

At a time when more of our children and young adults are taking their lives more than ever, it is unacceptable to change the Jason Flatt Act. I have worked in the mental health community for more than 20 years but now is the time to give more resources to as many people as possible NOT to restrict and reduce the education and hopefully provide the chance of preventing of ONE MORE TRADEGY.

It is impossible to imagine that you may be the next person to receive that phone call or to answer the door to find someone telling you that your loved one is gone. Sometimes, it seems so unlikely you didn't see any sign as he was the strong one, the one who others always leaned on in their time of distress. Then there is the time when you think you are giving them all the guidance, the time they need to ask questions or just talk about life and there is that one moment of one day that is so overwhelming for them, they think this is their only way out, to find peace from end their pain.

Today is the day that you must make the decision to stand up for all the children to give them as much that is possible and then more than that. As adults, we have a chance to make a difference in the lives of all the children and young adults and this is the time.

Every person that touches the life of a student needs to have every resource that is available to help each and every person. Every school in every district should let their voices be heard that ENOUGH IS ENOUGH. We as a society we cannot allow one more child to die without knowing that we have indeed given all the training to ALL the staff know the signs to look for to prevent another needless death.

In the local paper today, there was an article that a course is being discussed on allowing gun safety in schools Seriously, it is unimaginable that anyone feels this is idea that even merits consideration. This the same day an article appears about the suicide of yet another local student. We have to be able to realize that each person makes a difference in someone's life each day and I hope this is the day that this legislative body will be on the right side of history in their decision on SB 333.

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