

Study Session

Thursday, November 10, 2022 6:30 PM

Oak Park Building, 6355 Osman Avenue North, Stillwater, MN 55082

I. Call to Order	Speaker (s): Ms. Alison Sherman, School Board Chair
II. Roll Call	Speaker (s): Ms. Alison Sherman, School Board Chair
III. Pledge of Allegiance	Speaker (s): Ms. Alison Sherman, School Board Chair
IV. Approval of Agenda	Speaker (s): Ms. Alison Sherman, School Board Chair
V. Consent Agenda	
V.A. Payment of Invoices - October 29, 2022 - November 11, 2022	Speaker (s): Ms. Julie Cink, Interim Director of Finance
VI. Study Session	
VI.A. Be SMART	Speaker (s): Dr. MIke Funk, Superintendent
VI.B. Enrollment Update	Speaker (s): Dr. MIke Funk, Superintendent
VI.C. Oak Park Learning Center	Speaker (s): Mr. Mark Drommerhausen, Director of Operations
VII. Adjournment	Speaker (s): Ms. Alison Sherman, Board Chair

BE SMART

Be SMART is a program developed by Everytown for Gun Safety Support Fund to bring together parents and all adults concerned about kids, guns, and safety.

BeSMARTforkids.org

Welcome!

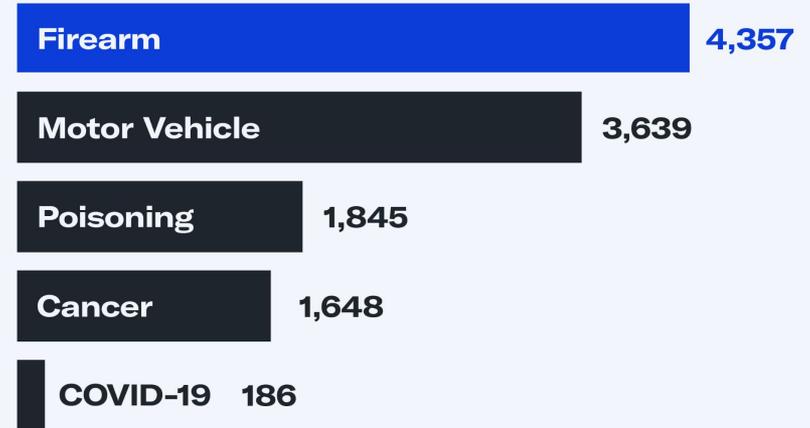




- ① We all want kids to grow up happy and healthy.
- ② We each have the right to make responsible decisions about how to protect our homes, families, and communities—including whether or not to have a gun in our home.
- ③ If we can prevent even one child gun death or injury, it's our responsibility to do so.

Firearms are the LEADING CAUSE of death for CHILDREN in the U.S.

Firearms are the **#1 leading cause of death** for American children and teens.



Deaths in 2020

EVERYTOWNRESEARCH.ORG

CDC, WONDER, Underlying Cause of Death, 2020. Ages 1-19.

MN - Gun Deaths of Children/Teens¹

Guns are the 2nd Leading Cause of Death

An average of 41 children and teens die by gun every year.

57% of these deaths are suicides (nationally 35% are suicides).



In incidents of gunfire on school grounds, up to 76% of shooters under the age of 18 obtained the gun(s) they used from their home or the home of relatives or friends.

An American Problem

Local 4 News Detroit

Sheriff: Oxford High School shooter used 9 mm pistol recently purchased by father
Teen accused of shooting, killing 3 students,
injuring 8 other people*

**updated 4 dead, 7 injured*

6 Action News Philadelphia

Officials: 3-year-old shot after being left alone in car with gun in Caln Township

Newsweek

Loaded Gun Brought to Elementary School by 7-Year-Old Days After Uvalde: *An investigation is underway at a Columbia, South Carolina, elementary school after a loaded handgun was found in the backpack of a 7-year-old student.*

ABC, Inc., KTRK-TV Houston

Two teenage boys are in the hospital after being shot in what investigators believe to be a murder-suicide attempt in the Spring area.

An American Problem; a MN Problem

Kare11 News, 5/16/18

Plymouth. 7-year-old boy was killed after he found a loaded unlocked gun stashed in a box that also contained a new hoverboard.

BringMeTheNews, 3/21/21

Moorhead. 6-year-old boy fatally shot by another child after unsupervised kids found gun in a home.

iNewZ TV, 6/30/2020

Thief River Falls. 8 year old girl died after accidentally shooting herself with a handgun.

Pioneer Press, 12/28/20

Minneapolis. 2 year old boy found his father's gun in the bathroom and fatally shot himself in the head.

Kare11 News, 4/15/22

Minneapolis. Boy fatally shot his 10 year old brother with gun found under dad's pillow.

Recent School Shootings in MN

StarTribune, 4/26/21, Plymouth

A 12-year-old boy fired shots into the ceiling of a hallway in Plymouth Middle School. A school resource officer apprehended the boy, and he was taken into custody. The boy had taken the gun from his father's bedroom and brought it to school.

CNN, 2/1/22, Richfield

A teenager was killed and two other teenagers were wounded when an argument in the education center's parking lot escalated to gunfire. An 18-year-old man and a 19-year-old man fatally shot a 15-year-old boy and injured a 17-year-old boy and a 19-year-old man in the altercation. Police discovered two handguns. Both alleged shooters were arrested and each face a murder charge without bail.

KSTP News, 4/12/22, Minneapolis

A 19-year-old man was shot and injured when a fight between him and an additional person escalated to gunfire. The shooting took place outside of Lindell Library on the Augsburg University campus. The suspect fled on foot.

Mankato Free Press, 9/20/22, Mankato

Mankato High School went into a 'soft lockdown' after a juvenile male student attempted suicide by firearm. He sustained an injury and later died of his injuries.

BE SMART

S

Secure

All guns in your
home and vehicle

M

Model

Responsible
behavior

A

Ask

Unsecured guns
in other homes

R

Recognize

The role of guns
in suicide

T

Tell

Your peers to
Be SMART



Secure guns in homes and vehicles

13 million households with children contain at least one gun

One study found that the majority of children in gun-owning households knew where the gun was stored

Store guns locked up and inaccessible to kids

Hiding a gun is not “securing” a gun

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Full-Size Gun Safe

Storage of multiple guns in one place.
Biometric lock more secure than key
or passcode.

\$200-\$2,000

- Prevents access by children
- Prevents access by unauthorized users
- Prevents theft (if secured to a structure in home)
- Enables fast access



Lock Box/Locker

Smaller and lighter than safe.
Biometric lock more secure than key
or passcode.

\$25-\$350

- Prevents access by children
- Prevents access by unauthorized users
- Provides secure vehicle storage
- Enables fast access



Console/Vehicle Gun Safe

For storage in a vehicle. Biometric lock
more secure than key or passcode.

\$50-\$350

- Prevents access by children
- Prevents access by unauthorized users
- Prevents theft (if secured to a structure in car)
- Provides secure vehicle storage
- Enables fast access



Gun Case

For home or in-transit storage of one firearm. Uses external lock

\$10-\$150

Prevents access by children
Prevents access by unauthorized users
Enables fast access



Trigger Lock

Locks trigger of single weapon. Never use with loaded gun. May be dismantled with minimal tools and skills, so not as effective with older children and teens.

\$10-\$75

Prevents use by small children
Enables fast access



Cable Lock

Cable runs through action of single weapon to prevent firing. Ammunition must be removed for lock use. May be dismantled with minimal tools and skills, so not as effective with older children and teens.

\$0 -\$50

Prevents use by small children
Enables fast access
*Often provided free with firearm purchase.





Model Responsible Behavior

It is always an adult's responsibility to prevent unauthorized access to guns, not a curious child's responsibility to avoid guns

Make it a part of the normal safety conversation you have with your children

Keep the language simple; for example: "If you see a gun, don't touch it. Tell an adult right away."



A

Ask About Unsecured Guns in Other Homes

Make it a part of your general safety conversation you have when sending your child to any home

Try email or text

4.6 million U.S. children live in a household with at least one loaded, unlocked gun



I attended a presentation where I learned the importance of secure gun storage. I never thought to ask you before. Do you keep a gun at home? I assumed you don't own firearms but just want to check.

Actually, we do own a gun and I assure you it is locked in a safe and the kids will never see it or find it. Thanks for asking.



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Recognize the Role of Guns in Suicide

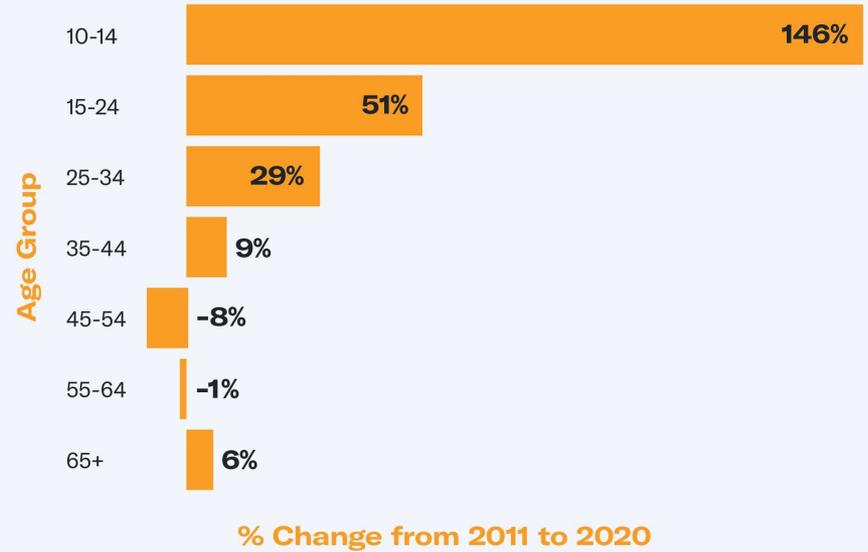
Most people who attempt suicide do not die—unless they use a gun

90% of suicide attempts with a gun result in death—a much higher fatality rate than any other means of self harm

This contributes to the fact that 41 percent of child suicides involve a gun

The Rise of Firearm Suicide Among Young Americans

Young people have the **fastest-growing firearm suicide rates** of any age group over the last decade.



EVERYTOWNRESEARCH.ORG/YOUTHSUICIDEREPORT

A survey of high school students found that 20% had seriously considered attempting suicide within the last year.

And one study showed that 41% of adolescents in gun-owning households report having “easy-access” to the guns in their home.

Signs to Look For...

- Prolonged sadness and depression
- Changes in mood or behavior
- Hopelessness
- Sleeping too much or too little
- Withdrawing/Isolation
- Aggression or agitation
- Increased alcohol or drug use
- Talking about killing themselves
- Giving away belongings

988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline



Free and confidential emotional support to people in suicidal or emotional distress.
Talk, text, or chat, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

There is hope.



Resources Contact Info

National Suicide Prevention Line

1 (800) 273-8255, (24 hours/day)

Trevor Lifeline Project

1 (866) 488-7386 (24 hours/day)

The LGBTQIA+ Youth Suicide Prevention
Line



Text "Home" to 741-741

from anywhere in the United States,
anytime, about any type of crisis.



Everytown Survivor Network¹



¹<https://www.everytown.org/organization/survivor-network/>



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Tell Everyone You Know to Be SMART

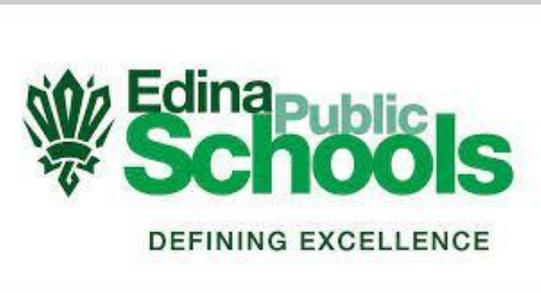
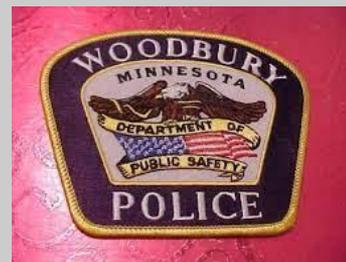
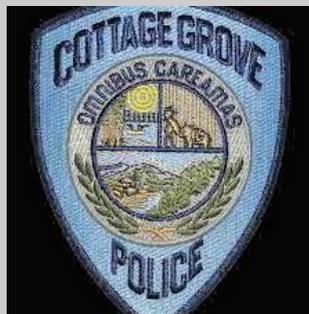
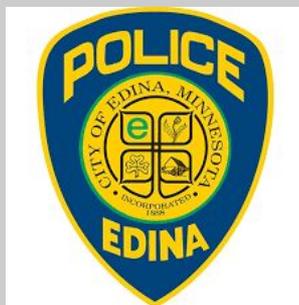
Your voice, and all voices are critical. How will you commit to Be SMART today?

Consider at least THREE people that you want to share the Be SMART message with right now

Share Be SMART within your community

Text SMART to 64433 to learn more

MN Be SMART Partners



Thank You!

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Speaker's Endnotes

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