from a concerned citizen, a county attorney, and the press. Most, but not all, of those people have indicated a desire for the local authorities to handle any investigations and prosecutions.

Please feel free to contact Mr. Johnson or me if you have any questions.

Joe Thaggard Criminal Chief District of Montana



From: To:	LaMarca, Darren (USAMSS) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) [USAEO] [Contractor]
Subject:	Implementation of AG Memorandum on Addressing Threats against School Administrators, Board Members, Teachers, and staff
Date:	Friday, October 29, 2021 3:31:00 PM

Dear (b)(6);

Pursuant to the directive from EOUSA, please note our response to the AG's memorandum referenced above as follows:

- 1. A meeting was held the morning of October 27, at 10:00 a.m. at the Rankin County, MS Sheriff's office to discuss the issues raised by the AG's Memorandum;
- 2. Those in attendance were:
 - a. FBI
 - b. Judge Broome- Ranking County Youth Court
 - c. John Hunt & Will Dickson- Mississippi Department of Corrections
 - d. James Davis- Chief of the City of Jackson Police Department
 - e. Barry Whitehead- TSA/Air Marshal
 - f. Jim Brinson- Operations supervisor for the MS Department of Public Safety/ MS Department of Homeland Security
 - g. Patrick Monday, Investigator & Candice Gregory, Assistant Attorney General, of the Mississippi Attorney General's Office.
 - h. Bryan Bailey- Sheriff Rankin County, MS (Many Deputies as well)
 - i. Tracy Carlton Federal Department of Homeland Security (assigned to Mississippi Analytical and Information Center)
 - j. USAO USA/Crim Chief/Intelligence Specialist.
 - k. Gerald Jones, Chief of Police for the Jackson Public School District
 - I. Gabriel Billie, Director of Mississippi Band of Choctaw Police Department by phone on 10/29/21.
- 3. No significant issues arose.

Please let me know if you need anything further.

Sincerely,

Darren J. LaMarca Acting United States Attorney Southern District of Mississippi 501 E. Court St., Suite 4.430 Jackson, MS 39201 (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

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Cc:	(b)(6); (USAMOW)	
Subject:	Western District of Missouri Meeting Addressing Threats against School Administrators, Board Members, Teachers, and Staff	
Date:	Thursday, October 28, 2021 4:39:06 PM	
Attachments:	Threats Against School Officials Meeting - Virtual or In Person Meeting tally.xlsx	

Good afternoon,

Th Western District of Missouri held the required meeting with appropriate district law enforcement leaders this afternoon, Thursday, October 28, 2021, at 1:30 p.m. The meeting was a hybrid meeting and law enforcement leaders attended in-person and via Webex. Attached is an attendance sheet. Please note that although we invited 173 law enforcement leaders (all district County Sheriffs and Municipal Police Chiefs) to attend the meeting, the actual number in attendance was relatively low. The Kansas City FBI SAC participated in the meeting, and the ATF SAC was present. No significant issues were presented or identified.

The only question that may be of interest to the Deputy Attorney General is how threats to schools officials and potential investigations are impacted by Missouri's Second Amendment Preservation Act (SAPA).

Please let me know if you need additional information.

Thank you,

Teresa

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Attendance Total 21 7

Rebecca,

We held the required meeting at 4 pm CST on November 2, 2021, via conference call. Myself and two AUSAs participated, as well as the FBI RAC and one of her agents. Also participating were three personnel from the Oxford, MS, Police Department (including their school resource officer) and an officer from the Lafayette County Sheriff's Office. There were no significant issues that should be brought to the attention of the Deputy Attorney General, as there have been no known complaints regarding these types of issues in the Northern District of Mississippi. Best regards,

Clay Joyner Acting United States Attorney Northern District of Mississippi
From:	McElwee, Darcie (USAME) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (USAEO) [Contractor]
To: Cc:	(b)(0), (b)(1)(0) + (b)(2)(c) + (b)(7)(c)
Subject:	Guidance on Implementing the Attorney General's Memorandum on Addressing Threats against School Administrators, Board Members, Teachers, and Staff
Date:	Wednesday, November 3, 2021 8:32:12 PM

Good evening -

Please accept the following in response to Attorney General Garland's memo regarding the Department's efforts to address threats made against school administrators, board members, teachers, and staff,:

1. and (2) The U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Maine convened and/or attended numerous meetings with appropriate district law enforcement leaders on the following dates with the law enforcement agencies identified below:

Explosives	10/20/2021	Federal Law Enforcement Liaison Group Federal Bureau of Investigation Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and
		Drug Enforcement Administration Homeland Security Investigations United States Marshal Service Internal Revenue Service United States Coast Guard Service United States Department of Defense United States Diplomatic Security Service United States Department of Agriculture United States Border Patrol
	10/21/2021	Maine State Police (Houlton) Houlton Police Department Aroostook County Sheriff's Office
	10/22/2021	Fort Kent Police Department Madawaska Police Department Presque Isle Police Department Caribou Police Department Aroostook County District Attorney
	10/26/2021	Bangor Police Department Maine State Police (Orono) Veazie Police Department Brewer Police Department Penobscot County District Attorney

- Androscoggin County Sheriff's Office 11/2/2021 11/3/2021 Maine Chiefs of Police Meeting Federal Bureau of Investigation Auburn Police Department Augusta Police Department Bar Harbor Police Department **Cumberland Police Department** Ellsworth Police Department Falmouth Police Department Jay Police Department Maine Criminal Justice Academy Maine Drug Enforcement Agency **Oakland Police Department** Sagadahoc County Sheriff's Office University of Maine Police Department Wells Police Department Yarmouth Police Department
- 3. During these meetings, we did not learn of any significant issues which we believe should be brought to the Deputy Attorney General's attention.

Thank you. Darcie

 Darcie N. McElwee
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From:	Selden, Philip (USAMD)	
To:	(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) USAEO) [Contractor]	
Subject:	District of Maryland School Threats Meeting	
Date:	Tuesday, November 2, 2021 5:47:49 PM	

Hello (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

We write in response to the United States Attorney General's October 4, 2021 and October 21, 2021 memorandums, to inform the Department of Justice's Executive Office for United States Attorneys that the District of Maryland held a meeting to address threats against school administrators, board members, teachers, and staff.

On November 1, 2021 our Office convened a meeting of senior members of the United States Attorney's Office for the District of Maryland and local, state and federal law enforcement leaders from the District of Maryland. During the meeting, and in prior meetings on the topic of threats involving school administrators, board members, teachers and staff, we learned from our law enforcement leaders that we do not have any significant issues to report from the meeting. We can report that in Maryland, our law enforcement partners have not seen the problem of threats against school employees, or the types of criminal threats problems at issue in the Attorney General's memoranda.

During the meeting we also discussed potential federal statutes that may be triggered based upon threats against school employees. In addition, we discussed the need for continued communication between our Office and local, state and federal law enforcement leaders regarding these matters, and encouraged our local partners to contact us and the local field office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, if they wish to consult or discuss any possible threats issue. We further conveyed the importance of protecting individuals' First Amendment rights, and our Office's ongoing commitment to not restricting protected free speech or other lawful conduct. We emphasized that our concern was with criminal, violent threats conduct. We encouraged questions and input from the attendees at the meeting. We also provided various potential contacts for our state and local partners if any schools threats issues arise in the future. Those contacts included specifically designated agents at the FBI, including a group supervisor, and specially designated representatives at the Maryland United States Attorney's Office, specifically, the First Assistant United States Attorney, Counsel to the United States Attorney and the Criminal Chief. Attendees of the November 1 meeting included law enforcement representatives from the following agencies: the President of the Maryland State's Attorney's Association, who committed to notifying and working with his fellow states attorneys on the issue of school threats; the Maryland Inspector General for Education; the Federal Bureau of Investigation Baltimore Field Office; and aforementioned members of this Office. In addition, we have separately conferred with the following agencies that were not able to participate in our November 1 meeting: the Maryland Attorney General's Office; and the Maryland Center for School Safety.

Thank you,

Phil

Philip A. Selden First Assistant United States Attorney United States Attorney's Office for the District of Maryland

From:	(b)(6); (USAMA)
To:	(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (USAEO) [Contractor]
Cc:	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (USAEO)
Subject:	District of Massachusetts- Meeting Confirmation
Date:	Tuesday, November 2, 2021 3:03:05 PM
Attachments:	Wilkinson letter.pdf

Hi (b)(6);

Please find a letter from Acting U.S. Attorney Mendell, confirming outreach to law enforcement regarding threats of violence to school staff.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

(b)(6) (b)(7)(C)



Strategic Engagement & Law Enforcement Coordinator U.S. Attorney's Office, District of Massachusetts John Joseph Moakley United States Courthouse 1 Courthouse Way, Suite 9200 Boston, MA 02210 (b)(6). (b)(7)(C)



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November 1, 2021

Monty Wilkinson, Director Executive Office for United States Attorneys Room 2261, RFK Main Justice Building 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20530

Re: *Meeting Confirmation* – Attorney General's Memorandum on Addressing School Threats Against School Board Administrators, Board Members, Teachers, and Staff

Dear Director Wilkinson:

Please accept this letter as formal notification that the U.S. Attorney's Office in the District of Massachusetts convened meetings with the appropriate law enforcement leaders in accordance with the Attorney General's memorandum issued on October 4, 2021.

My Law Enforcement Coordinator, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) notified the following law enforcement leaders of a national rise in harassment, intimidation, and threats of violence against school administrators, board members, teachers, and staff:

- Chief Mark K. Leahy, ret., Executive Director of the Massachusetts Chiefs of Police Association October 27, 2021.
- Chief Roy P. Vasque, Lawrence Police Department, and Vice President of the Massachusetts Major City Chiefs – *October 29, 2021* (at the suggestion of the President of the Massachusetts Major City Chiefs who was out of the country on vacation).
- Major Mark D. Cyr, Deputy Division Commander, Division of Homeland Security and Preparedness, Massachusetts State Police October 31, 2021.

During these meetings, representatives from the fusion center and the two statewide law enforcement associations stated that there are no known incidents of threats to school staff in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. This report is consistent with the FBI's Boston Field Office assessment on school threats to staff in the District.

We offered to provide further outreach and education to the partners of these associations, including all local and state police departments in the Commonwealth. Further, my office identified and shared five federal statutes that could be used to charge violence and threats of violence against school district staff and representatives: 18 U.S.C. § 875 (threats in interstate communications); 18 U.S.C. § 876 (mailing threatening communications); 18 U.S.C. § 245 (threats in relation to federally protected activities); 47 U.S.C. § 223 (harassing telephone calls); and 18 U.S.C. § 2261A(2) (cyberstalking).

My office reminded these law enforcement leaders that the USAO has professional staff dedicated to providing victim support, and offered to connect our team with any department or agency that encounters a victim of these types of crimes.

If you would like further information on my District's outreach to law enforcement leaders on threats of violence against school staff, I encourage you to contact me or Jessica Kuron, Strategic Engagement & Law Enforcement Coordinator at (617) 290-0319.

Sincerely,

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NATHANIEL R. MENDELL Acting United States Attorney

From:	Namie, Myers (USALAW)
То:	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (USAEO) [Contractor]
Subject:	School Threat Assessment
Date:	Tuesday, November 2, 2021 4:00:26 PM

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Per the October 20, 2021, memo regarding school threat assessment, The WDLA USAO met with the appropriate law enforcement officials on October 27, 28 and November 2, 2021. Local law enforcement from the Lafayette Police Department, Lafayette Parish Sheriff's Office, Lafayette Parish School Resource Officers, Calcasieu Parish Sheriff's Office, and FBI agents from Lafayette, Shreveport and Monroe met with our Criminal Chiefs to discuss the issues outlined in the memo. No significant issues arose from those meetings, and state and local officials will continue to share information and seek our assistance when needed.

Kindest Regards,

Myers P. Namie

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 From:
 Travis, Ellison (USALAM)

 To:
 (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (USAEO) [Contractor]

 Subject:
 Law Enforcement Meeting--School Board Issue

 Date:
 Monday, November 1, 2021 5:23:10 PM

Please see the email from our Criminal Chief which memorializes our efforts to implement the Attorney General's October 4 Memo regarding threats against school boards and other school officials. Should you have any questions, feel free to call me on my cell at (b)(6). (b)(7)(C)

Thank You, Ellison C.Travis Acting US Attorney Louisiana Middle District

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From: "Frazier, Brian (USALAM)" <BFrazier@usa.doj.gov> Date: November 1, 2021 at 2:28:34 PM CDT To: "Travis, Ellison (USALAM)" <ETravis@usa.doj.gov> Subject: Law Enforcement Meeting--School Board Issue

On Tuesday, October 26, I met with FBI representatives to ensure coordination, if needed, on any violence or threats related to school board proceedings. The FBI representatives acknowledged that DOJ has seen fit to elevate perceived school board security issues to a national level. Nevertheless they did not see any imminent threats to school boards or their members in the local AOR, nor did they ascertain any worrisome trends in that regard. Our office and the FBI are in constant communication with local authorities on all areas of federal criminal concern and I am confident this will continue. The FBI representatives and their local task force officers and coordinators are aware of the statutes at hand to deal, for example, with threats in interstate communications, and I am confident we will continue to address threats of violence on a federal level if appropriate and jurisdictional requirements are met.

Brian K. Frazier Chief, Criminal Division United States Attorney's Office Middle District of Louisiana 777 Florida Street Baton Rouge, LA 70801 Phone: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

From:	Simpson, Michael (USALAE)
To:	(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) [USAEO) [Contractor]
Cc:	(b)(6): (USALAE)
Subject:	USAO (EDLa) Response to Request for Convocation of meeting in Accord with AG"s Memo of October 4, 2021 on Addressing Threats against School Administrators , et al
Date:	Tuesday, November 2, 2021 2:05:11 PM

- The USAO (EDLa) held the required meeting addressing potential violations of criminal law regarding harassment, intimidation, threats of violence and actual violence against school officials, teachers and employees, with appropriate district law enforcement leaders on November 1, 2021;
- 2. The meeting was attended by myself as FAUSA , the FBI , the New Orleans Police Department and the Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office ;
- No issues, concerns or observable trends contemplated by the Attorney General's October 4, 2021 memorandum entitled, <u>"Partnerships among Federal, State, Local, Tribal, and Territorial Law Enforcement to Address Threats against School Administrators, Board Members, Teachers, and Staff."</u>, currently exist.

(b)(6). I trust the above provides the necessary data EOUSA required by its October 20, 2021 Guidance on Implementation of the AG's Memo Addressing Threats against School Administrators, et al.

Please advise if you need anything further.

Best regards,

Michael Simpson

From: To:	Bennett, Michael (USAKYW) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) USAEO) [Contractor]
Subject:	WDKY Implementation of the Attorney General"s Memorandum Addressing Threats Against School Administrators, Board Members, Teachers, and Staff
Date:	Tuesday, November 2, 2021 4:13:25 PM



Pursuant to the subject memorandum, I write to provide the following information regarding the USAO WDKY's implementation of the Attorney General's Memorandum:

- 1. We conducted the required meeting with appropriate district law enforcement leaders today, November 2, 2021.
- 2. We invited law enforcement leaders (sheriffs, police chiefs, and the Commissioner of the Kentucky State Police) from across our district. The following law enforcement agencies attended the training: Kentucky State Police, Middletown Police Department, Elizabethtown Police Department, Meade County Sheriff's Office, Hodgenville Police Department, Crittenden County Sheriff's Office, Shepherdsville Police Department, Logan County Sheriff's Office, Brandenburg Police Department, Pee Wee Valley Police Department, Hardin County Sheriff's Office, and Union County Sheriff's Office.
- 3. There were no significant issues from the meeting which should be brought to the attention of the Deputy Attorney General.

Please let me know if you have any further questions or need additional information regarding our responses.

Sincerely,

Michael A. Bennett Acting U.S. Attorney Western District of Kentucky (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) – Office – Mobile

From: To: Subject:	Shier, Carlton (USAKYE) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (USAEO) [Contractor] FW: Guidance on Implementing the Attorney General's Memorandum on Addressing Threats against School
Date:	Administrators, Board Members, Teachers, and Staff Wednesday, November 3, 2021 11:57:27 AM



In follow-up to the Attorney General's Memorandum, the Eastern District of Kentucky has held a meeting. The USAO and the FBI (SAC and ASAC) hosted a meeting on November 2, 2021, via WebEx. The Chiefs of Police and Sheriffs in our district were invited to attend, along with the Kentucky State Police. The KSP and four police departments sent representatives. Some others registered for the event but were unable to attend. There were no issues of note raised, which need to be presented to the Deputy Attorney General. Please let me know if you need anything further from us.

Sincerely,

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Please accept this email as the SDIL's response to the AG's memo regarding threats to school boards.

Thank you, Steve Weinhoeft



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- **SUBJECT:** Guidance on Implementing the Attorney General's Memorandum on Addressing Threats against School Administrators, Board Members, Teachers, and Staff
- DATE: November 2, 2021

Introduction

The Attorney General issued a memorandum on October 4, 2021 entitled, <u>"Partnerships among Federal, State, Local, Tribal, and Territorial Law Enforcement to Address Threats against School Administrators, Board Members, Teachers, and Staff.</u>" The memorandum instructed the United States Attorneys and the FBI to convene meetings with appropriate law enforcement agencies.

On October 20, 2021, the Department directed the United States Attorneys to report back to EOUSA about three things: (1) confirm that our office has held the required meeting with appropriate district law enforcement leaders and indicate the date of the meeting; (2) identify the law enforcement agencies that participated; and (3) note any significant issues arising from the meeting that you believe should be brought to the Deputy Attorney General's attention.

This memo serves as the response from the Southern District of Illinois.

Response

(1) <u>Confirm that our office has held the required meeting with appropriate district law</u> <u>enforcement leaders and indicate the date of the meeting</u>.

The U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Illinois has held the requisite meetings with our law enforcement partners to implement the Attorney General's memorandum and initiative to address threats and potential threats against school administrators, board members, teachers, and staff.

(2) Identify the law enforcement agencies that participated.

On Thursday, October 19, 2021, the U.S. Attorney personally appeared at the JTTF Executive Board Meeting to discuss the Attorney General's directive. The JTTF meeting was selected because it is attended by law enforcement leadership throughout central and southern Illinois, and it has a primary role in receiving and investigating these types of criminal violations. Those in attendance included: FBI, U.S Coast Guard, US Secret Service, USAO-CDIL, USAO-SDIL, Schuyler County Sheriff's Office, Illinois Statewide Terrorism Information Center, Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), Springfield Police Department, Chatham Police Department, United States Penitentiary in Marion, Peoria County Sheriff's Office, Kankakee County Sheriff's Office, Champaign County Sheriff's Office, and Richland College.

A second meeting was held on Thursday, October 21, 2021. The District's Law Enforcement Coordinator and Intelligence Research Specialist attended the Southern Illinois Police Chief's Association meeting to discuss the matter. Those in attendance included: Alton PD, Belleville PD, Caseyville PD, Collinsville PD, Edwardsville PD, Fairview Heights PD, Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police (ILACP), Illinois Emergency Alarm System (ILEAS), Madison PD, Madison County Sheriff's Department, Millstadt PD, O'Fallon PD, Shiloh PD, Swansea PD, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville (SIUE) Police Department, and Southern Illinois Law Enforcement Commission (SILEC).

A third meeting was held on Thursday, October 28, 2021. The U.S. Attorney again personally appeared to discuss the issue at the St. Clair County Chief's meeting. Those in attendance included: Columbia PD, Belleville PD, Caseyville PD, Fairview Heights PD, Freeburg PD, Illinois State Police, Madison PD, Millstadt PD, New Baden PD, O'Fallon PD, Shiloh PD, SILEC, Summerfield PD, St. Clair County States Attorney's Office, St. Clair County Sheriff's Department, and Swansea PD.

A fourth meeting was planned with our Madison County Chiefs, but it had to be cancelled due to the murder of a Pontoon Beach police officer.

It should be noted that the State of Illinois has a School Safety Working Group as part of the Illinois Terrorism Task Force that has representatives from statewide education associations. The recommendations already being implemented include a behavioral threat assessment with information sharing between schools and law enforcement. There are also active violence response programs that include active shooter drills in schools.

On Monday, October 25, 2021, the U.S. Attorney discussed this matter with the Director of Intelligence for the Illinois State Police. He is the primary state and local authority to receive reports involving threatening communications. He agreed to reach out to the school safety coordinator to ensure that lines of communication are open.

We have excellent communication with our state and local partners. I am confident that any true threat directed at a school board or school board member will be brought to our attention promptly.

(3) <u>Note any significant issues arising from the meeting that you believe should be brought to the</u> <u>Deputy Attorney General's attention</u>.

I feel obligated to advise the Deputy Attorney General that this issue was very poorly received.

This was described by some as a manufactured issue. No one I spoke with in law enforcement

seemed to think that there is a serious national threat directed at school boards, which gave the impression that our priorities are misapplied.

Some expressed concerns that the federal government was meddling in an area where it does not belong. I heard concerns over the federal government inserting itself into issues of local politics and local choices on education. But more frequently, I heard unease over the first amendment implications.

I confirmed that public advocacy and expressions of grievances before elected school board officials is firmly protected by the first amendment. I emphasized that the A.G.'s memo explicitly addressed this concern. But some felt that the memo would chill political speech anyway. I pledged that we would neither become involved in local politics, nor would the Department ever try to limit political speech.

The federal government's basis for jurisdiction was also questioned. I discussed the applicable federal statutes, and I reiterated that federal law enforcement only investigates allegations of criminal conduct. I promised that the Department wants the U.S. Attorneys and the FBI to stay within the clear limits of federal criminal jurisdiction as we move forward.

I advise against further national action on this matter.

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The CDIL conducted the required meeting in two parts. First, on October 12, 2021, our LEC and I sent an email to approximately 700 of our law enforcement contacts (basically all departments in the CDIL) referencing the nation-wide problem and asking them to both respond appropriately in-line with the First Amendment and, if warranted, to communicate any incidents to the USAO and FBI. Previously, I had sent an email to the Regional Superintendents of Schools in the CDIL (we conduct outreach with them on a regular basis on a variety of issues) basically telling them to report any incidents to local law enforcement. Second, in conjunction with the FBI field office and the SDIL, on October 19, 2021, we jointly participated in a video meeting with local law enforcement. Law enforcement agencies participating in the video meeting included the Illinois State Police, various police departments, and county sheriffs (approximately 50 attendees). Again, the discussion centered around an appropriate local response and our willingness to prosecute if necessary. Although it is not uncommon for post-COVID school board meetings around the CDIL to have passionate participation, I am not aware of any actionable threats being made or significant disruptions. If additional information is needed, please let me know.

Thanks,

Doug

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On October 7th, the Acting U.S. Attorney led a meeting of our criminal management team and FBI supervisors and developed a plan to address school and school-related violence and threats of violence based largely on existing operational plans used for civil unrest and the potential for civil unrest in summer and fall 2020 and spring 2021. That plan called for a prosecution partnership at the city, county, and federal level to review laws not only applicable to threatening communications but also acts of violence. This partnership collaborates across jurisdictions to be better able to direct allegations of criminal conduct to the appropriate jurisdictional authority while steadfastly recognizing and respecting constitutionally protected speech. This law enforcement coordination platform is effective for the instant issues as well.

The Acting U.S. Attorney, in partnership with the FBI, has and will take several steps in ensuring school and school-related activities are safe:

1) the Acting U.S. Attorney has met and will continue to meet with law enforcement agency and prosecution partners in our District's six most populous counties to discuss school safety issues to include the instant issue, as well as threats to school buildings, school shootings, gangs, technology-facilitated sexual exploitation crimes against children, fentanyl-laced counterfeit prescription pills; cyber security and ransomware, and to reaffirm lines of communication;

2) the Acting U.S. Attorney has designated AUSA points of contact in each office to assist in reviewing school-related criminal activity and coordinating response with the applicable county prosecutor or city attorney;

3) the Acting U.S. Attorney will meet with the Idaho School Safety and Security Advisory Board Law Enforcement subcommittee and the Idaho School Safety and Security Program Manager on November 16th to discuss the full school threat landscape; 4) the office's Tribal Liaisons and the Tribal Victim Assistant Specialist have met with representatives of the District's Tribal law enforcement to emphasize the office's support of a safe school environment; and

5) the Acting USA will address this initiative and the full threat landscape at the fall Southern and Northern Federal Agency Heads meetings in November.

This action plan will reaffirm open lines of communications between prosecutors and law enforcement at all levels across the District to address the full spectrum of school-associated threats and threats of violence before the violence occurs while making it clear that law enforcement will not interfere with, and will protect, spirited debate about policy matters and peaceful protest.

Respectfully submitted by the District of Idaho.

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On October 13, 2021, we convened an informal meeting at the U.S. Attorney's Office in Des Moines. In attendance were representatives from the U.S. Attorney's Office, FBI, and Jessica Reynolds, from the Iowa Attorney General's Office. Jessica Reynolds is also the Executive Director of the Iowa County Attorney's Association, and the Prosecuting Attorney's Training Council. We also reached out to the Iowa Department of Public Safety, who declined to attend the meeting in person. Our goal was to confirm lines of communications with state and local law enforcement would effectively remain unchanged. We affirmed our continued reliance on existing lines of communication and current practices to address threats between state and local authorities, FBI and our office. We emphasized our continued willingness to support local law enforcement in intrastate and multi-state threat investigations.

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Aloha (b)(6);

I write in response to today's memo from Director Wilkinson regarding the United States Attorneys' implementation of the Attorney General's October 4, 2021 Addressing Threats against School Administrators, Board members, Teachers, and Staff memorandum (the "AG's Memorandum").

On October 15, 2021, an in-person meeting (the "Meeting") to discuss the AG's Memorandum was conducted at the United States Attorney's Office. Participants at the Meeting included myself as Acting U.S. Attorney, FBI Special Agent in Charge Steven Merrill, and Maynard Mendoza, Director of the Safety, Security, and Emergency Preparedness Branch Office of Facilities and Operations of the State of Hawaii Department of Education. As background, the Safety, Security and Emergency Preparedness Branch of the Department of Education ("SSEPB") is responsible for providing a safe environment for both students and employees at the Department of Education campuses. SSEPB partners with all four of Hawaii's local law enforcement organizations, namely the Honolulu Police Department, Maui Police Department, Hawaii Island Police Department, and Kauai Police Department, in this regard. The partnership includes community policing outreach to school campuses and classrooms.

Topics of discussion at the Meeting, among others, included: what constitutes a threat; any known threats against school officials/employees; and any acts of violence against school officials/employees, No significant issues arose at the meeting. Director Mendoza appeared to have a sound understanding of the applicable federal and state law with established and open communication among the District's local and federal law enforcement communities.

Please don't hesitate to reach out if you require additional information.

Best,

Judy

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Rebecca,

I met with the attorneys general for Guam (11/1/21) and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (10/25/21) to discuss AG Garland's memo. These are the appropriate law enforcement leaders to engage on this topic. I also met in advance with our FBI SSRA to discuss the potential for threats in our districts. I briefed the AGs on the discussion topics noted in Director Wilkinson's guidance memo. We acknowledged that there have been no instances of threats. However, the AGs appreciated the support we can offer. We have excellent working relationships with both offices. There are no issues for the DAG's attention.

Best regards,

Shawn

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Dear Ms. (b)(6);

1. On October 27, 2021, the USAO for the SDGA convened a meeting to comply with the Director's memorandum of October 20, 2021 concerning "Guidance on Implementing the Attorney General's Memorandum on Addressing Threats against School Administrators, Board Members, Teachers and Staff." The meeting addressed each of the discussion topics set out in the Director's memorandum.

2. Law enforcement partners participating in the meeting were Chief Rodney Ellis (Glynn County BOE Police Department), Chief Terry Enoch (Savannah-Chatham County BOE Police Department), Emergency Manager Justin Pratt (Savannah-Chatham County BOE Police Department), and Chief Mantrell Wilson (Richmond County BOE Police Department). These chiefs represented the three largest school districts in the SDGA. The Federal Bureau of Investigation was represented by Supervisory Special Agent George W. Clarke, Jr. and Special Agent (b)(6): (b)(7)(C) The meeting was led by AUSA Karl Knoche (SDGA criminal chief) and (b)(6) (SDGA LEC).

3. During the meeting we discussed the importance of safeguarding constitutionally protected speech and made clear that law enforcement must not interfere with spirited debate about policy matters and peaceful protest. That said, each police chief was encouraged to contact the FBI in the event that any incidents requiring federal law enforcement attention should occur. Each chief indicated that to date no such incidents have occurred. Each affirmed a commitment to safeguarding constitutionally protected speech.

4. No issues arose requiring the Deputy Attorney General's attention.

Sincerely,

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Good Afternoon Ms. Wyrick,

My name is Richard Moultrie and I serve as our district's Section Chief for the Violent Crime & National Security Section. I am writing to outline the following actions our district has undertaken to comply with the Attorney General's guidance for addressing threats against school officials:

- 1. On **October 5, 2021**, following the Attorney General's initial announcement about this initiative, our office directed the district's Anti-terrorism Advisory Council Coordinator ("ATAC"), AUSA Ryan Buchanan, to contact the FBI Atlanta-Field Office's Domestic Terrorism ("DT") Supervisory Special Agent to discuss the new guidance and FBI's plans for contacting and engaging with other federal, as well as local, law enforcement partners concerning the directive. AUSA Buchanan learned that the FBI's DT Squad would take the lead in acting as point-of-contact for referrals concerning school violence threats and consult with AUSA Buchanan concerning any reports;
- 2. On **October 6, 2021**, the district's Acting U.S. Attorney, Kurt R. Erskine, conferred with the FBI's Special Agent in Charge about the Attorney General's guidance;
- 3. On **October 13, 2021**, the Project Safe Neighborhoods Coordinator for the district's Gainesville, GA, Division, AUSA Jennifer Keen, held the district's first PSN meeting to occur following the Attorney General's announcement of the initiative. AUSA Keen described the guidance, as outlined by the Attorney General at that time, to federal and local law enforcement partners in that division. The law enforcement officers in attendance asked questions about how the guidance would be implemented and how to determine targets for any resulting criminal prosecution (would, for example, teens threatening school violence be charged under the terms of this policy?). AUSA Keen fielded these questions and reported them to me. We are discussing internally the substance of AUSA Keen's follow up with law enforcement officers who raised these issues;
- 4. On October 26, 2021, following the dissemination of the Attorney General's formal guidance on this initiative, AUSA (b)(6). (b)(7)(C) who serves as the district's primary point-of-contact for a FBI Atlanta-Field Division led working group of FBI, ATF, and other federal and local law enforcement partners in the district, attended a meeting of the working group. The attendees included FBI, ATF, DEA, Georgia State Patrol, law enforcement officers from eight local police departments and sheriff's offices, and officials from a local District Attorney's Office. During her presentation, AUSA
 (b)(7)(C) (a) emphasized that the directive is not intended to chill free speech during



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GWINNET POLICE ASSISTING WITH SCHOOL THREATS

(Lawrenceville, Ga., Oct 26, 2021) In light of a recent increase in harassment, intimidation, and threats of violence against our schools, the Gwinnett Police Department is working with the Gwinnett School Police to respond and investigate each case. Though many of these threats have been revealed to be hoaxes, we will take every threat seriously.

The Gwinnett Police Department's Intelligence and Crime Analysis Units identify threats and rated their credibility. We are passing all information on to the Gwinnett School Police for follow-up and augmenting their workforce with additional patrols as requested. Threats can be reported to the Gwinnett Police Department, the Gwinnett School Police, or the FBI.

Threats of violence against schools, officials, and workers in our public schools can be reported to the FBI's National Threat Operations Center (NTOC) at (1-800-CALL-FBI) or online through the FBI website (<u>https://fbi/gov./tips</u>) To ensure that threats are communicated to the appropriate authorities, NTOC will direct credible threats to FBI field offices, for coordination with the U.S. Attorney's Office and law enforcement partners as appropriate. In addition, reporting threats of violence through NTOC will help the federal government identify increased threats in specific jurisdictions and widespread coordinate efforts to intimidate educators and education workers.

If you know someone making threats, please immediately contact the Gwinnett Police Department by dialing 911. Witnesses are encouraged to call GCPD Investigators or Atlanta Crime Stoppers with any helpful information. If anyone has any information to share regarding any case, please contact GCPD detectives at 770-513-5300. To remain anonymous, tipsters should contact Crime Stoppers at 404-577-TIPS (8477) or visit <u>www.stopcrimeATL.com</u>. Crime Stoppers tipsters

can receive a cash reward for information leading to an arrest and indictment in this case.

school board and other meetings; (b) outlined that the overall thrust of the guidance is for districts to formalize channels for quickly referring to, and assessing with, FBI any relevant occurrences; (c) explained that our office wishes to ensure that our federal and local law enforcement partners are aware of the primary points-ofcontact at the FBI and the U.S. Attorney's Office for providing such referrals or seeking additional guidance for evaluating any relevant incident or report; and (d) described some of the federal statutes that might be implicated by threats made to school officials, including Title 18, United States Code, Section 875;

- 5. Also on October 26th, following the FBI's working group meeting, AUSA Buchanan, the district's ATAC, received an email from a local law enforcement officer who had attended the working group meeting. The officer, from the Gwinnett County, GA, Sheriff's Office, notified AUSA Buchanan about a threat of violence to a local high school being circulated on social media. FBI began investigating the threat. But additionally and significantly, on that same day, October 26th, the Gwinnett County Police Department created and disseminated the attached public service announcement concerning threats against schools a significant development and real-time indication of the importance and preliminary success of the district's federal and local law enforcement engagement around this troubling trend;
- 6. On **October 28, 2021**, Acting U.S. Attorney Erskine addressed the guidance during a meeting with the heads of various federal law enforcement agencies in the district, including FBI, ATF, HSI, DEA, the United States Marshal's Service, and others; and
- 7. Beginning on **October 28, 2021**, Mr. Erskine began telephoning School Police Chiefs in the district to conduct informal, one-on-one discussions with these local officials about the Attorney General's guidance. During these calls, Mr. Erskine discussed with the Chiefs various topics relating to the initiative, including victim support, applicable federal laws, and available federal resources. These discussions have been beneficial and opened up new lines of communication.

Overall, and recognizing the disparate geographics of our district, our office is achieving more success discussing this guidance in small, informal group settings.

Best regards,

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I wanted to confirm that our office has held the required meetings to implement the Attorney General's October 4, 2021 memorandum entitled, "Partnerships among Federal, State, Local, Tribal, and Territorial Law Enforcement to Address Threats against School Administrators, Board Members, Teachers, and Staff." The Acting U.S. Attorney and local FBI leaders (SSRAs) met virtually with local law enforcement leaders from each of our five population centers in MDGA. Specifically, on Friday, 10/29, we met with sheriffs and police chiefs from Albany, Columbus, and Valdosta, and on Monday, 11/1, we met with sheriffs and police chiefs from Athens and Macon. In sum, the agencies who participated were the MDGA USAO, FBI, Albany Police Department, Athens-Clarke County Police Department, Bibb County Sheriff's Office (Macon), Columbus Police Department, Lowndes County Sheriff's Office (Valdosta), and Muscogee County Sheriff's Office (Columbus). There were no significant issues that arose from the meetings that we believe should be brought to the Deputy Attorney General's attention.

Please let me know if you need any additional information.

Thanks,

Peter

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Good afternoon,

On Tuesday, November 2, 2021, the USAO SDFL and the FBI hosted a meeting of law enforcement from across the district to discuss the issue of threats against school administrators, board members, teachers and staff. The final list of attendees is attached as is the meeting agenda.

It was an extremely productive meeting. There were no significant issues raised that require the attention of the Deputy Attorney General. Everyone left the meeting pleased with the connections made and information shared. In particular, there was significant discussion about programs in Broward and Palm Beach where law enforcement has incorporated attention to mental health issues and coordination with mental health services

Please let me know if you need more information or have additional questions.

Joan Silverstein Chief, Criminal Division Southern District of Florida, USAO (0) (b)(6). (b)(7)(C) (c)

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Ms. (b)(6);

I hope this note finds you well. I write to relay the Northern District of Florida's (NDFL) efforts in regards to the Attorney General's Memorandum on Addressing Threats against School Administrators, Board Members, Teachers, and Staff.

In consultation with FBI Jacksonville Field Division Special Agent in Charge, Rachel Rojas, I have conducted a meeting with seven of the twenty-three sheriffs in the NDFL, as well as representatives of the Florida Department of Law Enforcement. Also participating in the meeting were the NDFL's Criminal Chief, Project Safe Neighborhood Coordinator, and our district's Law Enforcement Coordinator. I can report that none of the elected sheriffs or representatives from the Florida Department of Law Enforcement have encountered any threats directed toward school administrative officials, board members, teachers, or staff. Moreover, there have been no disruptions to any school board meetings in their respective counties or areas of responsibility. On behalf of the department our staff reaffirmed that threats against pubic servants are illegal and will be taken seriously. Moreover, our office will use its resources to identify, investigate, and prosecute such threats when appropriate. I am confident there is an open line of communication for the reporting, assessment, and response to any threats or acts of violence should they occur.

Thank you for your continued support of our mission.

v/r,

Jason R. Coody Acting United States Attorney Northern District of Florida

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To:	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C); USAEO) [Contractor]
Cc:	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (USAFLM)
Subject:	*Information regarding MDFL compliance with AG"s directive regarding meetings by 11/3
Date:	Thursday, November 4, 2021 5:47:37 PM
Attachments:	image001.png

(b)(6) -- My apologies for what is apparently the tardiness of this email. For some reason, I thought I had until 11/15 to respond. The following is a timeline of my compliance with the AG's directive. Please let me know what additional information you need.

10/5/21 – Inquired of all Chiefs at weekly managers' meeting regarding information concerning AG's letter.

10/5/21-10/12/21 – Consulted with EOUSA to determine potential parameters of AG's directive. Directed Criminal Chief and Office Chiefs to compile invitation lists for in-person meetings within each of the MDFL's five offices' AOR. Consulted with MDFL's two FBI SACs regarding their ability to attend each meeting. Set dates for each meeting (all to occur on November 3 or 4, the latter of which we apparently miscalculated as date by which we should fulfill the AG's directive) and preliminarily notified state and local partners for each meeting of the meeting. Drafted and edited invitation for the meeting based on the AG's letter and subsequent guidance from EOUSA.

10/12/21-10/19/21 – Developed lists, drafted invitation for meetings, consulted with FBI SACs regarding form and substance of meetings.

10/19/21 4:50pm – Okayed final draft of invitation for meetings.

10/20/21 11:18am -- Received notification from a local partner that Florida's Governor would hold a press conference—imminently; apparently it was originally scheduled for 11am--in the MDFL concerning the AG's letter. Immediately paused issuance of all written invitations to attend the office-specific school board meetings and viewed conference (indeed included statements by several USAO MDFL partners—and the State Safety Czar and former NDFL USA-- critical of the AG's letter and federal involvement in this arena). Took notes and incorporated information from conference into talking point/agenda for meeting. Notified OPA of conference.

10/20/21-10/26/21 – Digested EOUSA's supplemental guidance regarding meetings. Discovered OPA talking points regarding AG letter. Consulted with FBI SACs and determined to hold one meeting with focus on opsec and face-to-face conversation to ensure candid conversation. (Meanwhile, received from PIO--pursuant to my request to follow media coverage of both the Florida Governor's conference and the AG's letter--media report of potential threats against school board official. Have referred report to Criminal Chief, who followed up with FBI directly. --No further action at this time.)

10/27/21 -- Issued invitation for November 3 meeting, based on lists compiled by Office Chiefs and other Chiefs most familiar with relevant expertise/relationships, to USAO MDFL law enforcement partners responsible for the subject matter of the AG's letter. Invitation invited partners to attend a virtual meeting and speak to me and to FBI SACs directly regarding any activity in the MDFL relevant

to the AG's letter and what we could do to assist, emphasizing our shared experience in simultaneous enforcement of both civil rights of MDFL citizens and prosecution of criminal activity. Invite list included all 35 County Sheriffs' Offices in the MDFL, state ASACs for all AORs, and prominent local Police Department partners. Monitored responses.

11/2/21 – In light of the paucity of responses received (representatives of only five entities had responded--out of approximately 50--to obtain unique link to meeting), consulted with FBI SACs and then sent an email to all responders cancelling the mass meeting and informing that I would contact each entity individually to discuss the AG's directive and offer assistance better tailored to individual concerns.

11/3/21 – Contacted each entity representative who had responded regarding the meeting (or, in the case of Citrus County, the "lead responder," a Deputy Chief) – including a representative who responded about fifteen minutes before the meeting had been scheduled to begin. If representative was reachable, spoke with the representative, asked for information regarding activities in their jurisdiction that implicated the AG's letter, offered federal assistance from my office and/or the FBI in this arena, and discussed any and all information relayed. If representative was unreachable, left a message with an offer to do all three. Regarding sole state responding representative (of Florida's Department of Law Enforcement), arranged a virtual "in-person" meeting to discuss AG's letter and other issues, per preliminary communications with that representative and in light of clear issues with state response to the AG's letter.

Thus, as of November 3, I have conducted at least one meeting regarding the AG's directive and have planned several more. Because none of these concerns the smaller FBI AOR in the MDFL (Jacksonville), I also have spoken to the FBI SAC for that AOR regarding further steps to ensure the AG's directive is fulfilled and that Jacksonville AOR partners have every opportunity to discuss issues in this arena.

As of November 3, I have met with (and had extensive discussion with) a representative of: Lee County Sheriff's Office

I have arranged a meeting with or will arrange, once the representative responds to my communications, with: Florida Department of Law Enforcement Orlando Police Department Tampa Police Department Citrus County Sheriff's Office Hardee County Sheriff's Office

No issues have been raised (other than those implicated in descriptions regarding the timeline above) of which I believe the AG or DAG needs to be directly aware.

I stand ready to provide further information as requested.

Karin Hoppmann Acting United States Attorney United States Attorney's Office Middle District of Florida 813-274-6000



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Subject:	District of Delaware"s Response to October 20 Memorandum		
Date:	Tuesday, November 2, 2021 4:40:22 PM		

(b)(6);

This is the District of Delaware's response to Director Wilkinson's memorandum dated October 20, 2021 regarding Guidance on Implementing the Attorney General's Memorandum on Addressing Threats against School Administrators, Board Members, Teachers, and Staff.

This will confirm that my office has held the required meetings/discussions described in Director Wilkinson's memo. These meetings/discussions included the following agencies on the dates noted: Delaware State Police (supervisor of SROs) on October 27; Delaware State Police (supervisor in Delaware's Information and Analysis Center) on October 28; Wilmington Police Department (Chief of Police) on October 28; the Delaware Department of Education (department's project manager for school climate and discipline) on November 1; and the FBI on October 5, October 15 and November 1. These discussions revealed no significant issues.

David Weiss United States Attorney District of Delaware
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Cc:	Phillips, Channing (USADC)
Subject:	Guidance on Implementing the AG"s Memorandum on Addressing Threats Against School Administrators, Board Members, Teachers, and Staff
Date:	Monday, November 1, 2021 4:27:58 PM

Good afternoon (b)(6)

As directed by the Director's October 20, 2021 memo regarding Guidance on Implementing the AG's Memorandum on Addressing Threats Against School Administrators, Board Members, Teachers, and Staff, I am pleased to report that today, November 1, 2021, we held a meeting with the FBI-Washington Field Office, the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD), and members of our office regarding the subject of the AG's Memorandum. During today's meeting, an MPD Assistant Chief who is the local law enforcement liaison with the D.C. Public and Charter School System, advised that such threats have not been a problem here in the District of Columbia. The Assistant Chief did indicate that there was one reported incident in which a school security officer got into a scuffle with a student because the student was not properly wearing his face mask. In that incident, the school determined that the security officer breached the proper protocol to address the situation. The FBI indicated that they also had not received any complaints or referrals regarding any threats. Moreover, despite some media reports from around the country, the FBI indicated it has not attended any school board meetings here in the District of Columbia nor are there any plans to do so. During the meeting, the USAO advised MPD and the FBI that should they receive any future referrals or complaints regarding such threats, the USAO stands ready to assist in any investigation and consideration of appropriate charges. Following the meeting, the USAO circulated a POC list among all those attending today's meeting should there be any questions or a need going forward to consult regarding any threats that may occur in the future.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you.

Best regards,

Channing

Channing D. Phillips Acting United States Attorney District of Columbia (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

From:	Boyle, Leonard (USACT)		
То:	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) USAEO) [Contractor]		
Subject:	Attorney General"s Memorandum		
Date:	Wednesday, November 3, 2021 9:47:29 AM		
Attachments:	Memorandum regarding Threats of Violence to School Administrators 10.28.2021.pdf		

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In keeping with the Attorney General's October 4, 2021 memorandum, I have met with relevant federal agency executives to apprise them of the Attorney General's instructions. I also spoke with the Commissioner of the Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection (the Connecticut State Police) and reaffirmed that the United States Attorney's Office and the Connecticut FBI are available to assist in any investigation, including those involving threats to school officials, if the State Police require such assistance. In addition, I have offered the same reassurances to our municipal police departments through the current President of the Connecticut Police Chiefs Association, Chief Patrick Ridenhour of the Danbury, Connecticut. I provided Chief Ridenhour with the attached memorandum explaining ways in which we might be of assistance.

I also understand that the Special Agent in Charge of the FBI's New Haven field office has addressed this matter with several municipal police chiefs throughout Connecticut.

Sincerely, Len Boyle

Leonard C Boyle Acting United States Attorney District of Connecticut



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MEMORANDUM

TO: State and Municipal Law Enforcement Executives

FROM: Leonard C Boyle Acting United States Attorney District of Connecticut

DATE: November 1, 2021

Attorney General Merrick Garland has directed all United States Attorneys to contact our state, tribal, and municipal law enforcement partners regarding threats and violence against school board members and school administrators. Specifically, the Attorney General has asked United States Attorneys to "assess and discuss trends in violations of criminal laws regarding harassment, intimidation, threats of violence, and actual violence against school officials, teachers, and employees."

Fortunately, Connecticut has seen few such problems. Although discussions about curriculum, educational policy, and other matters have been debated passionately, parties have generally not transgressed into criminal behavior.

If any such instances of criminal behavior do occur, however, the United States Attorney's Office and federal law enforcement partners, particularly the FBI, are ready to assist state, tribal, and municipal law enforcement, if needed.

To the extent that any such threats or acts of violence are based on a victim's race, religion, disability, or other protected status, federal criminal laws may apply. Similarly, federal laws may apply if criminal conduct involves the use of the United States mail or interstate wires. As always, the United States Attorney's Office and the FBI are willing to provide investigative resources to any law enforcement agency that requires assistance. FBI expertise and resources might be of particular help in investigations that involve telecommunications and other digital evidence.

If you have any questions or comments please feel free to call me or Supervisory Assistant U.S. Attorney Peter S. Jongbloed, at your convenience.

Sincerely yours,

LEONARD C BOYLE ACTING UNITED STATES ATTORNEY

cc: Special Agent in Charge David Sundberg FBI, New Haven

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Cc:	Kirsch, Matthew (USACO); (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) ; Mimura, Cheryl (DN) (FBI); Carollo, Leonard (DN) (FBI)
Subject:	Reporting on: Guidance on Implementing the Attorney General's Memorandum on Addressing Threats against School Administrators, Board Members, Teachers, and Staff
Date:	Friday, October 22, 2021 10:16:58 AM



The District of Colorado, in partnership with the FBI, conducted a virtual meeting on Friday, October 21, 2021 in an effort to comply with the AG's Memo on this topic. Because we had an FBI SA presenting on Violence and Radicalization with some emphasis on school shooters, we thought this would be an excellent opportunity to engage the below partners and school/educational contacts on how best to handle violence/threats directed at schools, educators, school boards, etc. In Colorado, we have excellent relationships between our state, local, tribal, and federal law enforcement partners; we also have excellent relationships with our District Attorneys and we meet with them on a monthly basis. We read the memo to suggest that we needed to reach out to our schools, educational communities, etc. to explain to them how they should report acts of violence or significant (non-free speech) true threats directed towards them; we did that collaboratively with the FBI and used the DOJ talking points. We explained to them how to contact both local and federal law enforcement and emphasized that we would work collaboratively to address these types of incidents should they occur. We also had our own intel analyst work with the Colorado Information Analysis Center to see whether there have been significant incidents of violence or threats at schools or directed towards educational boards, etc. in Colorado and we determined that this has not been a significant problem here. We've asked CIAC to keep us apprised of significant changes to that data.

The following law enforcement agencies participated:

- 1. FBI Denver Division;
- 2. Boulder District Attorney's Office;
- 3. Manitou Springs Police Department;
- 4. Loveland Police Department;
- 5. Larimer County Sheriff's Office;
- 6. El Paso County Sheriff's Office;
- 7. Erie Police Department;
- 8. Colorado Information Analysis Center (CIAC);
- 9. University of Colorado Police Department;
- 10. Fort Morgan Police Department
- 11. 20th Judicial District Attorney Investigation Unit

In addition to these agencies, we invited representatives from schools and the educational community so that we could discuss openly with them FBI, state, local, tribal, and USAO roles in investigating and prosecuting actual threats made to their communities. We used the talking points that were sent out after the initial memo to ensure that our goal was to ensure protection of Constitutional rights while also investigating/prosecuting actual threats or violence that are not protected by the Constitution. We had representatives from the following in attendance:

- 1. Ankeny Schools;
- 2. IvyTech Community College;
- 3. University of Colorado;
- 4. Greely-Evans School District 6;
- 5. Weld County School District 6;
- 6. Colorado School for Deaf and Blind;
- 7. Aspen Ridge Prep School;
- 8. Lewis/Palmer School District #38;
- 9. Adams County School District 14;
- 10. Manitou Spring School District 14;
- 11. Liberty Common School;
- 12. Aurora Academy;
- 13. Colorado School For The Deaf And The Blind;
- 14. Weld RE-9 School;
- 15. Mapleton Public Schools;
- 16. Rocky Mountain Classical Academy;
- 17. Monte Vista Vista School District;
- 18. Manitou Springs School District;
- 19. Weld RE-4 School District;
- 20. Upper Rio Grande School District;
- 21. Westgate Community School;
- 22. Rocky Mountain Classical Academy;
- 23. Monte Vista School District;
- 24. 27J Schools;
- 25. Colorado School Safety Resource Center;
- 26. Ascent Classical Academies;
- 27. Big Sandy School Dist 100;
- 28. Academy School District 20;
- 29. CO Department of Education Schools of Choice;
- 30. Weld County School District RE-9;
- 31. Colorado Charter School Institute;
- 32. Thompson School District;
- 33. Adams 12 Five Star Schools;
- 34. Boulder Valley School District;
- 35. Widefield School District 3;
- 36. Aurora Public Schools- Department of Safety;
- 37. St Vrain Valley School District.

If you have questions or concerns about this approach, please let me know. Sincerely, JD

JD Rowell

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Subject:	SDCA Meetings Te Attorney General''s October 4, 2021 Memorandum		
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Dear Ms (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

The U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of California ("SDCA") has held meetings in accordance with the Attorney General's October 4, 2021 memorandum and the related guidance in EOUSA Director Monty Wilkinson's October 20, 2021 memorandum. I have convened three meetings, which are described below, and I am not aware of any issues arising from these meetings that should be brought to the attention of the Deputy Attorney General.

On October 6, 2021, I attended a monthly meeting of the San Diego Police Chiefs' and Sheriff's Association. During this meeting and in a subsequent email to the members of the association, the San Diego FBI Special Agent in Charge and I provided an overview of the Attorney General's October 4 memorandum and a point of contact at the FBI as a possible reporting channel (in addition to normal reporting channels for state and federal crimes in the SDCA). The local law enforcement agencies that attended this meeting include the San Diego County District Attorney's Office, San Diego Police Department, San Diego Sheriff's Department, San Diego Unified School District Police Department, Carlsbad Police Department, Chula Vista Police Department, Coronado Police Department, El Cajon Police Department, Escondido Police Department, La Mesa Police Department, National City Police Department, and Oceanside Police Department. The federal agencies that attended this meeting include ATF, DEA, FBI, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, U.S. Border Patrol, U.S. Homeland Security Investigations, U.S. Marshal, U.S. Naval Criminal Investigative Service, and U.S. Secret Service.

On October 14, 2021, I attended a telephone conference with the Imperial County District Attorney and Assistant District Attorney. We reviewed the Attorney General's October 4 memorandum and discussed relevant reporting channels for Imperial County.

On October 20, 2021, I attended a WebEx meeting with Deputy U.S. Attorney David Leshner, USAO Community Outreach Director Cindy Cipriani, the San Diego County District Attorney, the San Diego City Attorney, the San Diego Police Chief, the Coronado Police Chief, and a Commander with the San Diego Sheriff's Department. We engaged in a one-hour discussion about each of the topics outlined on page 3 of the EOUSA Director's October 20 memorandum.

Please let me know if you have any questions or would like additional information.

Best, Randy Randy S. Grossman Acting United States Attorney United States Attorney's Office Southern District of California 880 Front Street, Room 6293



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Attached please find the NDCA's memo documenting the actions we took to implement the AG's directive addressing Threats against School Administrators, Board Members, Teachers and Staff.

Stephanie

Sent from my iPhone

Memorandum



November 29, 2021

To: Stephanie Hinds Acting United States Attorney, NDCA

From:	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)	
	Law Enforcement C	oordinator, NDCA

Re: Implementing the Attorney General's Memorandum on Addressing Threats Against School Administrators, Board Members, Teachers, Staff

In accordance with the Attorney General's Memo of October 4, 2021, and the EOUSA Guidance Memo issued October 20, 2021, the Northern District of California (NDCA) has taken the below listed actions.

I. <u>SIZE & SCOPE OF THE ISSUE</u>: <u>Canvas of federal agencies, office leadership, local</u> <u>law enforcement to determine size/scope of the issue</u>

At this writing, the issue does not seem to be active in the NDCA.

At the outset, the Acting USA convened a meeting with senior office leadership and the FBI SAC to determine the size/scope of the issue. FBI reported there are currently no issues or threats in the District.

The USAO engaged with representatives of HIDTA/NCRIC to determine if there are any ongoing threats or issues. NCRIC is not seeing these issues. NCRIC is adding this specific threat to its reporting of suspicious activity portfolio.

The Acting USA met with federal agencies at the US Attorney's monthly SAC meeting of federal agencies to ensure agency heads are aware of the concern. No agencies reported issues. At the request of the Acting USA, on November 3, 2021, HIDTA/NCRIC convened more than 120 local law enforcement POCs in the NDCA that focus on school safety issues. This meeting was chaired by the Acting USA, in conjunction with the FBI, NCRIC and UASI (Urban Area Security Initiative). Local Law enforcement officials report no incidents rising to the level of seeking federal assistance.

On November 3, the Acting USA also met with all NDCA County Captains (AUSAs assigned to each of the 15 counties in NDCA) and discussed our outreach efforts on this topic. Their work is to be a POC for the County District Attorney, Sheriff and Police Departments to access federal help and assistance on any issues. The 15 County Captains have not received requests for assistance on this issue and are aware that this is an important topic for the Department.

II. <u>AWARENESS EFFORTS/BUILDING OUT THREAT ASSESSMENT</u> <u>CAPABILITY AT THE SCHOOL LEVEL: Engaging local law enforcement for</u> <u>awareness of federal assistance on threat assessments and assistance from FBI and</u> <u>NCRIC and UASI funds</u>

As part of the outreach to determine the size and scope of the issue, the USAO has made the Department's concern regarding this issue known, as well as the resources available should these issues arise.

The virtual meeting today (November 3) with local law enforcement was led by the Acting USA and featured presentations from the USAO, FBI leadership and HIDTA/NCRIC leadership explaining the use of suspicious activity reports, how to access the FBI or NCRIC when a threat develops, and the tools available to assist on threat assessments. In addition, a representative from the UASI provided information on grant funding and teams available to help schools augment existing and develop more robust threat assessment capabilities. Of the thousands of schools in the NDCA, the UASI reports (from a recent canvas) that less than half have a threat assessment team or threat protocols in place. NCRIC and UASI can also help with vulnerability assessments, gap assessments and building out multi-disciplinary teams for school threat assessments and analysis. In addition to the presentations by FBI, NCRIC and UASI, senior leadership from our other federal law enforcement partners provided an overview of the assistance, tools and guidance that they can provide in these types of matters, namely USSS and the National Threat Center, DHS/HSI, ATF and the Postal Inspection Service.

Each of our federal partners and the USAO explained the various possible scenarios where a threat might rise to the federal level for assessment and action, although most threats will be handled by local law enforcement. Federal law enforcement and NCRIC made clear they are always available to assist local law enforcement on any types of threats to schools and provided the POCs and NCRIC portal to report issues.

In pushing out the awareness message to the NDCA, each County Captain will make their POCs aware of federal resources and assistance available for this issue.

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From:	Talbert, Phillip (USACAE)		
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Cc:	Ragan, Sean (SC) (FBI); Beckwith, Michele (USACAE)1; Sherriff, Kirk E. (USACAE); Kim, Chi Soo (USACAE)		
Subject:	School Threats Meeting in EDCA		
Date:	Tuesday, November 2, 2021 7:10:58 PM		

Hi (b)(6);

My office and the Sacramento Division of the FBI held a virtual meeting with EDCA law enforcement leaders today (11/2/2021) per the Attorney General's October 4, 2021 memo regarding threats to school administrators, board members, teachers, and staff. We invited the seven police chiefs and six sheriffs of our principal local partner law enforcement agencies in Project Safe Neighborhoods, which also are responsible for our highest population centers in the district: Sacramento PD and Sacramento County SO; Fairfield PD, Vallejo PD, and Solano County SO; Stockton PD and San Joaquin County SO; Modesto PD and Stanislaus County SO; Fresno PD and Fresno County SO; and Bakersfield PD and Kern County SO. While not all were able to attend or send a designee, just over half did. FBI SAC Sean Ragan and I led the meeting, in which EDCA EAUSA Chi Soo Kim, Criminal Chief Michele Beckwith, and Fresno Office Chief Kirk Sherriff from my office also participated.

In summary, none of the chiefs or sheriffs participating in the meeting (or the FBI) has received reports of true threats or violence against school officials in our district. Many noted that there had been occasional heated discussions occurring at school board and city council meetings, but they reported that none had involved criminal acts and said that they had provided additional police coverage as needed. All reported having good lines of communication with school officials in their respective jurisdictions. All appreciated the FBI's offer of assistance as needed.

Best, Phil

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Subject:	CDCA Implementation of the Attorney General"s Memorandum on Addressing Threats Against School Officials
Date:	Wednesday, November 3, 2021 7:30:46 PM
Attachments:	FINAL ATTENDANCE REPORT - USAO-CAC FBI LOS ANGELES - NOV 3.pdf



I write to confirm that the USAO for the Central District of California today (November 3, 2021) convened a meeting and discussion with relevant federal, state, local, Tribal, and territorial law enforcement agencies regarding the issues addressed in the Attorney General's October 4, 2021 Memorandum. Our discussion featured a broad overview of the landscape in this area (thankfully, not generally a frequent problem in our district), noting the potential for an uptick in threats, harassment, intimidation, or violence against school officials and how to deal with them if the problem becomes more pressing. Acting U.S. Attorney Tracy Wilkison and FBI ADIC Kristi Koons Johnson led the discussion, which connected the USAO, the FBI LA Field Office, the Los Angeles Police Department, and the DOJ Community Relations Service with a wide variety of non-federal law enforcement officials (please see attached list of the law enforcement agencies that participated). Presenters discussed, and fielded questions regarding:

- mechanisms for reporting such incidents;
- the need for immediate responses;
- best practices and protocols for responding patrol officers;
- prosecution options at the federal and non-federal levels;
- FBI resources available regardless of whether a federal prosecution is viable, including specialized and technical assistance, victim-witness services, assistance with civil restraining orders, and information from regional intelligence centers;
- investigative process options offered by the USAO; and
- a proactive solutions and alternatives toolkit for school communities to consider when planning difficult dialogues in divided communities.

The presenters made known the appropriate communication channels to all participants and engaged in a thorough dialogue exploring these topics, but no significant issues arose that should be brought to the Deputy Attorney General's attention. Please contact me if you have any questions.

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The District of Arizona held its meeting regarding Addressing Threats Against School Administrators, Board Members, Teachers and Staff on Monday, November 1, 2021 via WebEx. I have attached a list of those who were invited, and a list of those who attended.

Please let me know if you need anything further.

Thank you,

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1	@asu.edu	Required Attendee	None
	a@avondale.org	Required Attendee	None
	p@azag.gov	Required Attendee	None
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	lhs.gov	Required Attendee	None
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	azdps.gov	Required Attendee	None
	@chandleraz.gov	Required Attendee	Accepted
	za@chandleraz.gov	Required Attendee	None
	ochise.az.gov	Required Attendee	Accepted
	onino.az.gov	Required Attendee	Accepted
	₽coconino.az.gov	Required Attendee	None
	gilacountyaz.gov	Required Attendee	None
	(CRS)	Required Attendee	Accepted
	^{(b)(6)} , @gilbertaz.gov	Required Attendee	None
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	(b)(6.az.gov	Required Attendee	None
	greenlee.az.us	Required Attendee	None
	azsheriff.org	Required Attendee	Accepted
l i	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) @peoriaaz.gov	Required Attendee	None
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	maricopa.gov	Required Attendee	Tentative
	@maricopa-az.gov	Required Attendee	None
	@mesaaz.gov	Required Attendee	None
	nesaaz.gov	Required Attendee	Accepted
	au.edu	Required Attendee	None
	lleyaz.gov	Required Attendee	Accepted
	oriaaz.gov	Required Attendee	None
	@phoenix.gov	Required Attendee	None
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	@tempe.gov	Required Attendee	None
	@tucsonaz.gov	Required Attendee	None
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	@USDOJ.GOV	Required Attendee	Accepted
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	JSAAZ)	Required Attendee	Accepted
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LastName	FirstName	Email	Attended	Title	Company	City	State	Zip Code
Allison	Todd	Attended in person (Phx USAO)	Yes	Section Chief	USAO - Arizona	Phoenix	AZ	85004
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From: To:	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) USAARW) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) [Contractor]
Cc:	USAEO); Fowlkes, Clay (USAARW); (b)(6). (b)(7)(C) (USAARW)
Subject:	Guidance on Implementing the Attorney General's Memorandum on Addressing Threats against School Administrators, Board Members, Teachers, and Staff
Date:	Thursday, October 21, 2021 4:13:47 PM

Hi (b)(6);

Please see the below list of Federal, State and local Law Enforcement partners that the USAO WDAR met with to discuss, "The Guidance on Implementing the Attorney General's Memorandum on Addressing Threats against School Administrators, Board Members, Teachers, and Staff.

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No significant issues were reported at this time.

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Thank you

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From:	(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (USAARE)
To:	(D)(0), (D)(7)(C) (USAEO) [Contractor]
Cc:	Ross, Jonathan D. (USAARE); (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) USAARE)
Subject:	RE: Guidance on Implementing the Attorney General's Memorandum on Addressing Threats against School Administrators, Board Members, Teachers, and Staff
Date:	Friday, October 22, 2021 11:02:36 AM

Good morning Ms. (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

Regarding Director Wilkinson's memo, "Guidance on Implementing the Attorney General's Memorandum on Addressing Threats against School Administrators, Board Members, Teachers, and Staff,", the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Arkansas has done the following:

1) on Thursday, October 7, 2021, we met with federal law enforcement partners at the FBI SAC's conference room in Little Rock to discuss this subject; and,

2) those attending the meeting include:

a. Acting U.S. Attorney Jonathan D. Ross, U.S. Attorney's Office (Eastern District of Arkansas);

b. Acting U.S. Attorney David Clay Fowlkes, U.S. Attorney's Office (Western District of Arkansas);

c. Special Agent in Charge (SAC) James Dawson, FBI Little Rock Field Office;

d. Colonel Billy Bryant, Director of the Arkansas State Police;

e. Chief Mike Reynolds, Fayetteville Police Department;

f. Chief Danny Baker, Fort Smith Police Department;

g. Chief Patrick Thessing, North Little Rock Police Department; and,

h. Commander Steve Gahagans, University of Arkansas Campus Police

3) During the meeting, it was established that there had not yet been a single reported incident concerning a threat of violence directed toward any school board or school board members in Arkansas. It was also established that should any such threats be reported, that the U.S. Attorney's Offices for both districts would work along-side the FBI with state and local law enforcement leaders to investigate and prosecute any violations of federal law related to such conduct.

Thank you,

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FROM:	Monty Wilkin Director	nson
SUBJECT:		Implementing the Attorney General's Memorandum on hreats against School Administrators, Board Members, Teachers,
ACTIONS RE	QUIRED:	 (1) Convene a meeting by November 3, 2021, with appropriate district law enforcement leaders in accordance with the Attorney General's memorandum. (2) Notify the Executive Office for United States Attorneys that you have held this meeting, identify which agencies participated, and note any significant issues for the Deputy Attorney

From:	(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) JSAALS)
To:	(USAEO) [Contractor]
Cc:	Dobbins, Donna (USAALS)
Subject:	SDAL meetings addressing threats against school boards, etc
Date:	Monday, November 1, 2021 12:47:01 PM

I have had two meetings with our law enforcement leaders in the Southern District of Alabama, and will be meeting with a third group this afternoon.

On October 20, I met with law enforcement leaders and discussed the various federal and state laws that could apply to harassment, threats, and actual violence, as well as individuals to contact in our office and the FBI should there be any concerns or questions about whether certain conduct might be criminal. Participants in that meeting included the FBI; HSI; ATF; USMS; the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency; the Baldwin County District Attorney; the Baldwin County Sheriff; the chiefs of police from Gulf Shores, Spanish Fort, Fairhope, Daphne; Robertsdale, Summerdale, Bay Minette, and Coastal Alabama Community College. This group did not raise any concerns or issues for the DAG.

On October 26, I traveled to the Northern Division of our district and met with the district attorney, the Dallas County Sheriff, and the Selma police chief to have the same discussion with them. They did not identify any significant issues, though they did note that the home of a city school board member was shot into recently. This incident does not appear to be related to service on the school board, and is believed to be merely an unfortunate consequence of the gun violence in the city.

This afternoon I am meeting with the newly-appointed police chief in Mobile, along with the district attorney, ATF, and the Mobile County Sheriff to discuss school violence following a shooting at a high school football game two weeks ago. I will also discuss responses to harassment and threats, federal laws that may apply, and coordination among agencies. The Mobile Police Department has a superb Cyber-Intelligence Division that closely monitors social media for threats and is well-practiced in response and coordination with federal agencies as appropriate. I don't anticipate any substantial concerns or issues to come up with this group, but should that happen, I will pass that information along for the DAG.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need any additional information.

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From:	(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (USAALM)
To:	USAEO) [Contractor]
Cc:	Stewart, Sandra (USAALM); Speirs, Verne H. (USAALM)
Subject:	Meeting Confirmation Notification: In Re Attorney General"s Memorandum (MDAL)
Date:	Wednesday, November 3, 2021 5:06:43 PM
Attachments:	MemoReCompliance w GarlandMemo.pdf

Ms. (b)(6) (b)(7)(C)

Good afternoon, please see meeting confirmation notification attached. Let me know if you have any questions.

Best regards,



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Law Enforcement Coordinator/Public Information Officer U.S. Attorney's Office- Middle District of Alabama 131 Clayton Street Montgomery, AL 36104 Desk (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) Cell: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) Dusdoj.gov

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Memorandum

Subject: Meeting Confirmation Notification Regarding Threats Against School Admin and Staff	
To: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)	From: Acting U.S. Attorney Sandra J.
Legal Programs Office	Stewart

Per Director Wilkinson's October 20, 2021, memorandum regarding threats against school administrators and staff, the Middle District of Alabama (MDAL) convened a virtual (WebEx) meeting on October 29, 2021.

MDAL invited at least thirty individuals from a variety of law enforcement agencies throughout the district to participate in the discussion. In an attempt to have as many invitees attend as possible, the MDAL coupled this meeting with its LECC quarterly meeting. However, only four state and local agencies participated. The state and local participating agencies included the Auburn Police Department, the Auburn University Department of Campus Safety, the Montgomery Police Department, and the Calera Police Department. In addition, MDAL had three federal partners participate - FBI, ATF and HSI.

Attendance for this meeting was remarkably low. MDAL typically sees at least a 75-80% turnout from our law enforcement partners at LECC meetings. Although some invitees responded that they had scheduling conflicts and could not attend, no alternate representatives attended for them. MDAL also learned that some invitees decided not to participate because of the subject matter of the meeting.

Of the agencies that participated, no significant issues were reported. However, the Auburn Police Department mentioned that a higher number of parents than normal attended several board meetings to voice their displeasure over mask mandates. The Auburn Police Chief mentioned that having vocal parents in attendance was "unnerving" to some board members. According to the Chief, nothing appeared to be directed at any particular member and he did not feel it rose to the level of harassment, intimidation, or threats against any board member or school employee. In future meetings, the Chief plans to have additional school resource officers to mitigate any issues.

In general, participating agencies voiced more concern over the safety of students from other threats, such as gang and gun violence. ATF reported on their program to identify and remove guns from schools. The Auburn Police Chief was very interested in this program and wanted to follow up with the ATF representative on their efforts in his schools.

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I apologize for this being late.

- 1. EDNC did hold the required meeting. On October 6, 2021, FBI SAC Robert R. Wells and representatives from the Western, Middle and Eastern North Carolina US Attorney's Offices participated in a Homeland Security conference call meeting with federal and state law enforcement representatives throughout North Carolina. SAC Wells provided an overview of the memo received from Attorney General Garland regarding school violence. SAC Wells briefed the FBI's role pertaining to any threat of death or violence related to schools. SAC Wells advised that the large majority of threats of violence or death pertaining to schools will fall within the jurisdiction of state and local law enforcement agencies. SAC Wells explained under certain circumstances a threat of death or violence will fall under federal jurisdiction, to include use of online communications (email or social media) to make such threats, and these threats will be closely coordinated with the US Attorney's offices. SAC Wells explained that the FBI will use existing Violent Crime task forces to share information with local and state law enforcement agencies, and to work on violent threats jointly when appropriate. SAC Wells explained that the FBI has appropriate policies and procedures in place to handle any of these threats, and no changes to our current methods and procedures are necessary. There were no significant questions or comments from the group.
- 2. The law enforcement agencies participating were: NC Department of Justice; Department of Homeland Security; FBI; NC Department of Public Safety; NC Capitol Police; NC DMV; NC State Bureau of Investigation; US Marshal; US Secret Service; NC Emergency Management; NC Highway Patrol; NC Department of Health and Human Services.

3. No significant issues arose at the meeting that need to be brought to the attention of the DAG.

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