



Dr. Jennifer Blaine
Superintendent of Schools

September 16, 2024

Kim Ogg
Harris County District Attorney
1201 Franklin Street #600
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Dear District Attorney Ogg,

As I am sure you have seen in the news, many school districts in Harris County and across Texas are being subject to extreme disruption and outright fear as students are making terroristic threats against their classmates. This has gone on for weeks causing panic, loss of instruction, diversion of the time of administrators and police officers, high absence rates, and a high level of anxiety among parents, students, teachers, and staff.

As Superintendent of Spring Branch ISD, I join my Superintendent colleagues in Harris County by doing my part. I have a strong Code of Conduct that does not allow any such threats. I take swift and strong disciplinary action against each and every student who would express any intention to do harm to his/her peers.

Unfortunately, I am writing to express my extreme frustration and concerns with the lack of action by the District Attorney's office as it pertains to taking charges for students who level these terroristic threats against our schools or our school district.

In recent days, the Spring Branch ISD Police Department has contacted the District Attorney's office regarding terroristic threats targeted at our schools. Your office has either just declined to accept charges or has put up so many roadblocks that appropriate legal action is not being taken. I must ask why. Your office continues to be an impediment to these individuals being dealt with for their alleged criminal behavior. We expect those in your office to take these threats as seriously as we do and do their job. These students and their parents/guardians must be held accountable and prosecuted to the highest extent of the law. I intend to continue to do my job and continue to ensure school discipline occurs to the fullest extent allowed under my rules. My community and I expect your office to do the same under your rules. There are parents, students, and staff in your county who are afraid to come to school, and your office is not acting.

The ongoing lack of action is unacceptable. When there is no deterrent to criminal behavior, unnecessary fear and concerns permeate our schools and community and disrupt the learning environment for all.

Thank you for your attention to this very serious matter. We look forward to hearing back from you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jennifer Blaine".

Jennifer Blaine, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

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