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Dear School Administrators, Resource Officers and Educators:

The Office of the Attorney General has a longstanding history of recognizing excellence in school safety, and our Safe School Awards are a beloved and important tradition of our office. Unfortunately, this year, our efforts are challenged on many fronts. As we enter the upcoming school year, the uncertainty of COVID-19 and the related responses to the pandemic are certainly at the forefront of everyone's minds. While the virus looms, there is nothing more important than the daily choices we make to protect our families, schools, workplaces and communities.

In our current environment where COVID-19 cases are rising and this public health crisis has become more volatile, it is with great disappointment that we announce that we will not issue our Safe School Awards for the 2020-2021 school year. While regrettable, we simply do not know what school safety will entail because of this epidemic, and we do not want to put another unnecessary burden on school administrators, school resource officers and educators.

We are hopeful that 2021 holds better things for our state, and we will keep everyone updated on our future plans.

Thank you for your understanding. My best to each of you in this upcoming school year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Steve Marshall".

Steve Marshall
Attorney General