



GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT

June 6, 2022

Pete Blair, Ph.D.
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Dear Dr. Blair:

All Texans join with the families and community of Uvalde in mourning their loss. We sadly recognize we cannot do anything to bring back the precious lives that were taken; however, we must do everything in our power to prevent the same tragic ending from happening again. An important part of these prevention efforts must focus on the proper training of law enforcement and school administrators on how to respond when they face the threat of an active shooter on their campus.

The Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training Center (ALERRT) at Texas State University has trained more than 200,000 first responders across the nation. This vital training is an effective tool in responding to active attack situations. ALERRT provides the best research-based active shooter response training in the nation, and your work helps save lives and protect our communities.

Texas can benefit from the expertise that your organization offers. I request that you provide a debrief of the Uvalde school shooting and other relevant situations to school administrators, law enforcement personnel, and other decision makers charged with school safety in all of our public schools. This discussion will serve as a solemn reminder of the necessity for constant vigilance in every school hallway and classroom and the need for the active shooter training you provide.

Additionally, I direct that you deploy your nationally recognized active shooter training to all Texas school districts, prioritizing school-based law enforcement. That training must begin before the next school year begins. This vital training, which is delivered by veteran first responders with proven experience in active attack response and police training, will help law enforcement on school campuses better respond to these situations. I know that certified trainers within the Texas Department of Public Safety stand ready to help provide this life-saving training to campuses across the state as quickly as possible.

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Thank you for the work you do in providing this important service to the state. We must continue to bolster our efforts to protect innocent lives with every tool we have available to us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Greg Abbott". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Greg Abbott
Governor

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cc: Colonel Steven McCraw, Director, Texas Department of Public Safety
The Honorable Mike Morath, Commissioner, Texas Education Agency
Dr. Brian McCall, Chancellor, Texas State University System