

Joint City Council & School Board
Meeting
Tuesday, September 30, 2025 6:00 PM

St. Anthony Community Services (Council
Chambers)
Community Services
3301 Silver Lake Road NE
St. Anthony , MN 55418

Agenda

1. Call to Order Joint City Council and School Board Meeting
Speaker(s): Barry Kinsey - School Board Chair
2. St. Anthony City Council Update
Speaker(s): Wendy Webster - Mayor of St. Anthony
3. St. Anthony-New Brighton School Board Update
Speaker(s): Barry Kinsey - School Board Chair
4. BeSmart Background
Speaker(s): Laura Oksnevad - Legislative Liaison
5. Adjourn School Board Meeting
Speaker(s): Wendy Webster - Mayor of St. Anthony



INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 282, ST. ANTHONY-NEW BRIGHTON
Secure Storage Notification Resolution

Whereas, St. Anthony - New Brighton Schools is committed to the safety and security of all people in our school community;

Whereas, Evidence strongly suggests that secure firearm storage is an essential component to any effective strategy to keep schools and students safe;

Whereas, An estimated [4.6 million](#) American children live in households with at least one loaded, unlocked firearm;

Whereas, Every year, roughly [350 children](#) under the age of 18 unintentionally shoot themselves or someone else. That's nearly one unintentional shooting per day, and 70 percent of these incidents take place inside a home;

Whereas, Another [1,200](#) children and teens die by gun suicide each year, most often using guns belonging to a family member;

Whereas, In incidents of gun violence on school grounds, 75 percent of active shooters were current students or recent graduates;

Whereas, Research shows that secure firearm storage practices are associated with up to an [85 percent](#) reduction in the risk of self-inflicted and unintentional firearm injuries among children and teens;

Whereas, The U.S. Secret Service National Threat Assessment Center recommends the importance of appropriate storage of firearms because [76 percent](#) of school shooters used firearms acquired from the homes of parents or close relatives;

Whereas, Across the country, lawmakers, community members, and local leaders are working together to implement public awareness campaigns, such as the Be SMART program, which is endorsed by the National PTA and which encourages secure gun storage practices and highlights the public safety risks of unsecured guns;

Whereas, School districts across the country have begun to proactively send materials home to parents and guardians informing them of applicable firearm storage laws and firearm secure storage best practices;

Whereas, Keeping students, teachers and staff safe from the threat of gun violence should be the responsibility of all adult stakeholders at each of our school sites;

Whereas, [State law](#) requires adults to securely store their firearms where a child may or is likely to gain unauthorized access to a firearm;

Whereas, In order to continue with preventative measures to increase student and school safety we must act now; now therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Board directs the Superintendent and staff to update the Student Handbook to include information about the importance of secure gun storage, the legal requirements of parents and guardians to securely store their firearms, and that the best practice for secure gun storage is to keep all guns unloaded, locked up, and separate from ammunition;

Resolved further, That the Board directs the Superintendent to create an appropriate letter to parents and guardians that explains the importance of secure gun storage in preventing minors from accessing guns, the legal requirements of parents and guardians to securely store their firearms, and that the best practice for secure gun storage is to keep all guns unloaded, locked up, and separate from ammunition, to be included in annual registration materials at each school site, and, be it finally;

Resolved, That the Board and the Superintendent will continue to work with local law enforcement agencies, health agencies, and nonprofits to collaborate and increase efforts to inform District parents of their obligations regarding secure storage of firearms in their homes.

References:

- Minnesota Statute 606.666 - <https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/609.666>
- https://everytownresearch.org/stat/4-6-million-children-live-in-a-home-with-at-least-one-unlocked-and-loaded-firearm/?_gl=1*1jpn1ql*_ga*OTE5NjEyNjguMTcwOTkyMzI2OA.*_ga_LT0FWV3EK3*MTcwOTkyMzI2OS4xLjEuMTcwOTkyMzI4MS4wLjAuMA..
- https://everytownresearch.org/stat/every-year-nearly-350-children-under-the-age-of-18-unintentionally-shoot-themselves-or-someone-else-this-equates-to-one-unintentional-shooting-per-day-and-nearly-77-percent-of-these-incidents-take/?_gl=1*rw2603*_ga*OTE5NjEyNjguMTcwOTkyMzI2OA.*_ga_LT0FWV3EK3*MTcwOTkyMzI2OS4xLjEuMTcwOTkyMzI4MS4wLjAuMA..

- <https://everytownresearch.org/report/the-impact-of-gun-violence-on-children-and-teens/>
- https://everytownresearch.org/stat/three-quarters-of-school-shooters-acquired-their-firearm-from-the-home-of-a-parent-or-close-relative/?_gl=1*10fr1r8*_ga*OTE5NjEyNjguMTcwOTkyMzI2OA..*_ga_LT0FWV3EK3*MTcwOTkyMzI2OS4xLjEuMTcwOTkyMzI4MS4wLjAuMA..



Dear Saint Anthony Village Families –

Providing a safe environment in our schools and our community is our priority. This is the reason, the City of Saint Anthony Village, our St. Anthony Police Department, and the St. Anthony New Brighton School District are partnering on this important initiative about proper gun storage and safety.

Did You Know?

- More than 350 children in the United States had access to a firearm and unintentionally shot themselves or someone else last year. And in our state, in 2021, 22 youth under age 18, were killed by guns.
- In Minnesota, last year, more than 1700 guns were stolen.
- When guns are not properly stored, tragedies can happen. A child can find a firearm and injure or kill themselves or someone can steal a gun and use it to commit crime.

The Be SMART Message

We ask you to consider following the **Be SMART** best practices in your home with an emphasis on the importance of secure gun storage. This important step can help protect your family, your neighbors, your school, and your community.

What is Be SMART?

- S** Secure all guns in your homes and vehicles
- M** Model responsible behavior around guns
- A** Ask about unsecured guns in other homes
- R** Recognize the role of guns in suicide
- T** Tell your peers to **BE SMART**



Research shows the importance that secure gun storage plays in reducing the risk of gun violence. Preventing children from accessing unsecured firearms is required by Minnesota law. (MN State Sec. 609.666: *A person is guilty of a gross misdemeanor who negligently stores or leaves a loaded firearm in a location where the person knows, or reasonably should know, that a child is likely to gain access, unless reasonable action is taken to secure the firearm against access by the child.*)

What Else Can You Do?

1. Learn More: besmartforkids.org
2. Watch and Share: [BeSMART Educational Video](#)
3. Share: [Be SMART Resources and Materials](#).

Thank you for considering this important safety message and for partnering with us to help keep our kids, schools and Saint Anthony Village safe and free from gun violence.

Sincerely,

Jeff Spiess, Chief of Police

Wendy Webster, Mayor

Dr. Renee Corneille, Superintendent, ISD 282