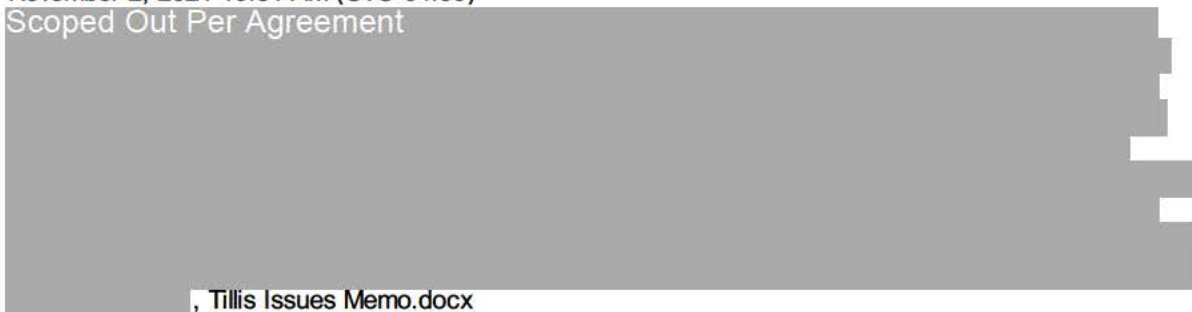


From: Gaeta, Joseph (OLA)
Subject: Tillis letters and memo
To: Goodlander, Margaret V. (OAG); Klapper, Matthew B. (OAG)
Cc: Greenfeld, Helaine A. (OLA); Calce, Christina M. (OLA)
Sent: November 2, 2021 10:31 AM (UTC-04:00)
Attached: Scoped Out Per Agreement



Matt/Maggie,

Attached is a summary memo, and an incoming/outgoing letters led by Senator Tillis. Please let us know if you would like more information on any of these issues before the Tillis lunch.

TO: Matt Klapper, Chief of Staff, Attorney General Garland
FROM: Joe Gaeta, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs
DATE: November 1, 2021
SUBJECT: Senator Tillis Recent Correspondence and Areas of Interest

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Key Areas of Interest

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School Board Meeting Memo

Senator Tillis questioned AG Garland during the SJC oversight hearing about the basis for the school board memo and whether it was based on empirical evidence. Additionally, Senator Tillis was concerned about the memo's chilling effect upon parent participation at school board meetings.

From: Seidman, Ricki (OASG)
Subject: RE: Great job! Now back to work
To: Greenfeld, Helaine A. (OLA); Klapper, Matthew B. (OAG); Goodlander, Margaret V. (OAG); Heinzelman, Kate (OAG); Coley, Anthony D. (PAO)
Sent: October 25, 2021 1:34 PM (UTC-04:00)

Hi,

I just got off the phone with Matt. We will use this time to talk through the school board/related questions.

From: Greenfeld, Helaine A. (OLA) (b) (6)
Sent: Monday, October 25, 2021 1:24 PM
To: Klapper, Matthew B. (OAG) (b) (6); Seidman, Ricki (OASG) (b) (6)
Goodlander, Margaret V. (OAG) (b) (6); Heinzelman, Kate (OAG)
(b) (6); Coley, Anthony D. (PAO) (b) (6)
Subject: RE: Great job! Now back to work

Matt, are we going to speak about how best to use the time?

From: Klapper, Matthew B. (OAG) (b) (6)
Sent: Monday, October 25, 2021 11:59 AM
To: Seidman, Ricki (OASG) (b) (6); Goodlander, Margaret V. (OAG)
(b) (6); Heinzelman, Kate (OAG) (b) (6); Greenfeld, Helaine A.
(OLA) (b) (6); Coley, Anthony D. (PAO) (b) (6)
Subject: RE: Great job! Now back to work

Hi all-

Update on prep: AG spent significant time with the materials this weekend, just asked several OAG counsels for specific research items, and is now watching elements of the clips package we delivered over the weekend.

We will convene this group from 2-3:30p today to do a Q&A session, and MAY reconvene from 6-7p tonight. We will spend much of tomorrow together doing drills. I will speak with Helaine and Ricki re: how best to use the time today, but I think it should be on the threats to school officials and related questions (b) (5). Ricki will get back to this group to let everyone know ahead of 2:30.

Helaine, Joe and Christina can join at 3:30 for a few minutes to discuss the Grassley oversight responsiveness line of questions.

Thanks.

From: Klapper, Matthew B. (OAG)
Sent: Thursday, October 21, 2021 8:18 PM
To: Seidman, Ricki (OASG) (b) (6); Goodlander, Margaret V. (OAG)
(b) (6); Heinzelman, Kate (OAG) (b) (6); Greenfeld, Helaine A.
(OLA) (b) (6); Coley, Anthony D. (PAO) (b) (6); Loeb, Emily M.
(ODAG) (b) (6)
Subject: Great job! Now back to work

Truly great job, all. The AG is grateful for your hard work, and everyone should be proud of his strong showing at a difficult hearing.

He will be taking tomorrow to work on items that were placed on the backburner over the last few days, as well as edit/deliver remarks for the redlining initiative rollout. The exception will be a brief huddle with Helaine at 5p to walk through her Senate memo (it will be finalized following the 2p call with Judiciary chiefs), and to be presented with select letters from SJC members and perhaps a clips package for him to review over the weekend as he does solo study.

This team will reconvene with the AG no sooner than Monday morning at 10:15am, but it's more likely to be Monday early afternoon and most of Tuesday.

Maggie and I will send more soon, and may be in touch in one-offs to discuss workstreams. Thanks again.

From: Seidman, Ricki (OASG)
Subject: RE: Great job! Now back to work
To: Greenfeld, Helaine A. (OLA); Klapper, Matthew B. (OAG); Goodlander, Margaret V. (OAG); Heinzelman, Kate (OAG); Coley, Anthony D. (PAO)
Sent: October 25, 2021 12:05 PM (UTC-04:00)
Attached: Skinner Ltr to AG Hon. M. B. Garland RE OAG Memo 10.4.21 School Official Security.pdf

The NSA letter is attached. The NSBA message is linked in this [NY Post story](#).

From: Greenfeld, Helaine A. (OLA) (b) (6)
Sent: Monday, October 25, 2021 12:02 PM
To: Klapper, Matthew B. (OAG) (b) (6); Seidman, Ricki (OASG) (b) (6); Goodlander, Margaret V. (OAG) (b) (6); Heinzelman, Kate (OAG) (b) (6); Coley, Anthony D. (PAO) (b) (6)
Subject: RE: Great job! Now back to work

Thanks, Matt. Can you send those letters that came over the weekend?

We sent a rundown of the Grassley letters on Friday, and we continue to track down a few open ones that are still in a few components. Maggie, is there anything else in particular you want in writing on that?

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To: Seidman, Ricki (OASG) (b) (6); Goodlander, Margaret V. (OAG) (b) (6); Heinzelman, Kate (OAG) (b) (6); Greenfeld, Helaine A. (OLA) (b) (6); Coley, Anthony D. (PAO) (b) (6)
Subject: RE: Great job! Now back to work

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OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF
COLLIN COUNTY, TEXAS

JIM SKINNER, SHERIFF

October 22, 2021

The Honorable Merrick B. Garland
United States Attorney General
U.S. Dept. of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530-0001

Re: OAG Memorandum of Oct. 4, 4021 for Partnership among Federal, State, Local, Tribal, and Territorial Law Enforcement to Address Threats against School Administrators, Board Members, Teachers, and Staff

Dear Attorney General Garland:

Some critical missions, such as fighting human trafficking, narcotics smuggling, and related money laundering, *require* cooperation between federal law enforcement, on the one hand, and state, local, tribal, and territorial law enforcement, on the other.

In limited circumstances, local law enforcement also supports the federal criminal justice system. More than one county jail, for example, keeps and cares for federal pretrial detainees and transports them for proceedings in the U.S. District Courts.

We are proud of these relationships and work hard to maintain and contribute to them.

But some things—like protecting local school officials and teachers—are primarily matters for local law enforcement. While we agree with the observation in your October 4 memorandum about the security of local school officials and teachers that illegal threats of violence are antithetical to a safe educational environment, we disagree with the intimation that a federal response is warranted. Local sheriffs and police officers are the proper first line of response. “Federalism, central to the constitutional design, adopts the principle that both the National and State Governments have elements of sovereignty that the other is bound to respect.” *Arizona v. United States*, 567 U.S. 387, 398 (2012).

Moreover, the tone of your October 4 memorandum, despite the disclaimer, sounds ominously like a threat of federal action against persons based on their political activities and speech. As the Church Committee observed, “the failure to apply the wisdom of the constitutional system of checks and balances” can lead to bad consequences, including chilling free speech and legitimate political activity.

Sincerely,

Jim Skinner
Sheriff, Collin County
Chair, Government Affairs Committee, National Sheriffs' Association

From: Chambers, Kevin (ODAG)
Subject: Documents referenced in TF meeting
To: (b)(6) per CRT (CRT); (b)(6) per CRT (CRT); (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per EOUSA (USAEO); (b)(6) per EOUSA (USAEO); (b)(6) (OJP/OVC); (b)(6) (OJP); (b)(6) (JMD); (b)(6) (CRS); (b)(6) (CRS); (b)(6) (CRS); (b)(6) per CRM (CRM); (b)(6) per CRM (CRM); (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI (CTD) (FBI); (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI (CID) (FBI); (b)(6) per NSD (NSD)
Cc: Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG)
Sent: October 13, 2021 5:32 PM (UTC-04:00)
Attached: Working list of statutes.docx

Thank you all for joining and contributing your thoughts. I referenced two documents during our call:

Attached is a working list of applicable statutes (please do not take my notes as necessarily correct; I haven't conducted legal research in some time)

Here is Sen. Grassley's letter, which lays out some objectively reasonable points about what our effort is and isn't:

https://www.grassley.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/2021-10-07_sjc_to_doj_school_boards.pdf

Best,
Kevin



U.S. Department of Justice

Office of Legislative Affairs

Office of the Assistant Attorney General

Washington, D.C. 20530

October 8, 2021

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

THROUGH: THE OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL

FROM: Joe Gaeta, Deputy Assistant Attorney General

SUBJECT: Weekly Report for October 11 to October 15, 2021

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I. High Priority Correspondence

1. Incoming

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Letter from Senator Grassley in his capacity as Ranking Member of the Senate Judiciary Committee, joined by all Senate Judiciary Republicans, to the Attorney General, expressing their shared concerns about the Department's recent memo addressing the threat of violence against school administrators. (October 7, 2021) Senators Hawley and Sasse joined Senator Grassley's letter and also sent separate letters on this issue. Similar letters were received from 115 House members.

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From: Greenfeld, Helaine A. (OLA)
Subject: FW: Letter to AG Garland from Senator Cruz
To: Hyun, Peter (OASG)
Sent: October 8, 2021 4:08 PM (UTC-04:00)
Attached: 2021.10.08 -- Letter -- Re Oct. 4 Memorandum.pdf

From: Davis, Andrew (Judiciary-Rep) (b) (6)
Sent: Friday, October 8, 2021 2:34 PM
To: Greenfeld, Helaine A. (OLA) (b) (6)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Letter to AG Garland from Senator Cruz

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From: Newman, David A. (ODAG)
Subject: RE: School Board memo letters
To: Loeb, Emily M. (ODAG)
Cc: Lewis, Megan (ODAG)
Sent: October 8, 2021 3:24 PM (UTC-04:00)

Thanks. Appreciate the chance to look – and good here.

From: Loeb, Emily M. (ODAG) (b) (6)
Sent: Friday, October 8, 2021 3:22 PM
To: Newman, David A. (ODAG) (b) (6)
Cc: Lewis, Megan (ODAG) (b) (6)
Subject: FW: School Board memo letters

Hi – JPC for some reason wanted you to see this...Can you take a look?

From: Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG) (b) (6)
Sent: Friday, October 8, 2021 3:19 PM
To: Goodlander, Margaret V. (OAG) (b) (6); Klapper, Matthew B. (OAG) (b) (6); Heinzelman, Kate (OAG) (b) (6)
Cc: Loeb, Emily M. (ODAG) (b) (6); Greenfeld, Helaine A. (OLA) (b) (6); Gaeta, Joseph (OLA) (b) (6); Lewis, Megan (ODAG) (b) (6); Seidman, Ricki (OASG) (b) (6); Hyun, Peter (OASG) (b) (6); Coley, Anthony D. (PAO) (b) (6); Iverson, Dena (PAO) (b) (6); Calce, Christina M. (OLA) (b) (6); Antell, Kira M. (OLA) (b) (6); Chambers, Kevin (ODAG) (b) (6)
Subject: Re: School Board memo letters

Thanks Maggie -
Rus Matt and Kate for awareness

On Oct 8, 2021, at 2:24 PM, Goodlander, Margaret V. (OAG) (b) (6) wrote:

Thanks – reviewing now and also adding Tamarra and Ricki here.

From: Loeb, Emily M. (ODAG) (b) (6) >
Sent: Friday, October 8, 2021 1:32 PM
To: Greenfeld, Helaine A. (OLA) (b) (6); Gaeta, Joseph (OLA) (b) (6); Lewis, Megan (ODAG) (b) (6)
Cc: Hyun, Peter (OASG) (b) (6); Goodlander, Margaret V. (OAG) (b) (6); Coley, Anthony D. (PAO) (b) (6); Iverson, Dena (PAO) (b) (6); Calce, Christina M. (OLA) (b) (6); Antell, Kira M. (OLA) (b) (6); Chambers, Kevin (ODAG) (b) (6)
Subject: RE: School Board memo letters

Initial edits from me and Kevin. Let us know if further edits from others on this chain.

From: Greenfeld, Helaine A. (OLA) (b) (6)
Sent: Friday, October 8, 2021 11:43 AM
To: Loeb, Emily M. (ODAG) (b) (6); Gaeta, Joseph (OLA) (b) (6); Lewis, Megan (ODAG) (b) (6)

(b) (6)

Cc: Hyun, Peter (OASG)(b) (6)

V. (OAG)(b) (6)

Anthony D. (PAO)(b) (6)

(PAO)(b) (6)

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Goodlander, Margaret

>; Coley,

>; Iverson, Dena

; Calce, Christina M. (OLA)

; Antell, Kira M. (OLA)

Subject: RE: School Board memo letters

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From: Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG)
Subject: Re: School Board memo letters
To: Goodlander, Margaret V. (OAG)
Cc: Seidman, Ricki (OASG)
Sent: October 8, 2021 3:19 PM (UTC-04:00)

Hi / just added though (b) (6) so hopefully it will come through

Tamarra Matthews Johnson

she/her/hers

Counsel

Office of the Attorney General

U.S. Department of Justice

Mobile: (b) (6)

On Oct 8, 2021, at 3:18 PM, Goodlander, Margaret V. (OAG) (b) (6) wrote:

Will do.

-----Original Message-----

From: Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG) (b) (6)

Sent: Friday, October 8, 2021 3:17 PM

To: Goodlander, Margaret V. (OAG) (b) (6); Seidman, Ricki (OASG) (b) (6)

Subject: Re: School Board memo letters

Hi - I think we need to make Matt and Kate aware - I don't see them on this chain.

On Oct 8, 2021, at 2:24 PM, Goodlander, Margaret V. (OAG) (b) (6) wrote:

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From: Goodlander, Margaret V. (OAG)
Subject: RE: School Board memo letters
To: Seidman, Ricki (OASG)
Sent: October 8, 2021 2:33 PM (UTC-04:00)

Thanks so much, Ricki!

From: Seidman, Ricki (OASG) (b) (6)
Sent: Friday, October 8, 2021 2:20 PM
To: Goodlander, Margaret V. (OAG) (b) (6)
Subject: RE: School Board memo letters

Reviewing and will have suggestions. Wanted to read the letters.

From: Goodlander, Margaret V. (OAG) (b) (6)
Sent: Friday, October 8, 2021 2:01 PM
To: Seidman, Ricki (OASG) (b) (6)
Subject: FW: School Board memo letters

From: Loeb, Emily M. (ODAG) (b) (6)
Sent: Friday, October 8, 2021 1:32 PM
To: Greenfeld, Helaine A. (OLA) (b) (6); Gaeta, Joseph (OLA) (b) (6);
Lewis, Megan (ODAG) (b) (6) >
Cc: Hyun, Peter (OASG) (b) (6); Goodlander, Margaret V. (OAG)
(b) (6); Coley, Anthony D. (PAO) (b) (6); Iverson, Dena (PAO)
(b) (6); Calce, Christina M. (OLA) (b) (6); Antell, Kira M. (OLA)
(b) (6); Chambers, Kevin (ODAG) (b) (6)
Subject: RE: School Board memo letters

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From: Simms, Donna Y. (ODAG)
Subject: RE: School Board memo letters
To: Brockman, Audrey (ODAG)
Sent: October 8, 2021 1:59 PM (UTC-04:00)

Yes, will do.

From: Brockman, Audrey (ODAG) (b) (6)
Sent: Friday, October 8, 2021 1:42 PM
To: Simms, Donna Y. (ODAG) (b) (6)
Subject: FW: School Board memo letters

Donna – Could you please print for John? Thanks!

From: Loeb, Emily M. (ODAG) (b) (6)
Sent: Friday, October 8, 2021 1:31 PM
To: Brockman, Audrey (ODAG) (b) (6)
Cc: Singh, Anita M. (ODAG) (b) (6); Chambers, Kevin (ODAG) (b) (6)
Subject: FW: School Board memo letters

Audrey – can you please give this to John and ask if he has feedback? Please also print this email chain. The redlines are ODAG edits for his awareness.

Emily

From: Greenfeld, Helaine A. (OLA) (b) (6)
Sent: Friday, October 8, 2021 11:43 AM
To: Loeb, Emily M. (ODAG) (b) (6); Gaeta, Joseph (OLA) (b) (6); Lewis, Megan (ODAG) (b) (6)
Cc: Hyun, Peter (OASG) (b) (6); Goodlander, Margaret V. (OAG) (b) (6); Coley, Anthony D. (PAO) (b) (6); Iverson, Dena (PAO) (b) (6); Calce, Christina M. (OLA) (b) (6); Antell, Kira M. (OLA) (b) (6)
Subject: RE: School Board memo letters

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From: Chambers, Kevin (ODAG)
Subject: RE: School Board memo letters
To: Loeb, Emily M. (ODAG)
Cc: Singh, Anita M. (ODAG)
Sent: October 8, 2021 1:16 PM (UTC-04:00)
Attached: Draft Response to Oct 4 Letters (EL +kac).docx

Recommending one revision to address (b) (5).

From: Loeb, Emily M. (ODAG) (b) (6)
Sent: Friday, October 8, 2021 12:12 PM
To: Chambers, Kevin (ODAG) (b) (6)
Cc: Singh, Anita M. (ODAG) (b) (6)
Subject: FW: School Board memo letters

Hi – (b) (5). This appears to track the approved TPs and I added in an additional point from the TPs. Can you please quickly review so we can get to the DAG today?

From: Greenfeld, Helaine A. (OLA) (b) (6)
Sent: Friday, October 8, 2021 11:43 AM
To: Loeb, Emily M. (ODAG) (b) (6); Gaeta, Joseph (OLA) (b) (6); Lewis, Megan (ODAG) (b) (6)
Cc: Hyun, Peter (OASG) (b) (6); Goodlander, Margaret V. (OAG) (b) (6); Coley, Anthony D. (PAO) (b) (6); Iverson, Dena (PAO) (b) (6); Calce, Christina M. (OLA) (b) (6); Antell, Kira M. (OLA) (b) (6)
Subject: RE: School Board memo letters

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From: Brockman, Audrey (ODAG)
Subject: RE: School Board memo letters
To: Loeb, Emily M. (ODAG)
Cc: Singh, Anita M. (ODAG); Chambers, Kevin (ODAG)
Sent: October 8, 2021 1:34 PM (UTC-04:00)

Will do. Thank you.

From: Loeb, Emily M. (ODAG) (b) (6)
Sent: Friday, October 8, 2021 1:31 PM
To: Brockman, Audrey (ODAG) (b) (6)
Cc: Singh, Anita M. (ODAG) (b) (6); Chambers, Kevin (ODAG) (b) (6)
Subject: FW: School Board memo letters

Duplicative Material, Document ID: 0.7.1451.6067

From: Greenfeld, Helaine A. (OLA)
Subject: RE: Update on prep
To: Seidman, Ricki (OASG); Klapper, Matthew B. (OAG); Goodlander, Margaret V. (OAG); Heinzelman, Kate (OAG); Coley, Anthony D. (PAO); Loeb, Emily M. (ODAG)
Sent: October 15, 2021 12:02 PM (UTC-04:00)
Attached: Topics from Letters to DOJ 10.15.21.docx

This is that matrix. Of course, letters will continue to come in.

From: Seidman, Ricki (OASG) (b) (6)
Sent: Friday, October 15, 2021 12:01 PM
To: Greenfeld, Helaine A. (OLA) (b) (6); Klapper, Matthew B. (OAG) (b) (6); Goodlander, Margaret V. (OAG) (b) (6); Heinzelman, Kate (OAG) (b) (6); Coley, Anthony D. (PAO) (b) (6); Loeb, Emily M. (ODAG) (b) (6)
Subject: RE: Update on prep

I think (b) (5) . Should be on the lookout for (b) (5) .

Matt, does it matter exactly what people have said or would it be just as useful to have a matrix by issue and member?

From: Greenfeld, Helaine A. (OLA) (b) (6)
Sent: Friday, October 15, 2021 11:51 AM
To: Klapper, Matthew B. (OAG) (b) (6); Goodlander, Margaret V. (OAG) (b) (6); Heinzelman, Kate (OAG) (b) (6); Seidman, Ricki (OASG) (b) (6); Coley, Anthony D. (PAO) (b) (6); Loeb, Emily M. (ODAG) (b) (6)
Subject: RE: Update on prep

Per the last item, I have given to Maggie all of the incoming letters along with a memo that breaks them down member by member. We will do a sweep for other public statements, but the letters have a lot in them.

From: Klapper, Matthew B. (OAG) (b) (6)
Sent: Friday, October 15, 2021 11:07 AM
To: Goodlander, Margaret V. (OAG) (b) (6); Heinzelman, Kate (OAG) (b) (6); Seidman, Ricki (OASG) (b) (6); Coley, Anthony D. (PAO) (b) (6); Loeb, Emily M. (ODAG) (b) (6); Greenfeld, Helaine A. (OLA) (b) (6)
Subject: Update on prep

I had a good conversation with the AG about his progress and here's the plan as it currently stands:

-He is currently wrapping edits to his oral statement. I will circulate it here within the next hour or so. We should check for accuracy and major flags, but avoid stylistic edits and changes based on general preferences. I'd prefer that he conclude his work on this soon and only want to bring significant issues back to him.

-Once we have this in hand, Maggie and Ricki will take the oral to inform edits to the SFR, which he would like to turn back to by approximately 3p today. The edits to the SFR can be as aggressive as Ricki and Maggie wish.

-During the window between returning his oral and receiving his SFR, he will turn to three items: first, Helaine's scene setter memo; second, clips Maggie is having compiled; third the hot topics q&a binder.

-It is highly improbable that he will want to do prep with us this weekend. He will be familiarizing himself with the Q&A doc. He may, however, call us with questions and research tasks.

-feedback from him/workshopping q&a will most likely come on Monday, with drills possible on Tuesday and Wednesday.

-Helaine, one additional product to pull together for him ASAP: key HJC member statements in media/letters/hearings/releases related to the AG or relevant issues.

TOPICS FROM LETTERS TO DOJ – MEMBER BY MEMBER
House Judiciary Committee

Rep. Jim Jordan (OH – 04) (Ranking Member)

School Board Memo

This letter is to express our serious concerns about your recent decision to involve federal law enforcement entities in local school board debates and to stifle First Amendment-protected political speech. Your actions are not just inappropriate, but also appear to have been improperly influenced by politics and by your family's interest in the matter. We request you promptly consult with the designated agency ethics official to determine if your actions in this matter have resulted in an ethics violation for a breach of impartiality. (10/13/2021 letter)

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Rep. Louis Gohmert (TX – 01)

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School Board Memo

We are deeply concerned by your recent announcement that you intend to mobilize the Department of Justice to address the threat of violence against school administrators. (10/7/21 letter)

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Rep. Ken Buck (CO – 04)

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School Board Memo

I write to express my grave concern regarding your recent decision to mobilize federal law enforcement resources to monitor local school board meetings. More engagement from parents who are concerned about what their children are being taught does not give rise to a federal crime. In fact, there appears to be no federal nexus sufficient to justify the directives outlined in your October 4th memorandum and your decision to direct federal law enforcement resources to confront parents who oppose the views of the Biden Administration and its socialist agenda. Your memorandum is a politically motivated abuse of power and displays a lack of reasoned, sound judgment. (10/5/21 letter)

Rep. Matt Gaetz (FL – 01)

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Rep. Mike Johnson (LA – 04)

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School Board Memo

Although we have observed through this year a growing movement of parents speaking and protesting in local school board meetings against racist Critical Race Theory-based (CRT) indoctrination and specious mask mandates for students, we are not aware of any significant or widespread acts or threats of violence or property damage associated with this First Amendment-protected activity, and certainly no apparent federal crime. (10/7/21 letter)

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Rep. Andy Biggs (AZ – 05)

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Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Media Inquiry from Masooma Haq - The Epoch Times
To: Stueve, Joshua (PAO); Pietranton, Kelsey (PAO); Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO); Iverson, Dena (PAO)
Cc: Shevlin, Shannon (PAO); Li, Kaei (PAO); Press
Sent: October 15, 2021 11:37 AM (UTC-04:00)

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Catherine Morris
Speechwriting/Media Affairs Intern
Office of Public Affairs | U.S. Department of Justice
Mobile: (b) (6)
(b) (6)

-----Original Message-----

From: no-reply@usdoj.gov <no-reply@usdoj.gov>
Sent: Friday, October 15, 2021 11:16 AM
To: Press <Press@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Media Inquiry from Masooma Haq - The Epoch Times

Date Friday, October 15, 2021 - 11:15am EDT

Name: Masooma Haq

Email Address: (b) (6)

Topic: Civil Rights

Media Outlet: The Epoch Times

Deadline: ASAP

Inquiry:
Good Morning,

I would like to get a statement from the DOJ about the letter Republicans on the House Judiciary Committee sent the DOJ's AG, Merrick Garland asking him to review the memo and his instructions to FBI and U.S. AG's to use their power to investigate "intimidation" by parents who go to school board meetings and voice their concern about what is being taught in their child's school. The Reps. are also concerned about the AG's personal link with the decision, having a son-in-law who is in business with the schools.

thank you,
Masooma Haq

From: Gelber, Sophie (PAO)
Subject: List A-N
To: Ramamurti, Arjun R. (OAG)
Cc: Roberts, Alivia P. (PAO)
Sent: October 13, 2021 3:01 PM (UTC-04:00)
Attached: DRAFT_For Review_List 10.13.21 A-N.xlsx

Hi Arjun,
See the list attached.
Best,
Sophie

Sophie Gelber
Press Assistant, Office of Public Affairs
U.S. Department of Justice

(b) (6) – work
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From: Roberts, Alivia P. (PAO)
Subject: RE: Template
To: Sophie Gelber (b) (6)
Sent: October 13, 2021 2:33 PM (UTC-04:00)
Attached: DRAFT_For Review_List 10.12.21.xlsx

Here you go.

From: Roberts, Alivia P. (PAO)
Sent: Wednesday, October 13, 2021 10:26 AM
To: Sophie Gelber (b) (6)
Subject: RE: Template

New: (b) (6)

From: Roberts, Alivia P. (PAO)
Sent: Wednesday, October 13, 2021 9:32 AM
To: Sophie Gelber (b) (6)
Subject: Template

Highlighted those with nothing.

From: Gelber, Sophie (PAO)
Subject: List formatting template
To: Coley, Anthony D. (PAO); Iverson, Dena (PAO); Ramamurti, Arjun R. (OAG)
Cc: Roberts, Alivia P. (PAO)
Sent: October 12, 2021 11:04 AM (UTC-04:00)
Attached: DRAFT_For Review_List 10.12.21.xlsx

Hi all,
See a draft template for the list attached. Let me know if there are any changes or additions to make to the format.
Best,
Sophie

Sophie Gelber
Press Assistant, Office of Public Affairs
U.S. Department of Justice

(b) (6) – work
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From: Shevlin, Shannon (PAO)
Subject: RE: ABC This Week with George S.
To: Coley, Anthony D. (PAO)
Cc: Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO); Iverson, Dena (PAO)
Sent: October 10, 2021 11:52 AM (UTC-04:00)

We don't get ABC on TV eyes, or there must be a delay. Its not listed.

Let me know if you'd like a clean email with the YouTube link.

Here are more clips from this morning:

On January 6, Steven Bannon

10/10: [MSNBC Kendis Gibson and Linsey Reiser Report](#) at 7:08 am
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10/10: [Fox Business Network – WSJ at Large with Gerry Baker](#) at 9:50 am
10/10: [One America News Network](#) at 9:11 am

From: Coley, Anthony D. (PAO) (b) (6)
Sent: Sunday, October 10, 2021 11:05 AM
To: Shevlin, Shannon (PAO) (b) (6)
Cc: Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO) (b) (6); Iverson, Dena (PAO) (b) (6)
Subject: Re: ABC This Week with George S.

Thanks Shannon—can you clip it from TVEyes and send in a clean email

On Oct 10, 2021, at 11:03 AM, Shevlin, Shannon (PAO) (b) (6) wrote:

Good morning – Here's a link to the clip: [This Week With George Stephanopoulos 10/10/21 | ABC Today Oct 10, 2021](#) and George S. mentioned the AG by name at [33:45](#)

Shannon R. Shevlin
Press Assistant
Office of Public Affairs | U.S. Department of Justice
(m) (b) (6)

From: Coley, Anthony D. (PAO) (b) (6)
Sent: Sunday, October 10, 2021 10:41 AM
To: Shevlin, Shannon (PAO) (b) (6)
Cc: Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO) (b) (6); Iverson, Dena (PAO) (b) (6)
Subject: ABC This Week with George S.

Hey Shannon, Will you send me the exchange between Chris Christie and Donna Brazile this morning. (It started with a clip in which George S. mentioned the AG by name). thanks

Anthony D. Coley, Director
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From: Farnes, Ryan D. (PAO)
Subject: RE: This Week at Justice - October 8, 2021
To: Coley, Anthony D. (PAO)
Cc: Iverson, Dena (PAO); Fauntleroy, Priscilla M. (PAO)
Sent: October 8, 2021 4:18 PM (UTC-04:00)

Thanks. We'll publish momentarily. Have a good weekend.

From: Coley, Anthony D. (PAO) (b) (6)
Sent: Friday, October 8, 2021 4:16 PM
To: Farnes, Ryan D. (PAO) (b) (6)
Cc: Iverson, Dena (PAO) (b) (6); Fauntleroy, Priscilla M. (PAO)
(b) (6)
Subject: Re: This Week at Justice - October 8, 2021

Good to go. Thank you.

On Oct 8, 2021, at 4:11 PM, Farnes, Ryan D. (PAO) (b) (6) wrote:

Please review and advise whether to publish. Thank you.

Final draft: (b)(5), (b)(6)

From: Farnes, Ryan D. (PAO)
Sent: Friday, October 8, 2021 3:22 PM
To: Coley, Anthony D. (PAO) (b) (6)
Cc: Iverson, Dena (PAO) (b) (6); Fauntleroy, Priscilla M. (PAO)
(b) (6)
Subject: RE: This Week at Justice - October 8, 2021

Thank you. I'll send an updated draft shortly with the following leading:

(b) (5)

From: Coley, Anthony D. (PAO) (b) (6)
Sent: Friday, October 8, 2021 3:07 PM
To: Farnes, Ryan D. (PAO) (b) (6)
Cc: Iverson, Dena (PAO) (b) (6); Fauntleroy, Priscilla M. (PAO)

(b) (6)

Subject: Re: This Week at Justice - October 8, 2021

I'm think we should perhaps lead with it??

On Oct 8, 2021, at 3:02 PM, Farnes, Ryan D. (PAO) (b) (6) > wrote:

Yes. Is there a particular order to slide it in, or at the end is best?

From: Coley, Anthony D. (PAO) (b) (6) >

Sent: Friday, October 8, 2021 3:01 PM

To: Farnes, Ryan D. (PAO) (b) (6) >

Cc: Iverson, Dena (PAO) (b) (6) >; Fauntleroy, Priscilla M. (PAO)

(b) (6)

Subject: Re: This Week at Justice - October 8, 2021

One last thought: (b) (5)

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On Oct 8, 2021, at 2:51 PM, Farnes, Ryan D. (PAO)

(b) (6) > wrote:

Pinging this for review. Thanks.

From: Farnes, Ryan D. (PAO)

Sent: Friday, October 8, 2021 12:17 PM

To: Coley, Anthony D. (PAO) (b) (6) >; Iverson, Dena

(PAO) (b) (6) >

Cc: Fauntleroy, Priscilla M. (PAO) (b) (6)

Subject: RE: This Week at Justice - October 8, 2021

Let us know if this is good to publish or any final edits. Thanks.

Updated draft: (b)(5), (b)(6)

Facebook & YouTube

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From: Farnes, Ryan D. (PAO)
Sent: Friday, October 8, 2021 10:15 AM
To: Coley, Anthony D. (PAO) (b) (6) >; Iverson, Dena (PAO) (b) (6)
Cc: Fauntleroy, Priscilla M. (PAO) (b) (6)
Subject: RE: This Week at Justice - October 8, 2021

I'll get started on these and send a revised draft over. Thanks.

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Sent: Friday, October 8, 2021 10:03 AM
To: Farnes, Ryan D. (PAO) (b) (6) >; Iverson, Dena (PAO) (b) (6)
Cc: Fauntleroy, Priscilla M. (PAO) (b) (6)
Subject: RE: This Week at Justice - October 8, 2021

Apologies Ryan. I wrote this email yesterday but never pressed send.

Can we feature the below stories, started with (b) (5) ?

From: Farnes, Ryan D. (PAO) (b) (6)
Sent: Thursday, October 7, 2021 2:28 PM
To: Coley, Anthony D. (PAO) (b) (6) >; Iverson, Dena (PAO) (b) (6)
Cc: Fauntleroy, Priscilla M. (PAO) (b) (6)
Subject: RE: This Week at Justice - October 8, 2021

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Please weigh in with your preferences at your earliest convenience. Thanks.

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Subject: RE: This Week at Justice - October 8, 2021

I've added (b) (5) at #11.

Thanks for reviewing when you're able.

From: Farnes, Ryan D. (PAO)

Sent: Wednesday, October 6, 2021 6:48 PM

To: Coley, Anthony D. (PAO) (b) (6); Iverson, Dena (PAO) (b) (6)

Cc: Fauntleroy, Priscilla M. (PAO) (b) (6)

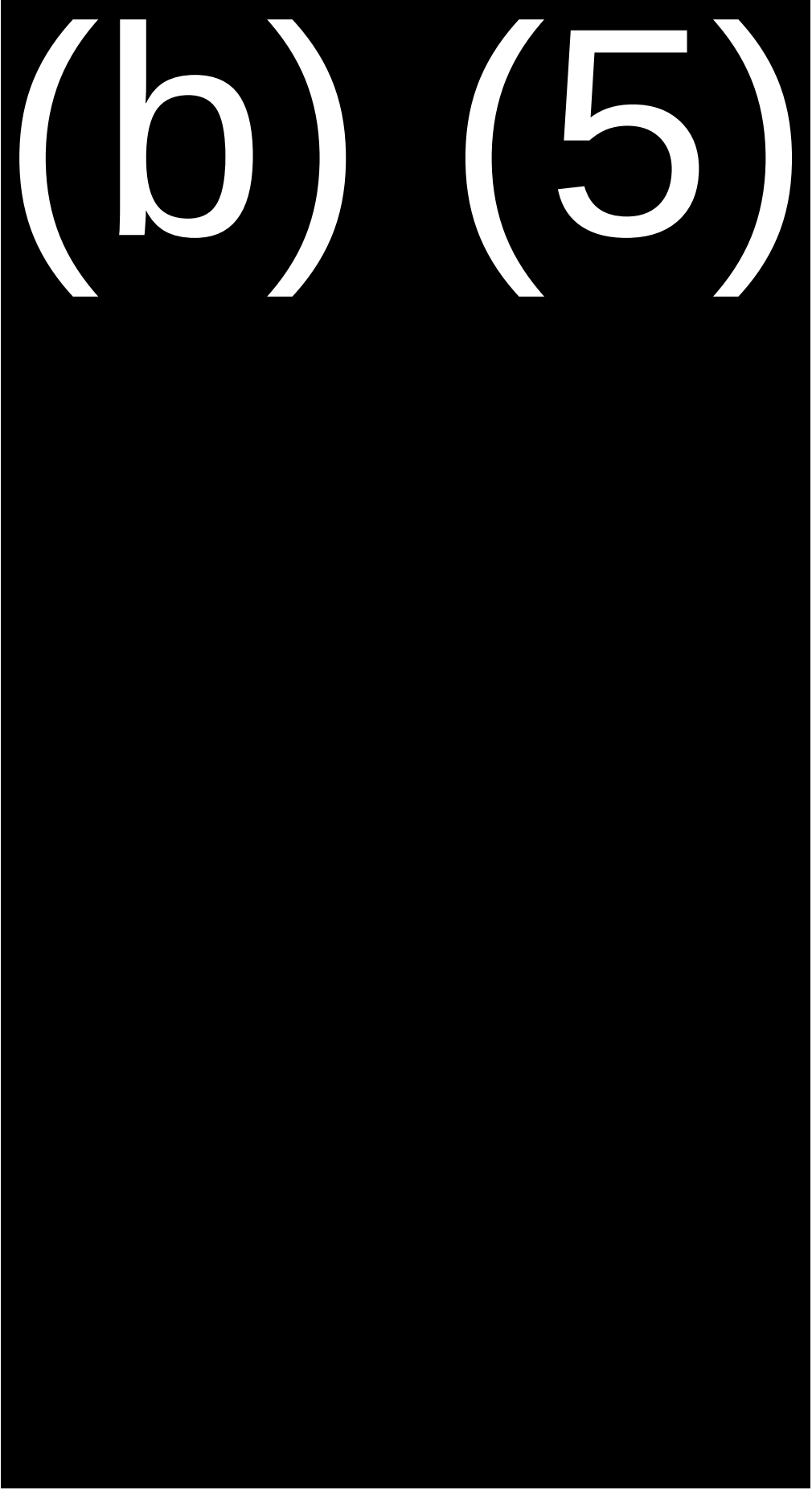
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Ryan Farnes | Leidos
Senior Multimedia Specialist
Office of Public Affairs
Department of Justice

(b) (6)

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Subject: RE: This Week at Justice - October 8, 2021
To: Coley, Anthony D. (PAO); Iverson, Dena (PAO)
Cc: Fauntleroy, Priscilla M. (PAO)
Sent: October 8, 2021 9:56 AM (UTC-04:00)

Anthony –

Please review this draft and advise on any changes.

Be aware that the runtime is just over 2 minutes so any additional content may require trimming existing items down or removing entirely. Thanks.

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(b) (6)
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From: Coley, Anthony D. (PAO)
Subject: RE: Calls to NSBA
To: Chambers, Kevin (ODAG)
Sent: October 6, 2021 8:23 PM (UTC-04:00)

Thank you

From: Chambers, Kevin (ODAG) (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, October 6, 2021 6:37 PM
To: Coley, Anthony D. (PAO) (b) (6)
Subject: Fwd: Calls to NSBA

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From: Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO)
Subject: RE: Fox News Question -
To: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) per FBI
Cc: Milhoan, Catherine L. (OPA) (FBI); (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) per FBI (OPA) (FBI)
Sent: October 6, 2021 4:26 PM (UTC-04:00)

OK, sorry I've been out of pocket.
I'm around for a bit, but that's fine

Wyn Hornbuckle
Deputy Director, Office of Public Affairs
U.S. Department of Justice
O: (b)(6)
M: (b)(6)

From: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C); (b)(7)(E) per FBI
Sent: Wednesday, October 6, 2021 4:18 PM
To: Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO) (b)(6)
Cc: Milhoan, Catherine L. (OPA) (FBI) (b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI; (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) per FBI (OPA) (FBI) (b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI
Subject: FW: Fox News Question -

Hi Wyn,

I left you some messages earlier.

We're going to leave comments to you or the US Attorney's Offices on this topic.
Happy to talk further when you have time.

Thank you.

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C) per FBI

From: Gibson, Jake (b)(6) >
Sent: Wednesday, October 6, 2021 11:36 AM
To: NPO (b)(7)(E) per FBI; Pietranton, Kelsey (PAO) (JMD) (b)(6)
Cc: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) per FBI (OPA) (FBI) (b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI; (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) per FBI (OPA) (FBI) (b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI
Subject: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] - Fox News Question -

Duplicative Material, Document ID: 0.7.1451.18844

From: Pietranton, Kelsey (PAO)
Subject: FW: Fox News Question -
To: Coley, Anthony D. (PAO); Iverson, Dena (PAO); Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO)
Sent: October 6, 2021 12:43 PM (UTC-04:00)

Flagging this for you all. Is anyone in particular handling this topic?

From: Gibson, Jake (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, October 6, 2021 11:36 AM
To: (b)(7)(E) per FBI; Pietranton, Kelsey (PAO) (b) (6)
Cc: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI (OPA) (FBI) (b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fox News Question -

Duplicative Material, Document ID: 0.7.1451.18844

From: Coley, Anthony D. (PAO)
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] RE: Hello from Main Justice
To: Chambers, Kevin (ODAG)
Sent: October 6, 2021 3:57 PM (UTC-04:00)

Given (b) (5), I think he's talking about (b) (5)

From: Chambers, Kevin (ODAG) (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, October 6, 2021 3:51 PM
To: Coley, Anthony D. (PAO) (b) (6)
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] RE: Hello from Main Justice

(b) (5)

From: Coley, Anthony D. (PAO) (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, October 6, 2021 3:41 PM
To: Chambers, Kevin (ODAG) (b) (6)
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] RE: Hello from Main Justice

Hey man, would you have a recommendation here?

The press release says this: Threats of violence against school board members, officials, and workers in our nation's public schools can be reported by the public to the FBI's National Threat Operations Center (NTOC) via its national tip line (1-800-CALL-FBI) and online through the FBI website (<http://fbi.gov/tips>).

(b) (5) – welcome your guidance

From: Chip Slaven (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, October 6, 2021 2:12 PM
To: Coley, Anthony D. (PAO) (b) (6)
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] RE: Hello from Main Justice

Duplicative Material, Document ID: 0.7.1451.17093

From: Kusler, Mary [NEA-CAO]
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Connecting about DoJ educator efforts
To: Coley, Anthony D. (PAO)
Cc: Tracey-Mooney, Maureen EOP/WHO; McDowell, Ephraim A. EOP/WHO; O'Daniel, Susana [NEA]
Sent: October 6, 2021 2:15 PM (UTC-04:00)

Thank you Anthony. We will share this.

Mary Kusler
Senior Director
Center for Advocacy, NEA

On Oct 6, 2021, at 11:31 AM, Coley, Anthony D. (PAO) (b) (6) wrote:

...The Attorney General's [memo](#) and the accompanying [press release](#), which speaks to coming actions, are probably the best sources of info at this stage.

-----Original Message-----

From: Tracey-Mooney, Maureen EOP/WHO (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, October 6, 2021 11:05 AM
To: Kusler, Mary [NEA-CAO] (b) (6); McDowell, Ephraim A. EOP/WHO (b) (6); Coley, Anthony D. (PAO) (b) (6)
Cc: O'Daniel, Susana [NEA] (b) (6)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: Connecting about DoJ educator efforts

Adding Ephraim from White House Counsel.

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Maureen Tracey-Mooney
Special Assistant to the President for Education Policy Domestic Policy Council
(b) (6)

-----Original Message-----

From: Kusler, Mary [NEA-CAO] (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, October 6, 2021 10:46 AM
To: Coley, Anthony D. (PAO) (b) (6)
Cc: O'Daniel, Susana [NEA] (b) (6); Tracey-Mooney, Maureen EOP/WHO (b) (6)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Connecting about DoJ educator efforts

Thanks Anthony. Given that we will have all of our state executive directors together and they have questions about this week's announcement is there anything you can provide us to share with them?

Appreciate it.
Mary

Mary Kusler
Senior Director
Center for Advocacy, NEA

> On Oct 6, 2021, at 10:43 AM, Coley, Anthony D. (PAO) (b) (6) wrote:

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> Hi Mary, Thanks so much for reaching out and for extending the invitation. We won't be able to make it today but let's do stay in touch. The Department is committed to doing everything it can to address the rise in criminal conduct directed toward school personnel.

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> Talk soon,

>

> Anthony D. Coley, Director

> Office of Public Affairs &

> Sr. Advisor to the Attorney General

> U.S. Department of Justice

> Direct: (b) (6)

> Cell: (b) (6)

> @AnthonyColeyDOJ

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Kusler, Mary [NEA-CAO] (b) (6)

> Sent: Wednesday, October 6, 2021 10:33 AM

> To: Coley, Anthony D. (PAO) (b) (6)

> Cc: O'Daniel, Susana [NEA] (b) (6); Maureen (Mo) Tracey-

> Mooney (b) (6)

> Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Connecting about DoJ educator efforts

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> Hi Anthony

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> Bumping this up to see if you or someone else from DoJ can join our meeting this evening.

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> Thanks

> Mary

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> Mary Kusler

> Senior Director

> Center for Advocacy, NEA

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>> On Oct 5, 2021, at 10:30 PM, Kusler, Mary [NEA-CAO] (b) (6) wrote:

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>> Hi Anthony

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>> I was given your name by Mo Tracey-Mooney at the DPC.

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>> My name is Mary Kusler and I am the Senior Director for the Center for Advocacy at the NEA. We are beyond delighted at the announcement yesterday around protections for educators. This has been such a tough time.

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>> We have a meeting tomorrow night (virtually) of all of our state executive directors. We were hoping that you could join us at 6:45 to give us a 5-7 minute overview of the DoJ plans followed by 10 mins of Q & A.

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>> Let me know what might be possible. My cell is (b) (6) if that is easier.

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>> Thanks so much for considering.

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>> Mary

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>> Mary Kusler

>> Senior Director

>> Center for Advocacy, NEA

From: Klapper, Matthew B. (OAG)
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Connecting about DoJ educator efforts
To: Coley, Anthony D. (PAO)
Cc: Singh, Anita M. (ODAG); Carlin, John P. (ODAG)
Sent: October 6, 2021 7:12 AM (UTC-04:00)

Rec (b) (5). Happy to discuss.

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 6, 2021, at 6:21 AM, Coley, Anthony D. (PAO) (b) (6) wrote:

This feels like (b) (5); welcome thoughts.

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Kusler, Mary [NEA-CAO]" (b) (6)
Date: October 5, 2021 at 10:30:48 PM EDT
To: "Coley, Anthony D. (PAO)" (b) (6)
Cc: "O'Daniel, Susana [NEA]" (b) (6)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Connecting about DoJ educator efforts

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From: Loeb, Emily M. (ODAG)
Subject: RE: FOX: Blackburn confronts Deputy AG Monaco about crackdown on alleged harassment of school officials
To: Pietranton, Kelsey (PAO)
Sent: October 6, 2021 1:49 PM (UTC-04:00)

Thanks, Kelsey!

From: Pietranton, Kelsey (PAO) (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, October 6, 2021 1:33 PM
To: Loeb, Emily M. (ODAG) (b) (6)
Cc: Coley, Anthony D. (PAO) (b) (6); Hyun, Peter (OASG) (b) (6); Iverson, Dena (PAO) (b) (6); Woldemariam, Wintta (OLA) (b) (6); Carlin, John P. (ODAG) (b) (6)
Subject: RE: FOX: Blackburn confronts Deputy AG Monaco about crackdown on alleged harassment of school officials

Better late than never, we finally have a new headline: [Blackburn questions Deputy AG Monaco over crackdown on alleged harassment of school officials | Fox News](#)

From: Pietranton, Kelsey (PAO)
Sent: Tuesday, October 5, 2021 6:49 PM
To: Loeb, Emily M. (ODAG) (b) (6)
Cc: Coley, Anthony D. (PAO) (b) (6); Hyun, Peter (OASG) (b) (6); Iverson, Dena (PAO) (b) (6); Woldemariam, Wintta (OLA) (b) (6); Carlin, John P. (ODAG) (b) (6)
Subject: RE: FOX: Blackburn confronts Deputy AG Monaco about crackdown on alleged harassment of school officials

I've reached out, will keep you all posted.

From: Loeb, Emily M. (ODAG) (b) (6)
Sent: Tuesday, October 5, 2021 6:13 PM
To: Pietranton, Kelsey (PAO) (b) (6)
Cc: Coley, Anthony D. (PAO) (b) (6); Hyun, Peter (OASG) (b) (6); Iverson, Dena (PAO) (b) (6); Woldemariam, Wintta (OLA) (b) (6); Carlin, John P. (ODAG) (b) (6)
Subject: Re: FOX: Blackburn confronts Deputy AG Monaco about crackdown on alleged harassment of school officials

She went over to Blackburn! + John

Emily Loeb
C: (b) (6)

On Oct 5, 2021, at 6:02 PM, Pietranton, Kelsey (PAO) (b) (6) wrote:

I called them, and they said for me to email the writer.

From: Coley, Anthony D. (PAO) (b) (6)
Sent: Tuesday, October 5, 2021 6:02 PM
To: Pietranton, Kelsey (PAO) (b) (6); Loeb, Emily M. (ODAG) (b) (6); Hyun, Peter (OASG) (b) (6); Iverson, Dena (PAO) (b) (6)

Cc: Woldemariam, Wintta (OLA) (b) (6)

Subject: RE: FOX: Blackburn confronts Deputy AG Monaco about crackdown on alleged harassment of school officials

Thanks, agree would be great to get corrected.

(b) (5) . Side note:
they just fixed a horrible chryon that I flagged for them on FoxB.

From: Pietranton, Kelsey (PAO) (b) (6)

Sent: Tuesday, October 5, 2021 6:00 PM

To: Loeb, Emily M. (ODAG) (b) (6) ; Hyun, Peter (OASG) (b) (6)

Coley, Anthony D. (PAO) (b) (6) ; Iverson, Dena (PAO)

(b) (6)

Cc: Woldemariam, Wintta (OLA) (b) (6)

Subject: FOX: Blackburn confronts Deputy AG Monaco about crackdown on alleged harassment of school officials

I think calling this a “confrontation” is too much in FOX’s story:

<https://www.foxnews.com/politics/blackburn-deputy-ag-harassment-school-officials-very-dangerous>. I

want to flag for FOX that per the video, <https://www.c-pan.org/video/?515047-1/deputy-attorney-general-lisa-monaco-testifies-violence-women-act>, at 1:45:05, the DAG is actually the one who goes up to introduce herself to Blackburn (who arrived after the hearing was over). She can be seen walking towards her and extending her hand to shake Blackburn’s.

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Let me know if others disagree and (b) (5) .

Thanks,
Kelsey

Kelsey Pietranton
Office of Public Affairs
Department of Justice

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(m) (b) (6)

From: Pietranton, Kelsey (PAO)
Subject: RE: Reaching out from DOJ
To: Chasmar, Jessica
Sent: October 6, 2021 1:32 PM (UTC-04:00)

Fantastic, I see the update to "questions" and I very much appreciate it.

All the best,
Kelsey

From: Chasmar, Jessica (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, October 6, 2021 1:21 PM
To: Pietranton, Kelsey (PAO) (b) (6)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Reaching out from DOJ

Thanks again. The story has been updated but may need a few minutes to cache.
<https://www.foxnews.com/politics/blackburn-deputy-ag-harassment-school-officials-very-dangerous>

From: Pietranton, Kelsey (PAO) (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, October 6, 2021 1:12 PM
To: Chasmar, Jessica (b) (6)
Subject: RE: Reaching out from DOJ

Thanks so much, I really appreciate it! I'll keep my eyes out for a revised headline.

Please keep my email if/when you need to get in touch with DOJ in the future, and don't hesitate to reach out.

Thanks again,
Kelsey

From: Chasmar, Jessica (b) (6) >
Sent: Wednesday, October 6, 2021 1:08 PM
To: Pietranton, Kelsey (PAO) (b) (6) >
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Reaching out from DOJ

Hey Kelsey, I'm so sorry I missed your emails last night. We're updating the story now.

From: Pietranton, Kelsey (PAO) (b) (6)
Sent: Tuesday, October 5, 2021 11:24 PM
To: Chasmar, Jessica (b) (6)
Cc: Gibson, Jake (b) (6)
Subject: Re: Reaching out from DOJ

Hey there,

(b) (6) but wanted to circle back on this, and make sure you got my email? Can you kindly let me know in the morning?

Thanks so much,
Kelsey

Kelsey Pietranton
Office of Public Affairs

Department of Justice

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On Oct 5, 2021, at 6:48 PM, Pietranton, Kelsey (PAO) (b) (6) wrote:

Duplicative Material, Document ID: 0.7.1451.25556

From: Gelber, Sophie (PAO)
Subject: RE: Senate Judiciary VAWA hearing updates
To: Pietranton, Kelsey (PAO)
Sent: October 5, 2021 3:54 PM (UTC-04:00)

Flagging this for you, it will be in clips. [Blackburn confronts Deputy AG Monaco about crackdown on alleged harassment of school officials | Fox News](#)

From: Pietranton, Kelsey (PAO) (b) (6)
Sent: Tuesday, October 5, 2021 2:07 PM
To: Gelber, Sophie (PAO) (b) (6)
Subject: RE: Senate Judiciary VAWA hearing updates

Additions for you in the attached! Please send me the updated word doc before 5 and I'll take a look!

From: Gelber, Sophie (PAO) (b) (6)
Sent: Tuesday, October 5, 2021 1:40 PM
To: Pietranton, Kelsey (PAO) (b) (6); Stueve, Joshua (PAO) (b) (6)
Cc: Mitchell, Kendall M. (PAO) (b) (6); Coley, Anthony D. (PAO)
(b) (6); Iverson, Dena (PAO) (b) (6); Morales, Arlen M. (PAO)
(b) (6); Singh, Anita M. (ODAG) (b) (6); Carlin, John P. (ODAG)
(b) (6); Loeb, Emily M. (ODAG) (b) (6); Lewis, Megan (ODAG)
(b) (6); Suero, Maya A. (ODAG) (b) (6); Lin, Frank (ODAG)
(b) (6); Brockman, Audrey (ODAG) (b) (6); >
Subject: RE: Senate Judiciary VAWA hearing updates

Also adding Maya, Frank, and Audrey. Here's a word version with that WSJ story added (addition is highlighted).

From: Pietranton, Kelsey (PAO) (b) (6) >
Sent: Tuesday, October 5, 2021 1:37 PM
To: Gelber, Sophie (PAO) (b) (6); Stueve, Joshua (PAO) (b) (6)
Cc: Mitchell, Kendall M. (PAO) (b) (6); Coley, Anthony D. (PAO)
(b) (6); Iverson, Dena (PAO) (b) (6); Morales, Arlen M. (PAO)
(b) (6); Singh, Anita M. (ODAG) (b) (6); Carlin, John P. (ODAG)
(b) (6); Loeb, Emily M. (ODAG) (b) (6); Lewis, Megan (ODAG)
(b) (6); >
Subject: RE: Senate Judiciary VAWA hearing updates

Thanks Sophie. Adding in Meg and Emily.

We will send up a full clips package by the end of the day, which will expand on social media, specifically from advocacy orgs. Also, I've asked People to pull their web traffic stats on the op ed.

Lastly, flagging a WSJ story that just popped: [Justice Department Will Review Decision Not to Charge FBI Agents Who Mishandled Nassar Investigation - WSJ](#)

From: Gelber, Sophie (PAO) (b) (6)
Sent: Tuesday, October 5, 2021 1:05 PM
To: Pietranton, Kelsey (PAO) (b) (6); Stueve, Joshua (PAO) (b) (6) >
Cc: Mitchell, Kendall M. (PAO) (b) (6); Coley, Anthony D. (PAO)

(b) (6) >; Iverson, Dena (PAO) (b) (6); Morales, Arlen M. (PAO)
(b) (6) >; Singh, Anita M. (ODAG) (b) (6); Carlin, John P. (ODAG)
(b) (6) >

Subject: RE: Senate Judiciary VAWA hearing updates

Clips as of 1pm:

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- [KTSA-AM 10/5/2021 11:02:19 AM](#)
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- [KTAR 10/5/2021 9:01:19 AM](#)

[WBEN 10/5/2021 12:03:27 PM](#)

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Associated Press: [Decision to not prosecute agents in Nassar case under review](#), by Farnoush Amiri

Reuters: [U.S. Justice Department renews inquiry into FBI's failures in Larry Nassar probe](#), by Sarah N. Lynch

CNN: [Justice Department is reviewing decision not to prosecute former FBI agents who botched Larry Nassar investigation](#), by Jessica Schneider and Chandelis Duster

Fox News: [DOJ reviewing decision not to prosecute FBI agents in Nassar case](#), by Ronn Blitzer

Washington Post: [Justice Dept. reviewing earlier decision not to charge FBI agents in failed Nassar case](#), by Devlin Barrett

Tweets

[John Manly](#) (gymnast's lawyer)



Grateful to @LisaMonaco & the US DOJ for announcing a new criminal review of the FBI agents who lied & covered up for Nassar with USOPC/USAG. It's time that all Nassar enablers face justice! #Olympics #nassar #gymnastics

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Senate Judiciary Committee



BREAKING: Deputy AG Lisa Monaco tells the Judiciary Committee that newly confirmed Assistant AG for the Criminal Division, Kenneth Polite, Jr, has opened a review of DOJ's earlier decision to decline prosecution of the agents who committed misconduct in the Larry Nassar case.

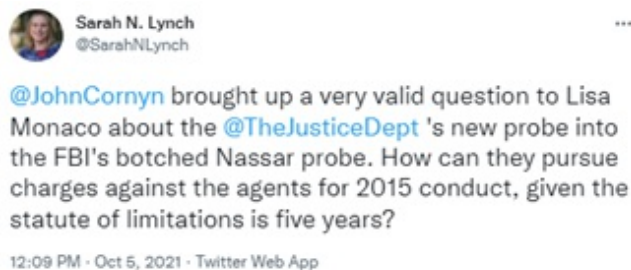
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Associated Press: [Decision to not prosecute agents in Nassar case under review](#), by Farnoush Amiri

The Justice Department said Tuesday that it is reviewing an earlier decision to decline prosecution against two former FBI agents embroiled in the Larry Nassar sexual abuse cases after new information has emerged.

In testimony before the Senate Judiciary Committee, Deputy Attorney General Lisa Monaco said the newly confirmed assistant attorney general for the department's criminal division will be taking a second look at the FBI's alleged failure to promptly address complaints made in 2015 against Nassar.

"I am deeply sorry that in this case, the victims did not receive the response or the protection that they deserved," Monaco said as she testified during a hearing on the renewal of the Violence Against Women's Act.

She added, "I do want the committee, and frankly, I want the survivors to understand how exceptionally seriously we take this issue and believe that this deserves a thorough and full review."

Monaco did not elaborate on what the new information was, but her testimony comes a couple weeks after USA Olympic gymnasts appeared before the same committee and [provided forceful testimony](#) that federal law enforcement and gymnastics officials turned a "blind eye" to the USA Gymnastics team doctor's sexual abuse of the gymnasts and hundreds of other women.

Last month's hearing was part of a congressional effort to hold the FBI accountable after multiple missteps in investigating the case, including delays that allowed the now-imprisoned Nassar to abuse other young gymnasts.

An [internal investigation by the Justice Department](#) released in July said the FBI made fundamental errors in the probe and did not treat the case with the "utmost seriousness" after USA Gymnastics first reported the allegations to the FBI's field office in Indianapolis in 2015. The FBI has acknowledged its own conduct was inexcusable.

In the hearing last month, FBI Director Christopher Wray blasted his own agents who failed to appropriately respond to the complaints and made a promise to the victims that he was committed to "make damn sure everybody at the FBI remembers what happened here" and that it never happens again.

Hundreds of girls and women have said Nassar sexually abused them under the guise of medical treatment when he worked for Michigan State University and USA Gymnastics, which trains Olympians.

He pleaded guilty in federal court to child pornography crimes before pleading guilty in state court to sexually assaulting female gymnasts, and was [sentenced in 2018](#) to 40 to 175 years in prison.

Reuters: [U.S. Justice Department renews inquiry into FBI's failures in Larry Nassar probe](#), by Sarah N. Lynch

The U.S. Justice Department has launched a fresh inquiry into the FBI's botched handling of its sex abuse investigation into disgraced former USA Gymnastics doctor Larry Nassar, after previously declining to prosecute the agents involved, Deputy Attorney General Lisa Monaco said on Tuesday.

"The recently confirmed assistant attorney general for the Criminal Division is currently reviewing this matter, including new information that has come to light," Monaco told the Senate Judiciary Committee on Tuesday, adding that she is "constrained" on what more she can say.

"I do want the committee and frankly, I want the survivors to understand how exceptionally seriously we take this issue," she added.

In an emotional hearing last month, famous gymnasts including Simone Biles and McKayla Maroney appeared before the same Senate panel, where they blasted the FBI for failing to properly investigate abuse they suffered under Nassar's care.

The hearing was prompted by a scathing investigation by the Justice Department's inspector general, which uncovered widespread and dire errors which allowed Nassar to continue to abuse at least 70 more victims before he was finally arrested.

Two former FBI agents were singled out in the report - the former Indianapolis field office Special Agent in Charge W. Jay Abbott and a former supervisory special agent who has since been identified as Michael Langeman.

The inspector general referred both former agents for prosecution, but the Justice Department declined to bring charges against them in September 2020.

CNN: [Justice Department is reviewing decision not to prosecute former FBI agents who botched Larry Nassar investigation](#), by Jessica Schneider and Chandelis Duster

Deputy Attorney General Lisa Monaco said Tuesday that new information has emerged concerning two former FBI agents accused of mishandling the investigation into allegations of abuse against former USA Gymnastics doctor Larry Nassar.

"I can inform the committee today that the recently confirmed Assistant AG for the criminal division is currently reviewing this matter, including new information that has come to light," Monaco told the Senate Judiciary Committee. "I do want the committee, and frankly I want the survivors, to understand how exceptionally seriously we take this issue and believe this reserves a thorough and full review."

Several renowned gymnasts who were abused by Nassar [spoke before the Senate panel](#) last month about the lack of accountability and inaction by the FBI. Lawmakers and gymnasts expressed outrage over the Justice Department's decision to not charge two former FBI employees who were referred by the department's inspector general for potential prosecution.

The Justice Department is now reviewing its decision not to prosecute the agents, Monaco said on Tuesday. Monaco declined to provide more detail about the new information.

"In light of that review, I think you'll understand I'm constrained in what more I can say about it," she said.

Monaco also fielded questions about whether the statute of limitations for lying to the FBI or other potential criminal acts in this case has run out and said she believed it was five years.

Sexual abuse allegations against Nassar were reported to the FBI in 2015 and 2016, and the actions of the agents were [investigated](#) by the Justice Department's inspector general for several years after that.

Asked by Senate Judiciary Chairman Dick Durbin if there was urgency to this criminal review or timetable, Monaco said, "We take exceptionally seriously our duty to protect victims. There is a sense of urgency and gravity with the work that needs to be done."

The FBI recently fired Michael Langeman, the agent who had interviewed gymnast McKayla Maroney, while the other official, Jay Abbott, retired in early 2018.

Fox News: [DOJ reviewing decision not to prosecute FBI agents in Nassar case](#), by Ronn Blitzer

The [Justice Department](#) is reviewing its decision not to charge [FBI](#) agents for their conduct during the investigation of former USA Gymnastics doctor and convicted sex offender Larry Nassar, following testimony from several female athletes who said their complaints to the bureau had gone ignored for years.

The news came from Deputy Attorney General Lisa Monaco, who told the Senate Judiciary Committee about it Tuesday during a hearing focused on the Violence Against Women Act.

"I can inform the committee today that the recently-confirmed assistant attorney general for the criminal division is currently reviewing this matter, including new information that has come to light," Monaco said.

The deputy attorney general did not indicate what that new information is, noting the need for sensitivity during an ongoing investigation.

Nassar is serving sentences totaling hundreds of years following convictions for child pornography and numerous counts of criminal sexual conduct stemming from abuse he committed against women and girls under the guise of medical treatment.

During a September hearing before the same committee, gymnasts including Olympic champions [Simone Biles](#), McKayla Maroney and Aly Raisman described how the FBI failed to act after they spoke to officials about their experiences. The hearing came after a DOJ Inspector General's report revealed the bureau's inaction.

"In reviewing the OIG's report," Biles continued, "it truly feels that the FBI turned a blind eye to us and went out of its way to protect [USA Gymnastics] and [the United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee]. A message needs to be sent: if you allow a predator to harm children, the consequences will be swift and severe. Enough is enough."

Maroney recalled her experience with the FBI, speaking to them on the phone for three hours because she was too sick to meet in person. She told the committee about how she answered all of their questions and discussed every instance of abuse she endured, in detail, only for FBI agents to provide a false account of what she said.

"After telling my entire story of abuse to the FBI in the summer of 2015 not only did the FBI not report my abuse, but when they eventually documented my report 17 months later they made entirely false claims about what I said," Maroney said, stating that she "was shocked and deeply disappointed" by what she had read in the inspector general's report.

Maroney specifically called out Monaco for not being present at that hearing.

"Deputy Attorney General Lisa Monaco couldn't even bring herself to be here today, and it is the Department of Justice's job to hold them accountable," Maroney said. "I am tired of waiting for people to do the right thing."

Fox News was told Monaco was in Washington at the time, but that she had already been scheduled to appear before the committee in October and was willing to answer questions about the matter at that time.

At Tuesday's hearing, Monaco stressed that the Justice Department does view the situation as a priority.

"I do want the committee, and frankly I want the survivors to understand how exceptionally seriously we take this issue and believe that this deserves a thorough and full review."

Washington Post: [Justice Dept. reviewing earlier decision not to charge FBI agents in failed Nassar case](#), by Devlin Barrett

The Justice Department is reviewing its decision not to charge FBI agents who failed to properly investigate sex abuse allegations leveled against Larry Nassar, the disgraced former USA gymnastics doctor who sexually abused his patients, including world-famous gymnasts.

Deputy Attorney General Lisa O. Monaco made the announcement at a hearing Tuesday before the Senate Judiciary Committee. Lawmakers on the panel have sharply criticized the Justice Department for not pursuing false statements charges against a supervisory FBI agent and his boss for what the [agency's inspector general concluded were lies to internal investigators](#) to cover up their failures.

Monaco told the committee that the newly-confirmed head of the criminal division, Kenneth Polite, "is currently reviewing this matter, including new information that has come to light." She said the review is being conducted with "a sense of urgency and gravity."

It is rare for the Justice Department to even consider reopening a case that has been closed without charges. In the case of the Nassar agents, one retired years ago; the other was [fired this summer](#) in the wake of a scathing report by Inspector General Michael Horowitz that found major missteps in the FBI's handling of allegations against Nassar in 2015, allowing him to victimize scores more patients before he was arrested by state authorities the following year.

The Justice Department review comes less than a month after Simone Biles and three other high-profile gymnasts [gave emotional testimony](#) to the Judiciary committee about how they had been abused by Nassar and ignored by the FBI.

"I blame Larry Nassar, and I also blame an entire system that enabled and perpetrated his abuse," Biles told the committee.

Nassar was ultimately convicted of state sex abuse and federal child pornography charges and is currently serving an effective life sentence in prison.

At the hearing on Tuesday, Monaco apologized to the gymnasts, saying, "I am deeply sorry that in this case the victims did not receive the response or the protection that they deserved."

Sen. John Cornyn (R-Tex.) said Monaco had shown "profound disrespect" for the victims by declining to testify at the hearing where they appeared last month.

"I mean no disrespect, Senator," Monaco replied.

"You're about three weeks too late, by my account," said Cornyn.

The key conduct at issue in the Nassar case occurred well within the federal statute of limitations for prosecuting those involved.

Supervisory Special Agent Michael Langeman, who was fired a month ago, allegedly lied to agents with the inspector general's office in interviews in 2020 and 2021, according to Horowitz's report.

Langeman was questioned at length about why he did not pursue a case against Nassar, and whether he had in fact referred the matter to a different FBI office, and why he wrote a report of an interview with a key victim more than a year after the interview took place.

The inspector general report did not identify Langeman by name, but found that he lied to investigators "in an effort to minimize or excuse his errors."

Horowitz found that while the FBI was dealing with the Nassar allegations in late 2015, the head of the FBI's Indianapolis office, Jay Abbott, talked to Stephen Penny, then-president of USA Gymnastics, about getting Abbott a job with the Olympic Committee.

The inspector general said Abbott applied for the job but did not get it, and when confronted about it in 2019, falsely claimed to the inspector general that he had not sought the job. Penny resigned under pressure from his job with USA Gymnastics in 2017, and was charged in 2018 with evidence-tampering in the sex-abuse case. Abbott retired from the FBI.

One of the FBI's chief failures in the Nassar case was not alerting state authorities to the possibility that he might be committing sex crimes against children — crimes which state prosecutors could, and eventually did, charge him with.

In response to that criticism, Monaco last week urged prosecutors and agents to coordinate more closely with state and local law enforcement about potential crimes that may fall outside federal law but may still be worth pursuing.

"Even in those instances where the federal government cannot bring its own criminal charges, our obligation to protect crime victims and ensure public safety does not end," Monaco wrote in the memo. "Instead, proper coordination with state, local, or tribal law enforcement partners may become more important, particularly in the face of apparent, ongoing criminal behavior that puts victims at risk."

From: Pietranton, Kelsey (PAO) (b) (6) >
Sent: Tuesday, October 5, 2021 12:00 PM
To: Gelber, Sophie (PAO) (b) (6) >; Stueve, Joshua (PAO) (b) (6)
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(b) (6) >; Singh, Anita M. (ODAG) (b) (6); Carlin, John P. (ODAG)
(b) (6)
Subject: Re: Senate Judiciary VAWA hearing updates

Plus Josh. Please keep him on these emails.

Kelsey Pietranton
Office of Public Affairs
Department of Justice
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On Oct 5, 2021, at 11:49 AM, Gelber, Sophie (PAO) (b) (6) wrote:

Hearing is over.

From: Gelber, Sophie (PAO)
Sent: Tuesday, October 5, 2021 11:44 AM
To: Mitchell, Kendall M. (PAO) (b) (6); Pietranton, Kelsey (PAO)
(b) (6)
Cc: Coley, Anthony D. (PAO) (b) (6); Iverson, Dena (PAO)
(b) (6); Morales, Arlen M. (PAO) (b) (6) Singh, Anita M.
(ODAG) (b) (6); Carlin, John P. (ODAG) (b) (6)
Subject: RE: Senate Judiciary VAWA hearing updates

Durbin entering the school board enforcement memo into the record.

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Sent: Tuesday, October 5, 2021 11:43 AM
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(ODAG) (b) (6); Carlin, John P. (ODAG) (b) (6)
Subject: RE: Senate Judiciary VAWA hearing updates

Tillis asked what changes we can make to the “plumbing” of VAWA to ensure it’s most effective. DAG—we need to make sure we are getting the funding out to people. Recipients then have to file reports on the use of those funds. OVW is also good use of funds.

Tillis then asked about audits of grantees and victims.

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(b) (6); Morales, Arlen M. (PAO) (b) (6) Singh, Anita M.
(ODAG) (b) (6); Carlin, John P. (ODAG) (b) (6)
Subject: RE: Senate Judiciary VAWA hearing updates

Coons asked about VAWA supporting nonprofit work esp with the increased need from COVID 19.

DAG says we need to reauthorize VAWA at the 1 billion level to provide resources to survivors.

Coons: How can congress ensure survivors don’t face barriers to affordable housing?

DAG says we need to make sure there’s a refuge for those fleeing abusers. VAWA will fund this.

Coons asked about Hawley’s allegation that theres been an unprecedented level of harassment by the FBI of parents at school board meetings and whether there was foundation to it.

DAG said no.

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Subject: RE: Senate Judiciary VAWA hearing updates

Klobuchar asked about updating the boyfriend loophole for domestic abusers.
DAG said yes.

Hawley also asked about the AGs directive on the school board enforcement.
Called for a separate hearing with the AG on the subject, he says it's outrageous.

From: Gelber, Sophie (PAO)

Sent: Tuesday, October 5, 2021 11:21 AM

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Cotton asked if she would be bringing charges against parents protesting Critical Race Theory and whether "its domestic extremism for a parent to advocate for their child's best interest?" He's trying to get DAG to answer in yes or no.

Brought up the AGs statement about the school board threats then asked if the AG issued a directive on the rise in murder/violent crime—to which the DAG answered yes we did.

He then asked if the FBI expressed reticence to the AGs memo and DAG said no. Cotton said it was expressed to him and Monaco said no.

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Sent: Tuesday, October 5, 2021 11:17 AM

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(ODAG) (b) (6); Carlin, John P. (ODAG) (b) (6)

Subject: RE: Senate Judiciary VAWA hearing updates

Whitehouse asked why there are two different gates for the information around the Nassar case, thanked DAG for being transparent and asked for more updates.

Then asked about housing and VAWA.

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(b) (6); Morales, Arlen M. (PAO) (b) (6); Singh, Anita M.
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Subject: RE: Senate Judiciary VAWA hearing updates

Sen Leahy asked about restorative justice programs.

Rough transcript of first part:

Sen. Cornyn immediately said he was surprised to see DAG Monaco since she didn't come to Nassar hearing. Ms. Raisman said the message by them not showing up says that child abuse doesn't matter. She's talking about you. I think it's completely shocking and disturbing that they didn't think it was important.

Monaco: I think that the women who came and testified here are exceptionally brave..

Cornyn: They're talking about you not showing up, which was a disrespectful act. Which did not view the allegations they made against Nassar as sufficiently significant enough to show up.

Monaco: Im deeply and profoundly sorry for the fact that the victims and courageous survivors who testified last month and unfortunately the scores of other survivors of Larry Nassar

Cornyn: Why didn't you or the AG show up at the hearing?

Monaco: I thank the committee and I'm glad the committee was able to hear from Dir. Wray and the IG.

Cornyn: Don't you think you demonstrated profound disrespect by your refusal to respond to Sen Blumenthal and Feinsteins letter and your refusal to show as the person in charge of supervising the FBI?

Monaco: I mean no disrespect Sen, and I'm here to answer whatever qs the committee has with regard to whatever steps the DOJ is taking to make sure the inexcusable and fundamental failures do not happen again. I'm happy to answer any questions the committee has on that subject.

Cornyn: Well you're 3 weeks too late.

From: Gelber, Sophie (PAO)

Sent: Tuesday, October 5, 2021 10:57 AM

To: Mitchell, Kendall M. (PAO) (b) (6) >; Pietranton, Kelsey (PAO)

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Cc: Coley, Anthony D. (PAO) (b) (6) >; Iverson, Dena (PAO)

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(ODAG) (b) (6) >; Carlin, John P. (ODAG) (b) (6) >

Subject: RE: Senate Judiciary VAWA hearing updates

Twitter update (there have been a few reporter tweets on this, so just flagging):

[Carrie Johnson on Twitter: "NEW Deputy attorney general Lisa Monaco tells the Senate Judiciary Committee the newly confirmed Assistant Attorney General for the criminal division is "reviewing" the earlier decision to decline prosecution against 2 former FBI agents embroiled in the Larry Nassar matter 1/2" / Twitter](#)

From: Gelber, Sophie (PAO)

Sent: Tuesday, October 5, 2021 10:54 AM

To: Mitchell, Kendall M. (PAO) (b) (6) Pietranton, Kelsey (PAO)

(b) (6)

Cc: Coley, Anthony D. (PAO) (b) (6) ; Iverson, Dena (PAO)

(b) (6) >; Morales, Arlen M. (PAO) (b) (6) >; Singh, Anita M.

(ODAG) (b) (6) ; Carlin, John P. (ODAG) (b) (6) >

Subject: RE: Senate Judiciary VAWA hearing updates

I'm taking over now, thank you Kendall!!

Sen. Grassley asked the DAG to respond in writing to his question about the DOJ implementing reforms about giving restitution to victims of crimes on the recommendation of an IG report.

From: Mitchell, Kendall M. (PAO) (b) (6) >
Sent: Tuesday, October 5, 2021 10:50 AM
To: Pietranton, Kelsey (PAO) (b) (6) >
Cc: Gelber, Sophie (PAO) (b) (6) >; Coley, Anthony D. (PAO) (b) (6) >; Iverson, Dena (PAO) (b) (6) >; Morales, Arlen M. (PAO) (b) (6) >; Singh, Anita M. (ODAG) (b) (6) >; Carlin, John P. (ODAG) (b) (6) >
Subject: RE: Senate Judiciary VAWA hearing updates

Sen. Grassley asked if the Department is supportive of ensuring that existing VAWA programs are extended until the end of the year.

From: Mitchell, Kendall M. (PAO)
Sent: Tuesday, October 5, 2021 10:49 AM
To: Pietranton, Kelsey (PAO) (b) (6)
Cc: Gelber, Sophie (PAO) (b) (6) >; Coley, Anthony D. (PAO) (b) (6) >; Iverson, Dena (PAO) (b) (6) >; Morales, Arlen M. (PAO) (b) (6) >; Singh, Anita M. (ODAG) (b) (6) >; Carlin, John P. (ODAG) (b) (6) >
Subject: RE: Senate Judiciary VAWA hearing updates

Sen. Grassley mentioned a letter he sent to the AG about the failure to prosecute the FBI agents.

From: Mitchell, Kendall M. (PAO)
Sent: Tuesday, October 5, 2021 10:45 AM
To: Pietranton, Kelsey (PAO) (b) (6) >
Cc: Gelber, Sophie (PAO) (b) (6) >; Coley, Anthony D. (PAO) (b) (6) >; Iverson, Dena (PAO) (b) (6) >; Morales, Arlen M. (PAO) (b) (6) >; Singh, Anita M. (ODAG) (b) (6) >; Carlin, John P. (ODAG) (b) (6) >
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Sen. Durbin mentioned the DOJ's responsibility to protect victims and the department's failure to hold the FBI accountable. He said the DOJ handles the individual prosecutions of predators and is concerned about the decision to decline prosecution of FBI agents who mishandled investigation and lied to the Inspector General's office. The Senator wants to know DAG's response to the department's decision to not prosecute these agents.

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Subject: Re: Senate Judiciary VAWA hearing updates

I heard the funding mention, Arlen, you're good for go with your release.

Kelsey Pietranton
Office of Public Affairs
Department of Justice
(o) (b) (6)
(m) (b) (6)

On Oct 5, 2021, at 10:34 AM, Mitchell, Kendall M. (PAO) (b) (6) >
wrote:

The DAG has is now speaking.

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To: Pietranton, Kelsey (PAO) (b) (6) >
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Subject: RE: Senate Judiciary VAWA hearing updates

Sen. Capito stated she is concerned about how the DOJ is allocating resources with the recent grant funding. She wants to ensure places like West Virginia and rural states are covered and urges the DOJ to update allocation methods to reflect the needs of rural and remote areas where it's more difficult to report crimes and seek assistance.

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Sent: Tuesday, October 5, 2021 10:18 AM
To: Pietranton, Kelsey (PAO) (b) (6) >
Cc: Gelber, Sophie (PAO) (b) (6) >; Coley, Anthony D. (PAO) (b) (6) >; Iverson, Dena (PAO) (b) (6) >; Morales, Arlen M. (PAO) (b) (6) >
Subject: RE: Senate Judiciary VAWA hearing updates

Grassley thanked the DAG for attending the hearing.

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Subject: RE: Senate Judiciary VAWA hearing updates

Side note—Kelsey, the video is not up on the WH Twitter yet.

-KMM

From: Mitchell, Kendall M. (PAO)
Sent: Tuesday, October 5, 2021 10:16 AM
To: Pietranton, Kelsey (PAO) (b) (6) >
Cc: Gelber, Sophie (PAO) (b) (6) >; Coley, Anthony D. (PAO) (b) (6) >; Iverson, Dena (PAO) (b) (6) >

Morales, Arlen M. (PAO) (b) (6) >

Subject: RE: Senate Judiciary VAWA hearing updates

Sen. Grassley mentioned in 2018, he led the committee's efforts to press the FBI for information on allegations from U.S. gymnasts' experiences with sexual assault at the hands of Larry Nassar. He stated that he has been seeking justice for the victims and has questions for DOJ on accountability for those who failed these victims. Grassley also mentioned that DOJ refused to attend the hearing last month on this topic.

From: Mitchell, Kendall M. (PAO)

Sent: Tuesday, October 5, 2021 10:10 AM

To: Pietranton, Kelsey (PAO) (b) (6)

Cc: Gelber, Sophie (PAO) (b) (6) >; Coley, Anthony D. (PAO)

(b) (6) ; Iverson, Dena (PAO) (b) (6)

Morales, Arlen M. (PAO) (b) (6) >

Subject: RE: Senate Judiciary VAWA hearing updates

Hi Kelsey,

I'll check!

So far, Sen. Durbin introduced the DAG and talked about how her work on VAWA as a Congressional intern inspired her to go to law school.

From: Pietranton, Kelsey (PAO) (b) (6)

Sent: Tuesday, October 5, 2021 10:09 AM

To: Mitchell, Kendall M. (PAO) (b) (6)

Cc: Gelber, Sophie (PAO) (b) (6) >; Coley, Anthony D. (PAO)

(b) (6) ; Iverson, Dena (PAO) (b) (6) >;

Morales, Arlen M. (PAO) (b) (6)

Subject: Re: Senate Judiciary VAWA hearing updates

Durbin showed a great video from the WH. Kendall, can you check WH Twitter? Would be assessment to retweet! Thanks!

Kelsey Pietranton
Office of Public Affairs
Department of Justice
(o) (b) (6)
(m) (b) (6)

On Oct 5, 2021, at 10:03 AM, Mitchell, Kendall M. (PAO)

(b) (6) wrote:

Thanks, Sophie!

Hearing just started.

On Oct 5, 2021, at 9:53 AM, Gelber, Sophie (PAO)

(b) (6) > wrote:

Hi all! Starting this thread for updates while we monitor the DAG at the VAWA hearing. Kendall will start it off then I'll take over.

From: Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO)
Subject: Talking Points for USAs on school threats
To: Coley, Anthony D. (PAO); Iverson, Dena (PAO)
Sent: October 6, 2021 12:35 PM (UTC-04:00)
Attached: Draft TPs to USAs (10.6.21) FINAL.docx

These have been reviewed and cleared through ODAGF, EPUSA and CRT. I ma ready to share them with the USAOs for use in speaking with law enforcement partners, community stakeholders and the press. Agree?

Wyn Hornbuckle
Deputy Director, Office of Public Affairs
U.S. Department of Justice
O: (b) (6)
M: (b) (6)

Justice Department Addresses Violent Threats Against School Officials and Teachers

Talking Points

On October 4, 2021, citing an increase in harassment, intimidation and threats of violence against school board members, teachers and workers in our nation's public schools, today Attorney General Merrick B. Garland directed the FBI and U.S. Attorneys' Offices to meet in the next 30 days with federal, state, Tribal, territorial and local law enforcement leaders to discuss strategies for addressing this disturbing trend. These sessions will open dedicated lines of communication for threat reporting, assessment and response by law enforcement.

Below are talking points for use by U.S. Attorneys and other Department officials in speaking with law enforcement partners, community stakeholders or the press:

(b) (5)

- There has been misinformation circulated that the Attorney General's directive is an effort to silence those with particular views about COVID-related policies, school curricula, or other topics of public discussion.
- This is simply not true. As stated clearly in the Attorney General's guidance to the FBI and United States Attorney's Offices, the Department's efforts are about rooting out criminal threats of violence, not about any particular ideology.

(b) (5)

From: Loeb, Emily M. (ODAG)
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Media Inquiry from Sophia Tulp - The Associated Press
To: Singh, Anita M. (ODAG); Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO); Chambers, Kevin (ODAG)
Cc: Iverson, Dena (PAO)
Sent: October 6, 2021 12:29 PM (UTC-04:00)
agree

-----Original Message-----

From: Singh, Anita M. (ODAG) (b) (6) >
Sent: Wednesday, October 6, 2021 11:40 AM
To: Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO) (b) (6) >; Chambers, Kevin (ODAG) (b) (6); Loeb, Emily M. (ODAG) (b) (6)
Cc: Iverson, Dena (PAO) (b) (6)
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Media Inquiry from Sophia Tulp - The Associated Press

No objection here.

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From: Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO) (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, October 6, 2021 11:26 AM
To: Chambers, Kevin (ODAG) (b) (6); Loeb, Emily M. (ODAG) (b) (6) >; Singh, Anita M. (ODAG) (b) (6)
Cc: Iverson, Dena (PAO) (b) (6)
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Media Inquiry from Sophia Tulp - The Associated Press

Thanks, these look great, if others concur, we can clean these up and run them past Anthony. I can send a note to the USAOs with them this afternoon. Sound like a good plan?

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From: Chambers, Kevin (ODAG) (b) (6)
Sent: Wednesday, October 6, 2021 11:13 AM
To: Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO) (b) (6); Loeb, Emily M. (ODAG) (b) (6); Singh, Anita M. (ODAG) (b) (6)
Cc: Iverson, Dena (PAO) (b) (6)
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Media Inquiry from Sophia Tulp - The Associated Press

Wyn,

EOUSA and CRT have cleared the TPs (attached with changes in track). CRT's new bullet point lays out more detail on the contours of potentially applicable federal statutes.

-----Original Message-----

From: Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO) (b) (6)
Sent: Tuesday, October 5, 2021 3:32 PM
To: Loeb, Emily M. (ODAG) (b) (6); Chambers, Kevin (ODAG) (b) (6); Singh, Anita M. (ODAG) (b) (6)
Cc: Iverson, Dena (PAO) (b) (6)
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Media Inquiry from Sophia Tulp - The Associated Press

Thanks!

-----Original Message-----

From: Loeb, Emily M. (ODAG) (b) (6)
Sent: Tuesday, October 5, 2021 3:25 PM
To: Chambers, Kevin (ODAG) (b) (6); Singh, Anita M. (ODAG)

(b) (6); Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO) (b) (6) >
Cc: Iverson, Dena (PAO) (b) (6)
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Media Inquiry from Sophia Tulp - The Associated Press

Edits to the end of both bullets.

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From: Chambers, Kevin (ODAG) (b) (6)
Sent: Tuesday, October 5, 2021 2:42 PM
To: Singh, Anita M. (ODAG) (b) (6); Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO)
(b) (6)
Cc: Iverson, Dena (PAO) (b) (6); Loeb, Emily M. (ODAG)
(b) (6)
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Media Inquiry from Sophia Tulp - The Associated Press

Good with the two lines below and will handle broader clearance with EOUSA. I will also (b) (5)

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From: Singh, Anita M. (ODAG) (b) (6)
Sent: Tuesday, October 5, 2021 2:40 PM
To: Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO) (b) (6); Chambers, Kevin (ODAG)
(b) (6)
Cc: Iverson, Dena (PAO) (b) (6); Loeb, Emily M. (ODAG)
(b) (6)
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Media Inquiry from Sophia Tulp - The Associated Press

I am good with the line you want to deploy if Kevin and Emily are. And will leave finalizing/clearing/distributing the broader set of TPs to Kevin. Thanks!

-----Original Message-----

From: Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO) (b) (6) >
Sent: Tuesday, October 5, 2021 2:31 PM
To: Singh, Anita M. (ODAG) (b) (6); Chambers, Kevin (ODAG)
(b) (6)
Cc: Iverson, Dena (PAO) (b) (6); Loeb, Emily M. (ODAG)
(b) (6)
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Media Inquiry from Sophia Tulp - The Associated Press

Minor edits here. Can we be more specific on (b) (5)

(b) (5)?

Regardless of the answer to this question, I think this can go to EOUSA and other required clearances. It would be very useful to deploy this line in particular asap:

- (b) (5)

- (b) (5) [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: Singh, Anita M. (ODAG) (b) (6) [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 5, 2021 2:12 PM
To: Chambers, Kevin (ODAG) (b) (6) [REDACTED]; Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO) (b) (6) [REDACTED]
Cc: Iverson, Dena (PAO) (b) (6) [REDACTED]; Loeb, Emily M. (ODAG) (b) (6) [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Media Inquiry from Sophia Tulp - The Associated Press

Extremely quick edits, but welcome thoughts from Emily and OPA - focused more on (b) (5) [REDACTED]. that are the issue here. Once you all are comfortable, we should also clear with EOUSA and others.

-----Original Message-----

From: Chambers, Kevin (ODAG) (b) (6) [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 5, 2021 2:06 PM
To: Singh, Anita M. (ODAG) (b) (6) [REDACTED]; Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO) (b) (6) [REDACTED]
Cc: Iverson, Dena (PAO) (b) (6) [REDACTED]; Loeb, Emily M. (ODAG) (b) (6) [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Media Inquiry from Sophia Tulp - The Associated Press

Here is a stab at some TPs for the USAOs.

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From: Singh, Anita M. (ODAG) (b) (6) [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 5, 2021 1:27 PM
To: Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO) (b) (6) [REDACTED]; Chambers, Kevin (ODAG) (b) (6) [REDACTED]
Cc: Iverson, Dena (PAO) (b) (6) [REDACTED]; Loeb, Emily M. (ODAG) (b) (6) [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Media Inquiry from Sophia Tulp - The Associated Press

Agree.

-----Original Message-----

From: Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO) (b) (6) [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 5, 2021 12:57 PM
To: Chambers, Kevin (ODAG) (b) (6) [REDACTED]; Singh, Anita M. (ODAG) (b) (6) [REDACTED]
Cc: Iverson, Dena (PAO) (b) (6) [REDACTED]; Loeb, Emily M. (ODAG) (b) (6) [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Media Inquiry from Sophia Tulp - The Associated Press

Thanks all. I think if the TPS can say plainly (b) (5) [REDACTED], that would be helpful.

-----Original Message-----

From: Chambers, Kevin (ODAG) (b) (6) [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 5, 2021 12:41 PM
To: Singh, Anita M. (ODAG) (b) (6) [REDACTED]; Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO) (b) (6) [REDACTED]

Cc: Iverson, Dena (PAO) (b) (6) >; Loeb, Emily M. (ODAG)
(b) (6)
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Media Inquiry from Sophia Tulp - The Associated Press

Thanks, A.

In addition to what is contained in the NSBA memo, there are numerous examples in the news over the past few months about threats to school board members, teachers, and even parents, while attending school board meetings, etc. It shouldn't be difficult to put that together.

I can work on some TPs for the USAOs to use to address inquiries while the TF is constituted.

-----Original Message-----

From: Singh, Anita M. (ODAG) (b) (6)
Sent: Tuesday, October 5, 2021 12:38 PM
To: Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO) (b) (6); Chambers, Kevin (ODAG)
(b) (6) >
Cc: Iverson, Dena (PAO) (b) (6); Loeb, Emily M. (ODAG)
(b) (6)
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Media Inquiry from Sophia Tulp - The Associated Press

+ Emily. I have not been substantively involved in these discussions, but happy to engage if helpful. Kevin is probably best situated to develop an initial response based on things that came up during coordination. Then Emily and I can weigh in.

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Sent: Tuesday, October 5, 2021 12:32 PM
To: Singh, Anita M. (ODAG) (b) (6); Chambers, Kevin (ODAG)
(b) (6) >
Cc: Iverson, Dena (PAO) (b) (6)
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Media Inquiry from Sophia Tulp - The Associated Press

As you are aware, a lot of blowback on this today and interest during the DAG's testimony. I wonder if we can substantiate beyond the issues raised in the National School Boards Association's letter and media reports, the foundation for the memo citing an "increase in harassment, intimidation and threats of violence against school board members, teachers and workers in our nation's public schools". Such as concerns raised by law enforcement in addition to those raised in the letter.

I also think we could use some additional talking points to provide to the US Attorney's Offices so we can stay on the affirmative as these questions come up locally.

-----Original Message-----

From: no-reply@usdoj.gov <no-reply@usdoj.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, October 5, 2021 9:59 AM
To: Press <Press@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Media Inquiry from Sophia Tulp - The Associated Press

Date Tuesday, October 5, 2021 - 9:59am EDT

Name: Sophia Tulp

Email Address: (b) (6)

Topic: Other (please specify at the top of your message)

Media Outlet: The Associated Press

Deadline: Urgent, ASAP -- Oct. 5, 2021

Inquiry:

Hello — I'm a journalist with the Associated Press' fact-checking and misinformation team.

I'm working on debunking misleading claims surrounding the U.S. Attorney General's DOJ's responses to violent threats against public school workers.

Some people are spreading false information online, including the following tweet which has gone viral with tens of thousands of shares:

"Attorney General Merrick Garland has instructed the FBI to mobilize against parents who oppose critical race theory in public schools, citing "threats."

While I know that the National School Boards Association's request for federal assistance did cite instances of harassment surrounding false information about critical race theory, it was my impression that this was not the sole issue at stake and that the above tweet could be misleading.

I was hoping to get comment from the US Attorney General's office/DOJ on the above claim and whether or not it is valid. I can be reached at (b) (6) or (b) (6). Thank you.

From: Singh, Anita M. (ODAG)
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Media Inquiry from Sophia Tulp - The Associated Press
To: Loeb, Emily M. (ODAG); Chambers, Kevin (ODAG); Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO)
Cc: Iverson, Dena (PAO)
Sent: October 5, 2021 3:29 PM (UTC-04:00)
Great edits. Thanks.

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From: Loeb, Emily M. (ODAG) (b) (6)
Sent: Tuesday, October 5, 2021 3:25 PM
To: Chambers, Kevin (ODAG) (b) (6); Singh, Anita M. (ODAG)
(b) (6); Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO) (b) (6)
Cc: Iverson, Dena (PAO) (b) (6)
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Media Inquiry from Sophia Tulp - The Associated Press

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From: Singh, Anita M. (ODAG)
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Media Inquiry from Sophia Tulp - The Associated Press
To: Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO); Chambers, Kevin (ODAG)
Cc: Iverson, Dena (PAO); Loeb, Emily M. (ODAG)
Sent: October 5, 2021 12:41 PM (UTC-04:00)

Also - you will prob want to flag for OAG in case they have points they wish to emphasize. Kevin - can you also coordinate with your OAG point of contact on this?

Thanks!

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From: Singh, Anita M. (ODAG)
Sent: Tuesday, October 5, 2021 12:38 PM
To: Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO) (b) (6); Chambers, Kevin (ODAG)
(b) (6)
Cc: Iverson, Dena (PAO) (b) (6); Loeb, Emily M. (ODAG)
(b) (6)
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Media Inquiry from Sophia Tulp - The Associated Press

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From: Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO)
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Media Inquiry from Sophia Tulp - The Associated Press
To: Tulp, Sophia
Sent: October 5, 2021 4:00 PM (UTC-04:00)

Ok thanks

From: Tulp, Sophia (b) (6)
Sent: Tuesday, October 5, 2021 3:46 PM
To: Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO) (b) (6)
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Media Inquiry from Sophia Tulp - The Associated Press

Thank you so much, I've added in this necessary input to the story, attributed to you.

Appreciate it!

-Sophia

[REDACTED]
Sophia Tulp

News Verification Newsperson

(b) (6)

Work: (b) (6)

Cell: (b) (6)

From: Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO) (b) (6)
Sent: Tuesday, October 5, 2021 3:35 PM
To: Tulp, Sophia (b) (6)
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Media Inquiry from Sophia Tulp - The Associated Press

[EXTERNAL]

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Sent: Tuesday, October 5, 2021 1:44 PM
To: Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO) (b) (6)
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Media Inquiry from Sophia Tulp - The Associated Press

Hi Wyn -- Just following up to see if I might be able to expect further input within the next hour or so. Also happy to hop on the phone.

Thanks!

Sophia

[REDACTED]

Sophia Tulp

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Thanks, appreciate it! I will stay tuned for the follow-up.

And thanks for the links -- I've referenced both in my drafted story and have pointed out that CRT isn't mentioned.

Now just hoping for a general statement that addresses the misleading point the tweet makes.

Best,

Sophia

[REDACTED]

Sophia Tulp

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From: Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO) (b) (6)

Sent: Tuesday, October 5, 2021 12:34 PM

To: Tulp, Sophia (b) (6)

Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Media Inquiry from Sophia Tulp - The Associated Press

[EXTERNAL]

Hi Sophia - You are correct that this would be misleading. I will be back in touch shortly with a bit more info. In the meantime, please see below our press release and the actual text of the memo sent to FBI and US Attorney's etc yesterday, which makes no mention of critical race theory:

<https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.justice.gov%2Fopa%2Fpr%2Fjustice-department-addresses-violent-threats-against-school-officials-and-teachers&data=04%7C01%7Cstulp%40ap.org%7Ccd57ab70e74b4d18dd8c08d9881e0d8a%7Ce442e1abfd6b4ba3abf3b020eb50df37%7C1%7C0%7C637690484940210449%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWljoIMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTil6IklhaWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0%3D%7C1000&data=7T8%2Fg6vRT%2FjljSQLr%2FmK%2BtOUt7JBbgnL%2BSoWbPK2yQ8%3D&reserved=0>
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From: no-reply@usdoj.gov <no-reply@usdoj.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, October 5, 2021 9:59 AM

To: Press <Press@jmd.usdoj.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Media Inquiry from Sophia Tulp - The Associated Press

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From: Barrett, Devin
Subject: [EXTERNAL] can you give me a call when you have a sec?
To: Coley, Anthony D. (PAO)
Sent: October 6, 2021 11:56 AM (UTC-04:00)

I am still trying to understand this school board threats memo

(b) (6) .

Thanks,
Dev

From: Press
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Media Inquiry from Ronn Blitzer - Fox News
To: Iverson, Dena (PAO); Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO)
Cc: Press
Sent: October 6, 2021 10:25 AM (UTC-04:00)

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Catherine Morris
Speechwriting/Media Affairs Intern
Office of Public Affairs | U.S. Department of Justice
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From: no-reply@usdoj.gov <no-reply@usdoj.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, October 6, 2021 10:12 AM
To: Press <Press@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Media Inquiry from Ronn Blitzer - Fox News

Date Wednesday, October 6, 2021 - 10:12am EDT

Name: Ronn Blitzer

Email Address: (b) (6)

Topic: Other (please specify at the top of your message)

Media Outlet: Fox News

Deadline: 10/6/21 11am

Inquiry:
Re: Rep. Ken Buck's letter to Attorney General Garland

Hello,

Does the Justice Department have any response to Rep. Ken Buck's letter to Attorney General Garland, in which he makes arguments against Garland's memo to the DOJ about taking action regarding behavior at school board meetings?

Buck called the memo "a politically motivated abuse of power" that does not have legal grounds.

Thank you.

Ronn Blitzer
Politics Reporter
FoxNews.com

From: Press
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Media Inquiry from Houston Keene - Fox News
To: Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO)
Cc: Shevlin, Shannon (PAO); Li, Kaei (PAO); Press
Sent: October 6, 2021 10:24 AM (UTC-04:00)

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From: no-reply@usdoj.gov <no-reply@usdoj.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, October 6, 2021 10:07 AM
To: Press <Press@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Media Inquiry from Houston Keene - Fox News

Date Wednesday, October 6, 2021 - 10:06am EDT

Name: Houston Keene

Email Address: (b) (6)

Topic: Office of Public Affairs Administrative Matters

Media Outlet: Fox News

Deadline: 10:45 AM EST

Inquiry:
Good morning,

I'm writing a story on the letter from Arizona AG Brnovich to AG Garland regarding his memo mobilizing the FBI to address alleged threats against school boards across the country.

Does the attorney general have any comment on or response to state AG Brnovich's letter?

From: Klapper, Matthew B. (OAG)
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] RE: Free to chat at 4?
To: Coley, Anthony D. (PAO)
Sent: October 5, 2021 10:41 PM (UTC-04:00)

I agree with you. We'll let the work speak for itself.

-----Original Message-----

From: Coley, Anthony D. (PAO) (b) (6)
Sent: Tuesday, October 5, 2021 9:13 PM
To: Klapper, Matthew B. (OAG) (b) (6)
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] RE: Free to chat at 4?

(b) (5) (unless you think otherwise)...

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From: Thomas, Rachel <Rachel.Thomas@ed.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, October 5, 2021 10:58 AM
To: Coley, Anthony D. (PAO) (b) (6); Samuel, Aaliyah
<Aaliyah.Samuel@ed.gov>
Cc: Roberts, Alivia P. (PAO) (b) (6); Honeysett, Adam
<Adam.Honeysett@ed.gov>
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] RE: Free to chat at 4?

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From: Coley, Anthony D. (PAO) (b) (6)
Sent: Tuesday, October 5, 2021 10:54 AM
To: Samuel, Aaliyah <Aaliyah.Samuel@ed.gov>; Thomas, Rachel <Rachel.Thomas@ed.gov>
Cc: Roberts, Alivia P. (PAO) (b) (6); Honeysett, Adam
<Adam.Honeysett@ed.gov>
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] RE: Free to chat at 4?

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Mornin' all -- Welcome your thoughts/guidance on any add'l outreach DOJ should make in this space. And of course defer to your judgment on any Secy-level engagement...

For background - I had a good call with Chip yesterday ahead of the announcement. Walked him through what it was and reiterated the department's commitment to addressing the issue. Very productive call, which was reflected in his public statement.

Anthony D. Coley, Director
Office of Public Affairs &
Sr. Advisor to the Attorney General
U.S. Department of Justice
Direct: (b) (6)
Cell: (b) (6)

@AnthonyColeyDOJ

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From: Samuel, Aaliyah <Aaliyah.Samuel@ed.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, October 5, 2021 10:25 AM

To: Coley, Anthony D. (PAO) (b) (6); Thomas, Rachel
<Rachel.Thomas@ed.gov>

Cc: Roberts, Alivia P. (PAO) (b) (6); Honeysett, Adam
<Adam.Honeysett@ed.gov>

Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] RE: Free to chat at 4?

Hi All,

(b)(5) per Dept. of Ed.

Thoughts?

A.

Dr. Aaliyah A. Samuel

Deputy Assistant Secretary, Local, State and National Engagement Office of Communications and
Outreach U.S. Department of Education Mobile | (b) (6)

On 10/4/21, 6:18 PM, "Coley, Anthony D. (PAO)" (b) (6) wrote:

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All good on our end. Alivia Roberts will send everyone the docs

> On Oct 4, 2021, at 6:15 PM, Thomas, Rachel <Rachel.Thomas@ed.gov> wrote:

>

> Hi sorry today has been a mess! I'm adding Aaliyah to see if she's able to connect with you.

Thanks!

>

> -----Original Message-----

> From: Coley, Anthony D. (PAO) (b) (6)

> Sent: Monday, October 4, 2021 3:48 PM

> To: Thomas, Rachel <Rachel.Thomas@ed.gov>

> Subject: Free to chat at 4?

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From: Samuel, Aaliyah
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] RE: Free to chat at 4?
To: Coley, Anthony D. (PAO); Thomas, Rachel
Cc: Roberts, Alivia P. (PAO); Honeysett, Adam
Sent: October 5, 2021 10:56 AM (UTC-04:00)

Awesomeness - then I think we are good at the staff level. (b)(5 per Dept. of Ed. [REDACTED])

A.

Dr. Aaliyah A. Samuel
Deputy Assistant Secretary, Local, State and National Engagement
Office of Communications and Outreach
U.S. Department of Education
Mobile | (b) (6) [REDACTED]

On 10/5/21, 10:54 AM, "Coley, Anthony D. (PAO)" (b) (6) [REDACTED] wrote:

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From: Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO)
Subject: RE: Legal experts criticize school board directive - Fox News request
To: Laco, Kelly
Sent: October 5, 2021 4:00 PM (UTC-04:00)

You can attribute the statement to me.

Here's a bit more background on the memo, and some things we would highlight for you

As the Attorney General's memo says:

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- the type of behavior that constitutes threats,
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- how to capture and preserve evidence of threatening conduct to aid in the investigation and prosecution of these crimes.

You can read the full memo [here](#) and the department's announcement [here](#)

From: Laco, Kelly (b) (6)
Sent: Tuesday, October 5, 2021 3:46 PM
To: Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO) (b) (6)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: Legal experts criticize school board directive - Fox News request

Thanks Wyn! Can I attribute this statement to you?

In addition, can you clarify how the department specifically defines "threats of intimidation" in the memo? What exactly does that mean, since it could have broad interpretations?

Thanks!

Kelly

From: Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO) (b) (6) >
Sent: Tuesday, October 5, 2021 3:37 PM
To: Laco, Kelly (b) (6) >
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: Legal experts criticize school board directive - Fox News request

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Sent: Tuesday, October 5, 2021 1:53 PM
To: Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO) (b) (6) >
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: Legal experts criticize school board directive - Fox News request

Thanks Wyn! Although Garland didn't mention it explicitly in his remarks, I think most of the criticism is coming from the fact that Garland's announcement came just days after the National School Board Association wrote a letter to Biden asking his administration to treat parent protests at school board meetings as possible acts of "domestic terrorism."

From: Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO) (b) (6) >
Sent: Tuesday, October 5, 2021 1:45 PM
To: Laco, Kelly (b) (6) >
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: Legal experts criticize school board directive - Fox News request

Kelly,

Just for your background, I would encourage a closer reading of the AG's memo. This is about violent threats directed at school officials, board members and other personnel:

[Justice Department Addresses Violent Threats Against School Officials and Teachers | OPA | Department of Justice Partnership Among Federal, State, Local, Tribal and Territorial Law Enforcement to Address Threats Against School Administrators, Board Members, Teachers, and Staff \(justice.gov\)](#)

If I have more to share, I'll be back in touch,

Best, Wyn

From: Laco, Kelly (b) (6) >
Sent: Tuesday, October 5, 2021 12:52 PM
To: Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO) (b) (6) >
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: Legal experts criticize school board directive - Fox News request

Thanks Wyn!

From: Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO) (b) (6)
Sent: Tuesday, October 5, 2021 12:36 PM
To: Laco, Kelly (b) (6)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: Legal experts criticize school board directive - Fox News request

Hi Kelly – I'll get back to you before 1:30

From: Laco, Kelly (b) (6)
Sent: Tuesday, October 5, 2021 12:32 PM
To: Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO) (b) (6) >
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Legal experts criticize school board directive - Fox News request

Hi Wyn!

Does DOJ want to respond to criticism by legal experts, state attorneys general that this latest move by DOJ to investigate "threats of violence" at school board meetings is "gross federal overreach" and a blatant attempt to push critical race theory in the classroom?

My deadline is 1:30 p.m. ET.

Thanks!

Kelly

Kelly Laco
Editor, Fox News Digital

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From: Bradford, Aryele (PAO)
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Media Inquiry from Lindsay Beyerstein - AlterNet
To: Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO)
Sent: October 5, 2021 3:59 PM (UTC-04:00)

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From: Press <Press@jmd.usdoj.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, October 5, 2021 3:50 PM
To: Bradford, Aryele (PAO) (b) (6); Mitchell, Kendall M. (PAO)
(b) (6)
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Media Inquiry from Lindsay Beyerstein - AlterNet

Date Tuesday, October 5, 2021 - 3:44pm EDT

Name: Lindsay Beyerstein

Email Address: (b) (6)

Topic: Civil Rights

Media Outlet: AlterNet

Deadline: 10/6/2021

Inquiry:
Hello,

I'm working on a column for AlterNet about DOJ's efforts to protect election officials and school board officials from threats and violence. Public health officials have been subject to similar abusive tactics.

Is DOJ taking any special steps to protect public health officials from violence and intimidation?

The column is about how the threats against education, election, and health officials are linked, with the AG's new measures to protect education officials as the hook. So, I want to make sure I'm up-to-date on what you guys are doing to protect officials in all three domains.

Warm regards,

-Lindsay Beyerstein

From: Frank Figliuzzi
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: ICYMI - Attorney General Garland Memo on Violent Threats Against School Officers and Teachers
To: Iverson, Dena (PAO)
Cc: Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO); Coley, Anthony D. (PAO)
Sent: October 5, 2021 3:50 PM (UTC-04:00)

Thanks for this. Your timing is perfect. I've been asked to write a column this week on this topic for MSNBC Daily. I'm particularly interested in two areas. First, historically, is this the first such initiative with school boards and threats since the civil rights movement and segregation? Second, is there a clear federal criminal nexus here - and/or will there also be training and awareness for local police and prosecutors on how to deal with these threats? Thanks.

Frank Figliuzzi

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 5, 2021, at 11:03 AM, Iverson, Dena (PAO) (b) (6) wrote:

Good Afternoon,

In case you missed it, yesterday afternoon Attorney General Garland issued a memorandum to the FBI Director, the Acting Assistant Attorney General of the Criminal Division and all US Attorneys to address threats against school administrators, board members, teachers and staff.

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Best,
Dena

Dena Iverson
Principal Deputy Director, Office of Public Affairs
U.S. Department of Justice

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From: Donna Brazile
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: ICYMI - Attorney General Garland Memo on Violent Threats Against School Officers and Teachers
To: Iverson, Dena (PAO)
Sent: October 5, 2021 2:19 PM (UTC-04:00)

You're the best. Hope all is well.

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On Oct 5, 2021, at 2:03 PM, Iverson, Dena (PAO) (b) (6) wrote:

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**From:** Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO)  
**Subject:** RE: draft ICYMI - Attorney General Garland Memo on Violent Threats Against School Officials and Teachers  
**To:** Iverson, Dena (PAO)  
**Sent:** October 5, 2021 1:50 PM (UTC-04:00)

Thanks!

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**From:** Iverson, Dena (PAO) (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 5, 2021 1:49 PM  
**To:** Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO) (b) (6)  
**Subject:** RE: draft ICYMI - Attorney General Garland Memo on Violent Threats Against School Officials and Teachers

Of course, I've already got you in my cc line.

Dena Iverson  
Principal Deputy Director, Office of Public Affairs  
U.S. Department of Justice

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**From:** Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO) (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 5, 2021 1:48 PM  
**To:** Iverson, Dena (PAO) (b) (6)  
**Subject:** RE: draft ICYMI - Attorney General Garland Memo on Violent Threats Against School Officials and Teachers

Can you bcc me on the outgoing?

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**From:** Iverson, Dena (PAO) (b) (6) >  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 5, 2021 1:47 PM  
**To:** Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO) (b) (6) >; Coley, Anthony D. (PAO) (b) (6);  
Pietranton, Kelsey (PAO) (b) (6)  
**Subject:** RE: draft ICYMI - Attorney General Garland Memo on Violent Threats Against School Officials and Teachers

Thanks, getting this out.

Dena Iverson  
Principal Deputy Director, Office of Public Affairs  
U.S. Department of Justice

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**From:** Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO) (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 5, 2021 12:36 PM  
**To:** Iverson, Dena (PAO) (b) (6); Coley, Anthony D. (PAO) (b) (6);  
Pietranton, Kelsey (PAO) (b) (6)  
**Subject:** RE: draft ICYMI - Attorney General Garland Memo on Violent Threats Against School Officials and Teachers

Looks good

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**From:** Iverson, Dena (PAO) (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 5, 2021 12:34 PM

To: Coley, Anthony D. (PAO) (b) (6); Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO) (b) (6);  
Pietranton, Kelsey (PAO) (b) (6)  
Subject: draft ICYMI - Attorney General Garland Memo on Violent Threats Against School Officials and Teachers

Draft below, text entirely pulled from the memo and the release.

Good Afternoon,

In case you missed it, yesterday afternoon Attorney General Garland issued a memorandum to the FBI Director, the Acting Assistant Attorney General of the Criminal Division and all US Attorneys to address threats against school administrators, board members, teachers and staff. The department is steadfast in its commitment to protect all people in the United States from violence, threats of violence, and other forms of intimidation and harassment.

*As the Attorney General's memo says:*

"In recent months, there has been a disturbing spike in harassment, intimidation, and threats of violence against school administrators, board members, teachers, and staff who participate in the vital work of running our nation's public schools. **While spirited debate about policy matters is protected under our Constitution, that protection does not extend to threats of violence or efforts to intimidate individuals based on their views.** Threats against public servants are not only illegal, they run counter to our nation's core values." (emphasis added for clarity)

*To address these threats the memo said:*

"in the coming days, the Department will announce a series of measures designed **to address the rise in criminal conduct** directed toward school personnel." (emphasis added for clarity)

- Those efforts are expected to include the creation of a task force, consisting of representatives from the department's Criminal Division, National Security Division, Civil Rights Division, the Executive Office for U.S. Attorneys, the FBI, the Community Relations Service and the Office of Justice Programs, to determine how federal enforcement tools can be used to prosecute these crimes, and ways to assist state, Tribal, territorial and local law enforcement where threats of violence may not constitute federal crimes.

*The Attorney General memo also directed:*

"the Federal Bureau of Investigation, working with each United States Attorney, to convene meetings with federal, state, local, Tribal, and territorial leaders in each federal judicial district within 30 days of the issuance of this memorandum. These meetings will facilitate the discussion of strategies for addressing threats against school administrators, board members, teachers, and staff, and will **open dedicated lines of communication for threat reporting, assessment, and response.**" (emphasis added for clarity)

In addition to the memo, the department also announced yesterday afternoon that it will **create specialized training and guidance for local school boards and school administrators.** This training will help school board members and other potential victims understand:

- the type of behavior that constitutes threats,
- how to report threatening conduct to the appropriate law enforcement agencies, and
- how to capture and preserve evidence of threatening conduct to aid in the investigation and prosecution of these crimes.

You can read the full memo [here](#) and the department's announcement [here](#)

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**From:** Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO)  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] Media Inquiry from Allison Papson - FOX 5  
**To:** (b)(6) Allison Papson (FOX News)  
**Sent:** October 5, 2021 2:38 PM (UTC-04:00)

Here's a link to the memo: <https://www.justice.gov/ag/page/file/1438986/download>

PR:  
<https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/justice-department-addresses-violent-threats-against-school-officials-and-teachers>

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From: no-reply@usdoj.gov <no-reply@usdoj.gov>  
Sent: Monday, October 4, 2021 6:44 PM  
To: Press <Press@jmd.usdoj.gov>  
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Media Inquiry from Allison Papson - FOX 5

Date Monday, October 4, 2021 - 6:44pm EDT

Name: Allison Papson

Email Address: (b) (6)

Topic: Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)

Media Outlet: FOX 5

Deadline: 8pm

Inquiry:  
Hi,

Is the information in the following tweet confirmed? Will you please send us a copy of the memo/release?

<https://protect2.fireeye.com/v1/url?k=c9054589-969e7d66-c902616c-ac1f6b017490-3c1759d6de86a2bc&q=1&e=a6101e8f-1ee6-4a76-8817-76d88d29af0a&u=https%3A%2F%2Ftwitter.com%2Fryanjreilly%2Fstatus%2F1445152634365677570%3Fs%3D20>

Thank you.

Allison Papson  
Fox 5  
(b) (6)

**From:** Press  
**Subject:** FW: [EXTERNAL] Media Inquiry from Jack Windsor - The Ohio Press Network  
**To:** Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO)  
**Cc:** Press  
**Sent:** October 5, 2021 2:01 PM (UTC-04:00)

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To: Press <Press@jmd.usdoj.gov>  
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Media Inquiry from Jack Windsor - The Ohio Press Network

Date Tuesday, October 5, 2021 - 1:47pm EDT

Name: Jack Windsor

Email Address: (b) (6)

Topic: Other (please specify at the top of your message)

Media Outlet: The Ohio Press Network

Deadline: 3:30 p.m. EST on Oct 5, 2021

Inquiry:  
PARTNERSHIP AMONG FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL, TRIBAL, AND TERRITORIAL LAW  
ENFORCEMENT TO ADDRESS THREATS AGAINST SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS, BOARD  
MEMBERS, TEACHERS, AND STAFF

Hi, I hope this message receives you well. I'm writing regarding Attorney General Garland's memorandum dated Oct 14 regarding the partnership among federal, state, local, et.al. law enforcement to address threats against school administrators, board members, teachers and staff.

I have a couple of questions for a story with a deadline of 3:30 p.m. EST today.

First, as we can all agree, violence against anyone is improper. That being said, can you define threats?

Attorney General Garland writes about "efforts to intimidate individuals," but does not outline what constitutes intimidation or efforts. Can you please clarify what constitutes intimidation in this context?

Finally, Attorney General Garland wrote about "those who dedicate their time and energy to ensuring that our children receive a proper education in a safe environment," but didn't mention the role of parents or guardians in protecting children and educating them. Does he have a position on the role of parents and guardians in educating and protecting children?

Thanks in advance for your swift response – I look forward to including it in my story.



**From:** Mastropasqua, Kristina (PAO)  
**Subject:** FW: [EXTERNAL] Media Inquiry from Michael Lee - Fox News  
**To:** Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO)  
**Sent:** October 5, 2021 1:45 PM (UTC-04:00)

Kristina Mastropasqua  
Office of Public Affairs  
Department of Justice  
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From: Press <Press@jmd.usdoj.gov>  
Sent: Tuesday, October 5, 2021 9:37 AM  
To: (b)(7)(E) per FBI (NPO); (b)(7)(E) per FBI (Public Affairs)  
Cc: Press <Press@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Mastropasqua, Kristina (PAO) (b) (6)  
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Media Inquiry from Michael Lee - Fox News

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Sent: Monday, October 4, 2021 7:49 PM  
To: Press <Press@jmd.usdoj.gov>  
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Media Inquiry from Michael Lee - Fox News

Date Monday, October 4, 2021 - 7:48pm EDT

Name: Michael Lee

Email Address: (b) (6)

Topic: Justice Programs

Media Outlet: Fox News

Deadline: No deadline

Inquiry:  
Good afternoon,

My name is Michael Lee, reporting with Fox News.

I am writing to request comment on the announcement today that the DOJ is launching an effort to combat what it called a rising trend of violent threats against school officials.

Specifically, I want to ask if this effort is related to the National School Boards Association four days ago for federal assistance with the same issue?

Best,

Michael Lee

**From:** Press  
**Subject:** FW: [EXTERNAL] Media Inquiry from James Varney - The Washington Times  
**To:** Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO)  
**Cc:** Press  
**Sent:** October 5, 2021 1:44 PM (UTC-04:00)

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From: no-reply@usdoj.gov <no-reply@usdoj.gov>  
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To: Press <Press@jmd.usdoj.gov>  
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Media Inquiry from James Varney - The Washington Times

Date Tuesday, October 5, 2021 - 1:35pm EDT

Name: James Varney

Email Address: (b) (6)

Topic: Other (please specify at the top of your message)

Media Outlet: The Washington Times

Deadline: Oct. 5

Inquiry:

Re: Mr. Garland's Oct. 4 letter concerning school boards and school officials. Does the Justice Department currently have any active investigations tied to events at school board meetings or involving school officials? Have there been any credible threats the Justice Department has seen in this regard? If so, how many and in what states? Thank you.

**From:** Press  
**Subject:** FW: [EXTERNAL] Media Inquiry from Greg Piper - Just the News  
**To:** Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO)  
**Cc:** Press  
**Sent:** October 5, 2021 1:43 PM (UTC-04:00)

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To: Press <Press@jmd.usdoj.gov>  
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Media Inquiry from Greg Piper - Just the News

Date Tuesday, October 5, 2021 - 1:27pm EDT

Name: Greg Piper

Email Address: (b) (6)

Topic: Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)

Media Outlet: Just the News

Deadline: 6 pm Oct. 5

Inquiry:

I'm a reporter with Just the News, and I'm hoping you can add some specificity to the AG's memo responding to "a disturbing spike in harassment, intimidation, and threats of violence against school administrators, board members, teachers, and staff." A lot of parent activists are construing this as political intimidation against their efforts because you don't specify any incidents.

Can you point to some examples of incidents you consider "harassment, intimidation, and threats of violence" as opposed to "spirited debate about policy matters"? Why is federal attention needed for a local law enforcement prerogative?

**From:** Press  
**Subject:** FW: [EXTERNAL] Media Inquiry from Sam Dorman - Fox News  
**To:** Coley, Anthony D. (PAO)  
**Cc:** Gelber, Sophie (PAO); Press  
**Sent:** October 5, 2021 12:12 PM (UTC-04:00)

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From: no-reply@usdoj.gov <no-reply@usdoj.gov>  
Sent: Tuesday, October 5, 2021 11:45 AM  
To: Press <Press@jmd.usdoj.gov>  
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Media Inquiry from Sam Dorman - Fox News

Date Tuesday, October 5, 2021 - 11:45am EDT

Name: Sam Dorman

Email Address: (b) (6)

Topic: Other (please specify at the top of your message)

Media Outlet: Fox News

Deadline: Asap

Inquiry:

Can I also get a comment on parents criticizing AG Garland's latest memo? For example:

<https://protect2.fireeye.com/v1/url?k=024abc79-5dd18485-024d989c-ac1f6b01771c-a2eb2947e8b93b3f&q=1&e=23d0267b-6e97-4116-a53e-5ea93f8f0a85&u=https%3A%2F%2Ftwitter.com%2FNicoletta0602%2Fstatus%2F1445340357126991872>

Can you also address the allegation that DOJ is being excessive in its response, and seeks to create political policing.

Thanks

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

**From:** Colangelo, Matthew (OASG)  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] Threats against school personnel  
**To:** Hyun, Peter (OASG); Calce, Christina M. (OLA); Chambers, Kevin (ODAG)  
**Sent:** October 5, 2021 11:59 AM (UTC-04:00)

Copying Kevin

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**From:** Hyun, Peter (OASG) (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 5, 2021 11:56 AM  
**To:** Calce, Christina M. (OLA) (b) (6)  
**Cc:** Colangelo, Matthew (OASG) (b) (6)  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] Threats against school personnel

Looping Matthew, who can likely direct you to the right people (as I am unsure). Thank you!

**Peter S. Hyun** | Chief of Staff  
Office of the Associate Attorney General  
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**From:** Calce, Christina M. (OLA) (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 5, 2021 11:55 AM  
**To:** Hyun, Peter (OASG) (b) (6)  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] Threats against school personnel

You emailed about this over the weekend – do you know who is point on this?

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**From:** Hanson, Alan R. (JMD) (b) (6) >  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 5, 2021 9:31 AM  
**To:** Greenfeld, Helaine A. (OLA) (b) (6) >; Gaeta, Joseph (OLA) (b) (6)  
Calce, Christina M. (OLA) (b) (6) >; Antell, Kira M. (OLA) (b) (6) >  
**Cc:** Lucas, Daniel (JMD) (b) (6)  
**Subject:** Fwd: [EXTERNAL] Threats against school personnel

Helaine, Joe, Christina, and Kira,

Please see the below inquiries we have received from Senate CJS Majority staff regarding the Department's recent school personnel safety announcement. ALO is unfamiliar with this effort and are hoping you guys can help us with responding to these, or, if you prefer, kindly directing us to where we can best get responses.

Thanks much.

Alan

Begin forwarded message:

**Date:** October 5, 2021 at 7:49:34 AM EDT  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Threats against school personnel

Good morning—

Noticed this in my DOJ news round up (<https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/justice-department-addresses->

[violent-threats-against-school-officials-and-teachers](#)). The AG memo doesn't have much detail soooo what the plan for outreach? Are FBI FOs and USAOs just issuing press releases to raise awareness? Holding "listening" sessions? Are agents and AUSAs visiting schools?

How are these threats being tracked? As the number for NTOC is being provided, is there now a code to parse out threats against educators, school administrators or school board members?

Theoretically, what types of charges would result for credible threats against those working for/with schools (civil rights violations, terrorism changes, etc)? Approximately how many cases like this (individuals threatening public K-12 school staff) are currently being investigated and prosecuted by DOJ?

Thanks.

**From:** Wagner, Chuck (OJP)  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] Media Inquiry from Michael Lee - Fox News  
**To:** Mastropasqua, Kristina (PAO); Bradford, Aryele (PAO)  
**Sent:** October 5, 2021 10:56 AM (UTC-04:00)

I don't believe so. I will confirm, but I would have heard of any such effort

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From: Mastropasqua, Kristina (PAO)  
Sent: Tuesday, October 5, 2021 10:50 AM  
To: Wagner, Chuck (OJP) (b) (6); Bradford, Aryele (PAO)  
(b) (6)  
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Media Inquiry from Michael Lee - Fox News

This you guys?

Kristina Mastropasqua  
Office of Public Affairs  
Department of Justice  
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From: (b)(7)(E) per FBI (NPO)  
Sent: Tuesday, October 5, 2021 10:25 AM  
To: Press <Press@jmd.usdoj.gov>; (b)(7)(E) per FBI (NPO); (b)(7)(E) per FBI (Public Affairs)  
Cc: Press <Press@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Mastropasqua, Kristina (PAO) (b) (6)  
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Media Inquiry from Michael Lee - Fox News

Hello,

We also refer this inquiry back to you as it is referencing the AG's memo.

Thanks.

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI

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SSA (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
National Press Office  
(b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI

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Cc: Press (JMD) <Press@usdoj.gov>; Mastropasqua, Kristina (PAO) (JMD)  
(b) (6)  
Subject: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] - FW: [EXTERNAL] Media Inquiry from Michael Lee - Fox News

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**From:** Mastropasqua, Kristina (PAO)  
**Subject:** FW: [EXTERNAL] Media Inquiry from Kendall Tietz - The Daily Caller News Foundation  
**To:** Stueve, Joshua (PAO); Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO); Bradford, Aryele (PAO)  
**Sent:** October 5, 2021 10:51 AM (UTC-04:00)  
Who do these belong to? Got a couple.

Kristina Mastropasqua  
Office of Public Affairs  
Department of Justice  
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From: (b)(7)(E) per FBI (NPO)  
Sent: Tuesday, October 5, 2021 10:21 AM  
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Cc: Press <Press@jmd.usdoj.gov>; Mastropasqua, Kristina (PAO) (b) (6)  
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Media Inquiry from Kendall Tietz - The Daily Caller News Foundation

Hello,

This inquiry would fall under the same situation as the Fox 5 inquiry email response I just sent.

Thanks,  
(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI

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SSA (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
National Press Office  
(b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI

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Sent: Tuesday, October 5, 2021 9:34 AM  
To: NPO (b)(7)(E) per FBI; Public.Affairs (b)(7)(E) per FBI  
Cc: Press (JMD) <Press@usdoj.gov>; Mastropasqua, Kristina (PAO) (JMD)  
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Subject: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] - FW: [EXTERNAL] Media Inquiry from Kendall Tietz - The Daily Caller News Foundation

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From: no-reply@usdoj.gov <no-reply@usdoj.gov>  
Sent: Monday, October 4, 2021 8:36 PM  
To: Press <Press@jmd.usdoj.gov>  
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Media Inquiry from Kendall Tietz - The Daily Caller News Foundation

Date Monday, October 4, 2021 - 8:36pm EDT

Name: Kendall Tietz



Email Address: (b) (6)

Topic: Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)

Media Outlet: The Daily Caller News Foundation

Deadline: ASAP

Inquiry:

Hello,

I am a reporter for the Daily Caller News Foundation, writing about Merrick Garland's press release calling on the FBI to pursue violent threats from parents against school officials. What is the basis for an uptick in crime?

Where is this assertion based on? Is there concrete data?

<https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/justice-department-addresses-violent-threats-against-school-officials-and-teachers>

I would appreciate your comment for my article.

Thank you,

Kendall Tietz

Education Reporter  
Daily Caller News Foundation

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**From:** Roberts, Alivia P. (PAO)  
**Subject:** RE: NSBA President Viola Garcia on MSNBC  
**To:** Coley, Anthony D. (PAO); Pietranton, Kelsey (PAO)  
**Sent:** October 5, 2021 10:10 AM (UTC-04:00)

**\*Viola Garcia\***

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**From:** Roberts, Alivia P. (PAO)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 5, 2021 10:09 AM  
**To:** Coley, Anthony D. (PAO) (b) (6); Pietranton, Kelsey (PAO) (b) (6)  
**Subject:** NSBA President Viola Garcia on MSNBC

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**From:** Coley, Anthony D. (PAO)  
**Subject:** good quote from Chip Slaven...  
**To:** Roberts, Alivia P. (PAO); Pietranton, Kelsey (PAO)  
**Sent:** October 4, 2021 9:07 PM (UTC-04:00)

<https://apnews.com/article/merrick-garland-school-boards-violence-daaff3f659981354b7a9a536db5cf2e2>

**From:** Coley, Anthony D. (PAO)  
**Subject:** AP and Politico  
**To:** Klapper, Matthew B. (OAG); Singh, Anita M. (ODAG); Chambers, Kevin (ODAG)  
**Cc:** Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO)  
**Sent:** October 4, 2021 9:06 PM (UTC-04:00)

## **AP: Garland says authorities will target school board threats**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Attorney General Merrick Garland on Monday directed federal authorities to hold strategy sessions in the next 30 days with law enforcement to address the increasing threats targeting school board members, teachers and other employees in the nation's public schools.

In a memorandum, Garland said there has been “a disturbing spike in harassment, intimidation, and threats of violence against school administrators, board members, teachers, and staff who participate in the vital work of running our nation's public schools.”

To address the rising problem, Garland said the FBI would work with U.S. attorneys and federal, state, local, territorial and tribal authorities in each district to develop strategies against the threats.

“While spirited debate about policy matters is protected under our Constitution, that protection does not extend to threats of violence or efforts to intimidate individuals based on their views,” he said.

The action is in response to an urgent [request last week](#) from the National School Boards Association. The group, which represents school board members around the country, asked President Joe Biden for federal assistance to investigate and stop threats made over policies including mask mandates, likening the vitriol to a form of domestic terrorism.

The association asked for the federal government to investigate cases where threats or violence could be handled as violations of federal laws protecting civil rights. It also asked for the Justice Department, FBI, Homeland Security and Secret Service to help monitor threat levels and assess risks to students, educators, board members and school buildings.

The group's letter documented more than 20 instances of threats, harassment, disruption, and acts of intimidation in California, Florida, Georgia, New Jersey, Ohio and other states. It cited the September arrest of an Illinois man for aggravated battery and disorderly conduct for allegedly striking a school official at a meeting. In Michigan, a meeting was disrupted when a man performed a Nazi salute to protest masking.

“We are coming after you,” a letter mailed to an Ohio school board member said, according to the group. “You are forcing them to wear mask — for no reason in this world other than control. And for that you will pay dearly.” It called the member “a filthy traitor.”

In making the announcement Garland said the Justice Department would use its authority and resources to discourage the threats and “prosecute them when appropriate. In the coming days, the Department will announce a series of measures designed to address the rise in criminal conduct directed toward school personnel.”

School board members are largely unpaid volunteers, parents and former educators who step forward to shape school policy, choose a superintendent and review the budget, but they have been frightened at how their jobs have suddenly become a culture war battleground. The climate has led a growing number to resign or decide against seeking reelection.

In a statement, Chip Slaven, NSBA interim executive director and CEO, praised the Justice

Department's swift action and pointed to the detrimental impact the threats of violence and intimidation have had on the education system.

"Over the last few weeks, school board members and other education leaders have received death threats and have been subjected to threats and harassment, both online and in person," Slaven said. The department's action "is a strong message to individuals with violent intent who are focused on causing chaos, disrupting our public schools, and driving wedges between school boards and the parents, students, and communities they serve."

## **Politico: Garland taps FBI in response to 'disturbing spike' in threats against educators**

**Juan Perez Jr.**

Mon, October 4, 2021, 12:42 PM PDT · 2 min read

Attorney General Merrick Garland on Monday ordered federal law enforcement authorities to huddle with local leaders in the coming weeks to address what the nation's top prosecutor called a recent "disturbing spike in harassment, intimidation, and threats of violence" against educators and school board members.

The Justice Department will also unveil a series of additional measures in the coming days to "address the rise in criminal conduct directed toward school personnel," Garland [wrote in a memorandum](#) to federal prosecutors and FBI Director Christopher Wray. The department said they're expected to include a training program and a new federal task force stacked with representatives from the department's criminal, civil rights and national security divisions.

"Threats against public servants are not only illegal, they run counter to our nation's core values," Garland wrote. "Those who dedicate their time and energy to ensuring that our children receive a proper education in a safe environment deserve to be able to do their work without fear for their safety."

**Key context:** The Justice Department's plans mark a notable escalation of the government's response to school board meetings packed with protestors who denounce Covid-19 mask mandates, political interpretations of critical race theory and other highly-politicized issues that affect classroom learning and school safety.

Last week, the National School Boards Association pressed President Joe Biden for federal assistance to review whether violence and threats against public school officials could be considered a form of domestic terrorism and hate crimes.

"America's public schools and its education leaders are under an immediate threat," the group [wrote to Biden](#).

"These threats and acts of violence are affecting our nation's democracy at the very foundational levels, causing school board members – many who are not paid – to resign immediately and/or discontinue their service after their respective terms," the school board officials said.

**Looking ahead:** In response, Garland directed the FBI and federal prosecutors to meet with federal, state, local, tribal and territorial leaders in each federal judicial district in the next 30

days to “facilitate the discussion of strategies for addressing threats” against school administrators, board members, educators and staff.

“The Department takes these incidents seriously and is committed to using its authority and resources to discourage these threats, identify them when they occur, and prosecute them when appropriate,” Garland wrote.

**From:** Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO)  
**Subject:** RE: Justice Department Addresses Violent Threats Against School Officials and Teachers  
**To:** Coley, Anthony D. (PAO); Chambers, Kevin (ODAG); Singh, Anita M. (ODAG)  
**Sent:** October 5, 2021 10:10 AM (UTC-04:00)

Any update on who in FBI was contacted on this? Just closing the circle with the press office this am.

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**From:** Coley, Anthony D. (PAO) (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Monday, October 4, 2021 9:10 PM  
**To:** Chambers, Kevin (ODAG) (b) (6); Singh, Anita M. (ODAG) (b) (6)  
**Cc:** Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO) (b) (6)  
**Subject:** FW: Justice Department Addresses Violent Threats Against School Officials and Teachers

Hey team ODAG, Who can we tell FBI OPA that you guys talked to over there? Thx

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**From:** Catherine Milhoan (b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI  
**Sent:** Monday, October 4, 2021 9:07 PM  
**To:** Coley, Anthony D. (PAO) (b) (6); Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO) (b) (6)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Justice Department Addresses Violent Threats Against School Officials and Teachers

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**From:** Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO)  
**Subject:** RE: Justice Department Addresses Violent Threats Against School Officials and Teachers  
**To:** Coley, Anthony D. (PAO)  
**Sent:** October 5, 2021 8:26 AM (UTC-04:00)

Yes will do

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**From:** Coley, Anthony D. (PAO) (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 5, 2021 6:45 AM  
**To:** Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO) (b) (6)  
**Subject:** Re: Justice Department Addresses Violent Threats Against School Officials and Teachers

Will you circle back with Cathy this am...

On Oct 4, 2021, at 9:12 PM, Coley, Anthony D. (PAO) (b) (6) wrote:

I'm pretty sure ODAG had a touch...all good.

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**From:** Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO) (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Monday, October 4, 2021 9:12 PM  
**To:** Coley, Anthony D. (PAO) (b) (6)  
**Subject:** RE: Justice Department Addresses Violent Threats Against School Officials and Teachers

First addressee on this memo was the FBI. Apologies I didn't get to coordinating with NPO on this, but should have flagged it anyway.

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**To:** Coley, Anthony D. (PAO) (b) (6) Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO)  
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**To:** Coley, Anthony D. (PAO)  
**Cc:** Chambers, Kevin (ODAG); Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO)  
**Sent:** October 4, 2021 9:39 PM (UTC-04:00)

Kevin handled component coord, so I will have to defer to him to get you his contact.

Thanks!

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**Anita M. Singh**  
Chief of Staff  
Office of the Deputy Attorney General  
U.S. Department of Justice

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O: (b) (6)

On Oct 4, 2021, at 9:09 PM, Coley, Anthony D. (PAO) (b) (6) wrote:

Duplicative Material, Document ID: 0.7.1451.6863

**From:** Roberts, Alivia P. (PAO)  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] Justice Department Addresses Violent Threats Against School Officials and Teachers  
**To:** Chip Slaven  
**Sent:** October 5, 2021 9:31 AM (UTC-04:00)

Great! Thanks for letting me know.

Alivia

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**From:** Chip Slaven (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Monday, October 4, 2021 11:08 PM  
**To:** Roberts, Alivia P. (PAO) (b) (6)  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] Justice Department Addresses Violent Threats Against School Officials and Teachers

Thanks again Alivia. NSBA released a statement earlier this evening praising the swift action. We really appreciate your leadership.

Take care,  
Chip

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**From:** Roberts, Alivia P. (PAO) (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Monday, October 4, 2021 6:17 PM  
**To:** Chip Slaven (b) (6)  
**Subject:** FW: [EXTERNAL] Justice Department Addresses Violent Threats Against School Officials and Teachers

Hi Chip – Here is the official release that we just sent out on the memo addressing violent threats against school officials and teachers. Have a great evening!

Alivia

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**From:** USDOJ-Office of Public Affairs <[USDOJ-OfficeofPublicAffairs@public.govdelivery.com](mailto:USDOJ-OfficeofPublicAffairs@public.govdelivery.com)>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 4, 2021 6:08 PM  
**To:** Roberts, Alivia P. (PAO) (b) (6)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Justice Department Addresses Violent Threats Against School Officials and Teachers



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**From:** Jerry Dunleavy  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] DOJ Press Release on Threats to School Officials  
**To:** Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO)  
**Sent:** October 4, 2021 8:54 PM (UTC-04:00)

Dear Wyn,

What specific types of threats is DOJ referencing in relation to today's press release & memorandum from AG Garland?

Are there specific events that DOJ is referring to? Specific groups or individuals DOJ is referring to? Specific topics or controversies or protests DOJ is referring to?

What details can DOJ provide on what this press release & memorandum is in reference to?

Many thanks!

JD

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**Jerry Dunleavy**  
**Washington Examiner**

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**From:** Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO)  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] DOJ Press Release on Threats to School Officials  
**To:** Iverson, Dena (PAO); Coley, Anthony D. (PAO)  
**Sent:** October 4, 2021 8:02 PM (UTC-04:00)

I can take them, although I don't really have more much to offer tonight than what we've released

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**From:** Iverson, Dena (PAO) (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Monday, October 4, 2021 7:50 PM  
**To:** Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO) (b) (6); Coley, Anthony D. (PAO) (b) (6)  
**Subject:** FW: [EXTERNAL] DOJ Press Release on Threats to School Officials

Who is fielding follow up calls on this?

Dena Iverson  
Principal Deputy Director, Office of Public Affairs  
U.S. Department of Justice

(b) (6) - Office  
(b) (6) - Cell  
(b) (6)

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**From:** Jerry Dunleavy (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Monday, October 4, 2021 7:47 PM  
**To:** Iverson, Dena (PAO) (b) (6); Iverson, Dena (PAO) (b) (6)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] DOJ Press Release on Threats to School Officials

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**Jerry Dunleavy**  
**Washington Examiner**

(b) (6)  
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**From:** Klapper, Matthew B. (OAG)  
**Subject:** Re: Follow-Up: DOJ Memo Regarding Threats Against School Personnel  
**To:** Singh, Anita M. (ODAG)  
**Cc:** Coley, Anthony D. (PAO)  
**Sent:** October 4, 2021 8:50 PM (UTC-04:00)

Second that. Well done.

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 4, 2021, at 8:07 PM, Singh, Anita M. (ODAG) (b) (6) wrote:

Thank you.

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**Anita M. Singh**  
Chief of Staff  
Office of the Deputy Attorney General  
U.S. Department of Justice

C: (b) (6)  
O: (b) (6)

On Oct 4, 2021, at 7:51 PM, Coley, Anthony D. (PAO) (b) (6) wrote:

Had a v. good call with the head of the nat'l school board association. His f/up note below...

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**From:** Chip Slaven (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Monday, October 4, 2021 5:26 PM  
**To:** Roberts, Alivia P. (PAO) (b) (6)  
**Cc:** Coley, Anthony D. (PAO) (b) (6)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Re: Follow-Up: DOJ Memo Regarding Threats Against School Personnel

Hi Alivia,

Thank you for sharing the memo with me and for the phone call with Anthony briefing me on the action being taken. On behalf of all of us at NSBA, thank you to the Attorney General and your great team for demonstrating such strong leadership on this critical issue. The action on this issue will make a difference.

We stand ready to work with you on efforts going forward. Please let us how we can support your efforts.

Best,  
Chip

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**From:** Roberts, Alivia P. (PAO) (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Monday, October 4, 2021 4:58 PM



**To:** Chip Slaven (b) (6)  
**Cc:** Coley, Anthony D. (PAO) (b) (6)  
**Subject:** Follow-Up: DOJ Memo Regarding Threats Against School Personnel

Hi Chip,

It was a pleasure to speak with you today regarding efforts the Department of Justice is taking to address threats against school administrators, board members, teachers, and staff. As promised, I have attached the memo from the Attorney General that will be made public later today and we will notify you once it is public. As Anthony mentioned during our conversation, we thank you for raising this concern with us, and we hope to continue this dialogue as this is a very important issue the department is committed to addressing.

Best,  
Alivia

**From:** Singh, Anita M. (ODAG)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Follow-Up: DOJ Memo Regarding Threats Against School Personnel  
**To:** Carlin, John P. (ODAG)  
**Sent:** October 4, 2021 8:08 PM (UTC-04:00)

Engagement on today's announcement.

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Coley, Anthony D. (PAO)" (b) (6)  
**Date:** October 4, 2021 at 7:51:07 PM EDT  
**To:** "Klapper, Matthew B. (OAG)" (b) (6), "Singh, Anita M. (ODAG)"  
(b) (6)  
**Subject:** FW: Follow-Up: DOJ Memo Regarding Threats Against School Personnel

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**From:** Singh, Anita M. (ODAG)  
**Subject:** Re: Follow-Up: DOJ Memo Regarding Threats Against School Personnel  
**To:** Coley, Anthony D. (PAO)  
**Cc:** Klapper, Matthew B. (OAG)  
**Sent:** October 4, 2021 8:07 PM (UTC-04:00)

Thank you.

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**Anita M. Singh**  
Chief of Staff  
Office of the Deputy Attorney General  
U.S. Department of Justice

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On Oct 4, 2021, at 7:51 PM, Coley, Anthony D. (PAO) (b) (6) wrote:

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**From:** Pietranton, Kelsey (PAO)  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] Justice Department Addresses Violent Threats Against School Officials and Teachers  
**To:** Catherine Milhoan  
**Cc:** (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI (OPA) (FBI)  
**Sent:** October 4, 2021 7:28 PM (UTC-04:00)

Copy, and thanks.

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**From:** Catherine Milhoan (b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI  
**Sent:** Monday, October 4, 2021 7:09 PM  
**To:** Pietranton, Kelsey (PAO) (b) (6)  
**Cc:** (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI (OPA) (FBI) (b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] Justice Department Addresses Violent Threats Against School Officials and Teachers

I can. Managing some folks here.

Cathy Milhoan  
Assistant Director  
FBI Office of Public Affairs  
(b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI

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**From:** Pietranton, Kelsey (PAO) (b) (6) >  
**Sent:** Monday, October 4, 2021 6:50:20 PM  
**To:** Milhoan, Catherine L. (OPA) (FBI) (b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI  
**Cc:** (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI (OPA) (FBI) (b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL EMAIL] - Re: [EXTERNAL] Justice Department Addresses Violent Threats Against School Officials and Teachers

Do you want me to raise with Anthony or do you prefer to handle?

Kelsey Pietranton  
Office of Public Affairs  
Department of Justice  
(o) (b) (6)  
(m) (b) (6)

On Oct 4, 2021, at 6:47 PM, Catherine Milhoan (b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI wrote:

Im pretty confident this was not coordinated with us.

Cathy Milhoan  
Assistant Director  
FBI Office of Public Affairs  
(b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI

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**From:** Pietranton, Kelsey (PAO) (b) (6) >  
**Sent:** Monday, October 4, 2021 6:44:12 PM  
**To:** Milhoan, Catherine L. (OPA) (FBI) (b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI >  
**Cc:** (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI (OPA) (FBI) (b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI >  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL EMAIL] - Re: [EXTERNAL] Justice Department Addresses Violent Threats Against School Officials and Teachers

Yes, just now.

Kelsey Pietranton  
Office of Public Affairs  
Department of Justice  
(o) (b) (6)  
(m) (b) (6)

On Oct 4, 2021, at 6:41 PM, Catherine Milhoan (b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI wrote:

Did this already go out?

Cathy Milhoan  
Assistant Director  
FBI Office of Public Affairs  
(b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI

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**From:** Pietranton, Kelsey (PAO) (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Monday, October 4, 2021 6:10:29 PM  
**To:** Milhoan, Catherine L. (OPA) (FBI) (b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI  
**Cc:** (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) per FBI (OPA) (FBI) (b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI >  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL EMAIL] - FW: [EXTERNAL] Justice Department Addresses Violent Threats Against School Officials and Teachers

This was my flag re: FOX. I did not handle this one and wasn't tracking on it until David's email. I can forward him this and make sure he sees it.

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**Sent:** Monday, October 4, 2021 6:08 PM  
**To:** Pietranton, Kelsey (PAO) (b) (6)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Justice Department Addresses Violent Threats Against School Officials and Teachers

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**From:** Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO)  
**Subject:** RE: Draft Documents to be Circulated Later Today  
**To:** Chambers, Kevin (ODAG); Coley, Anthony D. (PAO)  
**Cc:** Singh, Anita M. (ODAG)  
**Sent:** October 5, 2021 11:38 AM (UTC-04:00)

Thanks Kevin, very helpful

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**From:** Chambers, Kevin (ODAG) (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 5, 2021 10:14 AM  
**To:** Coley, Anthony D. (PAO) (b) (6); Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO) (b) (6)  
**Cc:** Singh, Anita M. (ODAG) (b) (6)  
**Subject:** RE: Draft Documents to be Circulated Later Today

Sorry, Wyn. I didn't cc you on the below. FBI highlighted below.

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**From:** Chambers, Kevin (ODAG)  
**Sent:** Monday, October 4, 2021 11:28 PM  
**To:** Coley, Anthony D. (PAO) (b) (6)  
**Cc:** Singh, Anita M. (ODAG) (b) (6)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Draft Documents to be Circulated Later Today

Hey, Anthony. This group is who we've been corresponding with since Friday p.m.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Steven Jensen (b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI  
**Date:** October 2, 2021 at 12:29:59 PM EDT  
**To:** "Chambers, Kevin (ODAG)" (b) (6) >, "McQuaid, Nicholas (CRM)" (b) (6) >, "Moosy, Robert (CRT)" (b) (6) >, "Wilkinson, Monty (USAEO)" (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per EOUSA, "Toscas, George (NSD)" (b) (6), "Darke Schmitt, Katherine (OJP/OVC)" (b) (6), "Tarasca, James A. (CTD) (FBI)" (b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI, "Blue, Matt (NSD)" (b) (6), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI (CTD) (FBI)" (b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI  
**Cc:** "Braden, Myesha (ODAG)" (b) (6), "Newman, David A. (ODAG)" (b) (6), "Lan, Iris (ODAG)" (b) (6), "Langan, Timothy R. Jr. (CTD) (FBI)" (b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI, "Vorndran, Kevin (CTD) (FBI)" (b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI, (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI (CTD) (FBI)" (b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI  
**Subject:** Re: Draft Documents to be Circulated Later Today

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**From:** (b)(6) Anthony Coley (PAO)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Draft Documents to be Circulated Later Today  
**To:** Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO)  
**Sent:** October 5, 2021 6:38 AM (UTC-04:00)

Morning my friend,

I counted 6 fbi officials on this email

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**From:** "Chambers, Kevin (ODAG)" (b) (6)  
**Date:** October 4, 2021 at 11:27:45 PM EDT  
**To:** "Coley, Anthony D. (PAO)" (b) (6)  
**Cc:** "Singh, Anita M. (ODAG)" (b) (6)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Draft Documents to be Circulated Later Today

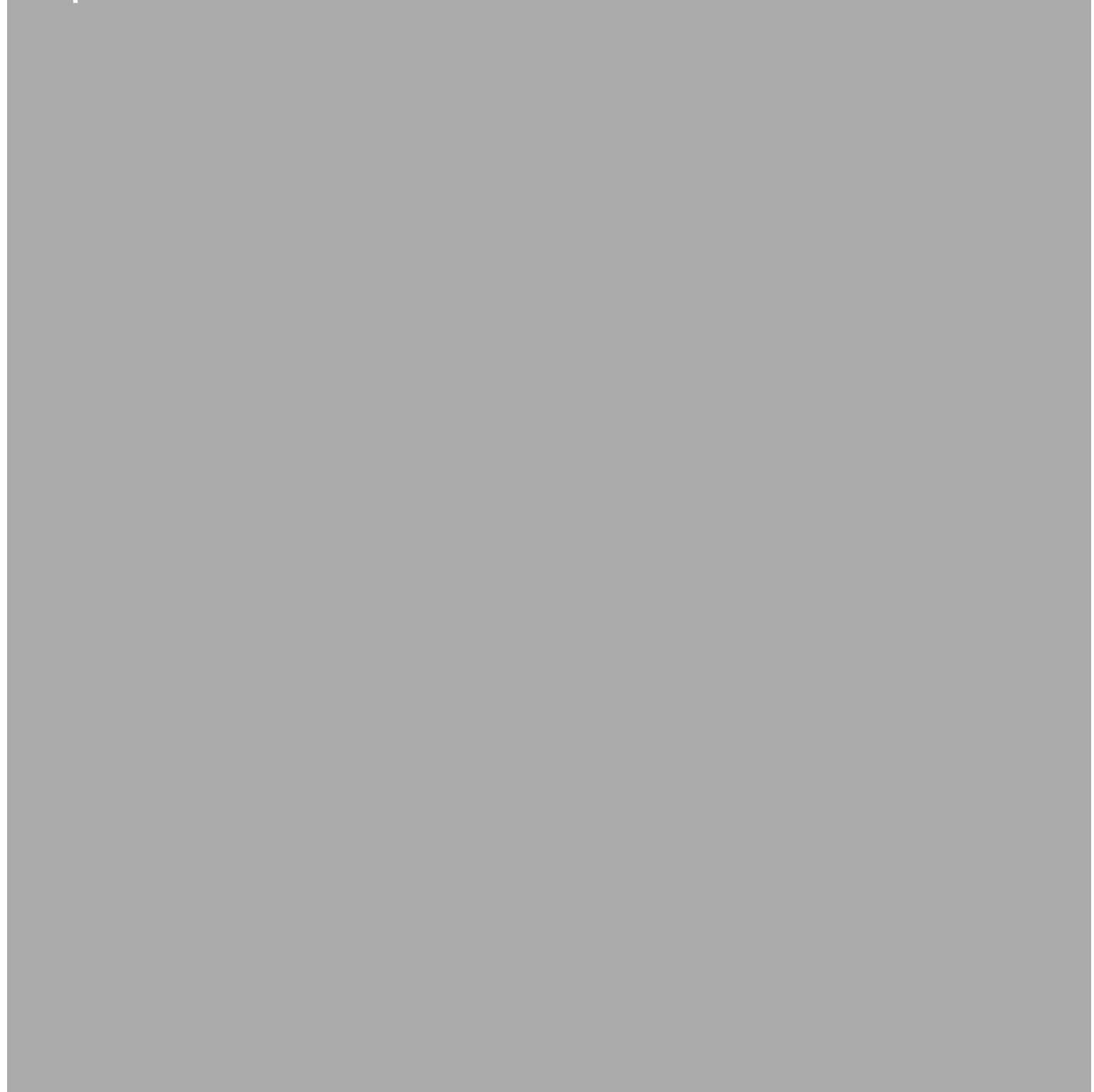
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**To:** Chambers, Kevin (ODAG)  
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**Sent:** October 5, 2021 6:31 AM (UTC-04:00)

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**From:** Shevlin, Shannon (PAO)  
**Subject:** Justice Department Addresses Violent Threats Against School Officials and Teachers  
**To:** Shevlin, Shannon (PAO) (b) (6)  
**Bcc:** (b)(6) Carolyn Thompson (AP); (b)(6) Erin Snodgrass (Insider); (b)(6) Melissa Quinn (CBS); (b)(6) Mallory Simon (CNN); (b)(6) Allison Quinn (The Daily Beast); (b)(6) Cassie Buchman (Shaw Media); (b)(6) Scott Hurley (Fox 11 News); (b)(6) Alec Shemmel (NBC Montana); (b)(6) Anya Kamenetz (NPR); (b)(6) Kori Southerick (PENNLIVE); (b)(6) Brendan O'Brien (Reuters); (b)(6) Jill Tucker (SF Chronicle); (b)(6) Catherin Garcia (The Week); (b)(6) Joel Mathis (The Week); (b)(6) Everett Piper (Washington Times); Coley, Anthony D. (PAO); Roberts, Alivia P. (PAO)  
**Sent:** October 4, 2021 6:31 PM (UTC-04:00)



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October 4, 2021

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**From:** Samuel, Aaliyah  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Re: Hello from DOJ  
**To:** Honeysett, Adam; Roberts, Alivia P. (PAO); Thomas, Rachel; Coley, Anthony D. (PAO); Leon, Kelly S.  
**Cc:** Iverson, Dena (PAO); Pietranton, Kelsey (PAO); Watkins-Foote, Kimberly  
**Sent:** October 4, 2021 6:30 PM (UTC-04:00)

Thank you Adam!

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**From:** Honeysett, Adam <Adam.Honeysett@ed.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 4, 2021 6:25:41 PM  
**To:** Roberts, Alivia P. (PAO) (b) (6); Samuel, Aaliyah <Aaliyah.Samuel@ed.gov>; Thomas, Rachel <Rachel.Thomas@ed.gov>; Coley, Anthony D. (PAO) (b) (6); Leon, Kelly S. <Kelly.S.Leon@ed.gov>  
**Cc:** Iverson, Dena (PAO) (b) (6); Pietranton, Kelsey (PAO) (b) (6); Watkins-Foote, Kimberly <Kimberly.Watkins-Foote@ed.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Hello from DOJ

Thanks Alivia – we will share the release and memo with our stakeholders.

Best,  
Adam

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**From:** Roberts, Alivia P. (PAO) (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Monday, October 4, 2021 6:21 PM  
**To:** Samuel, Aaliyah <Aaliyah.Samuel@ed.gov>; Thomas, Rachel <Rachel.Thomas@ed.gov>; Coley, Anthony D. (PAO) (b) (6); Leon, Kelly S. <Kelly.S.Leon@ed.gov>  
**Cc:** Iverson, Dena (PAO) (b) (6); Pietranton, Kelsey (PAO) (b) (6); Honeysett, Adam <Adam.Honeysett@ed.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Hello from DOJ

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Hi all – Wanted to make sure you all received the release and memo we just sent out on the department’s efforts to address violent threats against school officials and teachers. Let us know if you have any questions.

**Press Release:** <https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/justice-department-addresses-violent-threats-against-school-officials-and-teachers>

**Memo:** [https://www.justice.gov/ag/page/file/1438986/download?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=govdelivery](https://www.justice.gov/ag/page/file/1438986/download?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery)

Best,  
Alivia

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**From:** Samuel, Aaliyah <Aaliyah.Samuel@ed.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 4, 2021 3:15 PM  
**To:** Thomas, Rachel <Rachel.Thomas@ed.gov>; Coley, Anthony D. (PAO) (b) (6); Leon, Kelly S. <Kelly.S.Leon@ed.gov>  
**Cc:** Iverson, Dena (PAO) (b) (6); Pietranton, Kelsey (PAO) (b) (6); Roberts, Alivia P. (PAO) (b) (6); Honeysett, Adam <Adam.Honeysett@ed.gov>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Re: Hello from DOJ

+Kim from our team.

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Dr. Aaliyah A. Samuel  
Deputy Assistant Secretary, Local, State and National Engagement  
Office of Communications and Outreach  
U.S. Department of Education  
Mobile | (b) (6)

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**From:** "Thomas, Rachel" <[Rachel.Thomas@ed.gov](mailto:Rachel.Thomas@ed.gov)>  
**Date:** Monday, October 4, 2021 at 2:33 PM  
**To:** "Coley, Anthony D. (PAO)" (b) (6) >, "Leon, Kelly S." <[Kelly.S.Leon@ed.gov](mailto:Kelly.S.Leon@ed.gov)>  
**Cc:** "Iverson, Dena (PAO)" (b) (6) >, "Pietranton, Kelsey (PAO)" (b) (6) >, "Roberts, Alivia P. (PAO)" (b) (6) >, "Samuel, Aaliyah" <[Aaliyah.Samuel@ed.gov](mailto:Aaliyah.Samuel@ed.gov)>, "Honeysett, Adam" <[Adam.Honeysett@ed.gov](mailto:Adam.Honeysett@ed.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Hello from DOJ

Hi Anthony, thanks for the heads up. Anything you can share about the announcement? I'm adding Aaliyah and Adam to share additional recommendations of groups to connect with.

Thanks,  
Rachel

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**From:** Coley, Anthony D. (PAO) (b) (6) >  
**Sent:** Monday, October 4, 2021 2:01 PM  
**To:** Thomas, Rachel <[Rachel.Thomas@ed.gov](mailto:Rachel.Thomas@ed.gov)>; Leon, Kelly S. <[Kelly.S.Leon@ed.gov](mailto:Kelly.S.Leon@ed.gov)>  
**Cc:** Iverson, Dena (PAO) (b) (6) >; Pietranton, Kelsey (PAO) (b) (6) >; Roberts, Alivia P. (PAO) (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** Hello from DOJ

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Hi Team Ed – Hope you all are well.

Later today, the Justice Department is going to have an announcement that speaks to threats against school board members and public school officials, as detailed here:

<https://news.yahoo.com/u-school-board-group-asks-201942173.html> and here:  
<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/school-board-violent-threats-mask-mandates-critical-race-theory/>

We're planning to touch base with the Nat'l School Board Assn ahead of the announcement but wonder if there are a handful of other third party groups that we should touch either before or immediately after the announcement? Welcome any thoughts/guidance you all may have.

Anthony D. Coley, Director  
Office of Public Affairs &  
Sr. Advisor to the Attorney General  
U.S. Department of Justice  
Direct: (b) (6)  
Cell: (b) (6)  
@AnthonyColeyDOJ

**From:** Roberts, Alivia P. (PAO)  
**Subject:** RE: Hello from DOJ  
**To:** Honeysett, Adam; Samuel, Aaliyah; Thomas, Rachel; Coley, Anthony D. (PAO); Leon, Kelly S.  
**Cc:** Iverson, Dena (PAO); Pietranton, Kelsey (PAO); Watkins-Foote, Kimberly  
**Sent:** October 4, 2021 6:30 PM (UTC-04:00)

Thank you! Much appreciated!

Alivia

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**From:** Honeysett, Adam <Adam.Honeysett@ed.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 4, 2021 6:26 PM  
**To:** Roberts, Alivia P. (PAO) (b) (6); Samuel, Aaliyah <Aaliyah.Samuel@ed.gov>; Thomas, Rachel <Rachel.Thomas@ed.gov>; Coley, Anthony D. (PAO) (b) (6); Leon, Kelly S. <Kelly.S.Leon@ed.gov>  
**Cc:** Iverson, Dena (PAO) (b) (6); Pietranton, Kelsey (PAO) (b) (6); Watkins-Foote, Kimberly <Kimberly.Watkins-Foote@ed.gov>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] RE: Hello from DOJ

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**From:** Roberts, Alivia P. (PAO)  
**Subject:** Justice Department Addresses Violent Threats Against School Officials and Teachers  
**To:** Baker, Trey L. III EOP/WHO; (b)(6) Carissa Smith (EOP/WHO); (b)(6) Erika Dinkel-Smith (EOP/WHO)  
**Sent:** October 4, 2021 6:30 PM (UTC-04:00)

Hi all – Hope all of your weeks have started off well. Wanted to make sure you all received our press release and memo from the Attorney General that just went out on the department’s efforts to address violent threats against school officials and teachers. Let us know if you have any questions.

**Release:** <https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/justice-department-addresses-violent-threats-against-school-officials-and-teachers>

**Memo:** [https://www.justice.gov/ag/page/file/1438986/download?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=govdelivery](https://www.justice.gov/ag/page/file/1438986/download?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery)

Best,  
Alivia

## Justice Department Addresses Violent Threats Against School Officials and Teachers

Citing an increase in harassment, intimidation and threats of violence against school board members, teachers and workers in our nation’s public schools, today Attorney General Merrick B. Garland directed the FBI and U.S. Attorneys’ Offices to meet in the next 30 days with federal, state, Tribal, territorial and local law enforcement leaders to discuss strategies for addressing this disturbing trend. These sessions will open dedicated lines of communication for threat reporting, assessment and response by law enforcement.

“Threats against public servants are not only illegal, they run counter to our nation’s core values,” wrote Attorney General Garland. “Those who dedicate their time and energy to ensuring that our children receive a proper education in a safe environment deserve to be able to do their work without fear for their safety.”

According to the Attorney General’s [memorandum](#), the Justice Department will launch a series of additional efforts in the coming days designed to address the rise in criminal conduct directed toward school personnel. Those efforts are expected to include the creation of a task force, consisting of representatives from the department’s Criminal Division, National Security Division, Civil Rights Division, the Executive Office for U.S. Attorneys, the FBI, the Community Relations Service and the Office of Justice Programs, to determine how federal enforcement tools can be used to prosecute these crimes, and ways to assist state, Tribal, territorial and local law enforcement where threats of violence may not constitute federal crimes.

The Justice Department will also create specialized training and guidance for local school boards and school administrators. This training will help school board members and other potential victims understand the type of behavior that constitutes threats, how to report threatening conduct to the appropriate law enforcement agencies, and how to capture and preserve evidence of threatening conduct to aid in the investigation and prosecution of these crimes.

Threats of violence against school board members, officials, and workers in our nation’s public schools can be reported by the public to the FBI’s National Threat Operations Center (NTOC) via its national tip line (1-800-CALL-FBI) and online through the FBI website (<http://fbi.gov/tips>). To ensure that threats are communicated to the appropriate authorities, NTOC will direct credible threats to FBI field offices, for coordination with the U.S. Attorney’s Office and law enforcement partners as appropriate. Reporting threats of violence through NTOC will help the federal government identify increased threats in specific jurisdictions as well as coordinated widespread efforts to intimidate educators and education workers.



**From:** Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO)  
**Subject:** Re: Release and Memo on School Threats  
**To:** Fauntleroy, Priscilla M. (PAO)  
**Cc:** Shevlin, Shannon (PAO)  
**Sent:** October 4, 2021 6:24 PM (UTC-04:00)

Thank you!

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 4, 2021, at 6:10 PM, Fauntleroy, Priscilla M. (PAO) (b) (6) wrote:

Tweeted

**Thanks and Stay Safe,**

**Priscilla M. Fauntleroy**  
**Web Content Manager**  
**Office of Public Affairs**  
**U.S. Department of Justice**

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On Oct 4, 2021, at 6:08 PM, Shevlin, Shannon (PAO) (b) (6) wrote:

Thanks so much! Can you kindly tweet the statement?

<https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/justice-department-addresses-violent-threats-against-school-officials-and-teachers>

Shannon R. Shevlin  
Press Assistant  
Office of Public Affairs | U.S. Department of Justice  
(m) (b) (6)

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**From:** Fauntleroy, Priscilla M. (PAO) (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Monday, October 4, 2021 5:55 PM  
**To:** Shevlin, Shannon (PAO) (b) (6); Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO)  
(b) (6)  
**Subject:** RE: Release and Memo on School Threats

Shannon,

Here you go...

File has been made 508 and uploaded.

<https://www.justice.gov/ag/page/file/1438986/download>



*Thanks and Stay Safe,*

*Priscilla M. Fauntleroy | Web Content Manager  
Office of Public Affairs | U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ)  
(b) (6) (Office) (b) (6) (Mobile)  
Email: (b) (6)*

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**From:** Shevlin, Shannon (PAO) (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Monday, October 4, 2021 5:35 PM  
**To:** Fauntleroy, Priscilla M. (PAO) (b) (6); Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO) (b) (6)  
**Subject:** RE: Release and Memo on School Threats

Yes, I'll standby for the link from you, Priscilla, and link to the memo in the PR. Thanks!

Shannon R. Shevlin  
Press Assistant  
Office of Public Affairs | U.S. Department of Justice  
(m) (b) (6)

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**From:** Fauntleroy, Priscilla M. (PAO) (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Monday, October 4, 2021 5:34 PM  
**To:** Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO) (b) (6)  
**Cc:** Shevlin, Shannon (PAO) (b) (6)  
**Subject:** Re: Release and Memo on School Threats

Will do. I need to make it 508 and then I will send the link over.

**Thanks and Stay Safe,**

**Priscilla M. Fauntleroy**  
**Web Content Manager**  
**Office of Public Affairs**  
**U.S. Department of Justice**  
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On Oct 4, 2021, at 5:24 PM, Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO) (b) (6) wrote:

Hi Priscilla,

Shannon is getting a release ready to go out around 5:45 p.m. on the attached AG memo. I believe the practice has been to link from the release to the memo on the AG's publications site. Can you prepare a link that can go live once we confirm the release time? And Shannon can you remember to link to the memo in the final release?

<https://www.justice.gov/ag/selected-publications>

Wyn Hornbuckle  
Deputy Director, Office of Public Affairs  
U.S. Department of Justice

O: (b) (6)  
M: (b) (6)

<AG Memo Threats Against School Workers 10-4-2021 1715.docx>  
<Attorney General Memorandum - Partnership Among Federal, State, Local,  
Tribal and Territorial Law Enforcement to Address Threats Against School  
Administrators , Board Members, Teachers, and Staff.pdf>

**From:** Pietranton, Kelsey (PAO)  
**Subject:** RE: FOX News Question  
**To:** Milhoan, Catherine L. (OPA) (FBI)  
**Cc:** (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI (OPA) (FBI)  
**Sent:** October 4, 2021 6:00 PM (UTC-04:00)

Because if so, I do have a flag on this.

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**From:** Pietranton, Kelsey (PAO)  
**Sent:** Monday, October 4, 2021 5:51 PM  
**To:** Catherine Milhoan (b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI  
**Cc:** (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI (OPA) (FBI); (b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI  
**Subject:** RE: FOX News Question

Is this what my 4:06 missed call from JEH was about!?

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**From:** Catherine Milhoan (b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI  
**Sent:** Monday, October 4, 2021 4:55 PM  
**To:** Pietranton, Kelsey (PAO) (b) (6)  
**Cc:** (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI (OPA) (FBI); (b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI  
**Subject:** FW: FOX News Question

Hi. David has been corresponding with me via the wrong email address and we discovered it when he reached out about his query.

Does DOJ plan on saying anything?

Thanks,  
Cathy

Cathy L. Milhoan  
Assistant Director  
FBI Office of Public Affairs  
(b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI

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**From:** Spunt, David (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Monday, October 4, 2021 4:48 PM  
**To:** Milhoan, Catherine L. (OPA) (FBI); (b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI  
**Cc:** Spunt, David (b) (6)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL EMAIL] - FW: FOX News Question

David Spunt  
Correspondent  
Fox News  
(b) (6)

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**From:** Spunt, David  
**Sent:** Monday, October 4, 2021 3:27 PM  
**To:** (b)(6); (b)(7)(E) Catherine Milhoan (OPA) (FBI); Pietranton, Kelsey (PAO) (b) (6)  
**Cc:** Spunt, David (b) (6)  
**Subject:** FOX News Question

Cathy and Kelsey,

I hope this email finds you both well. See below letter from the National School Board Association. The group's president is asking for a DOJ/FBI review into whether the bad behavior of parents at school board meetings (vaccine requirements etc.) could be a form of domestic terrorism

I know the FBI reports through the DAG office so including you both.

1. Does the FBI or DOJ plan to open a review as requested by the letter?
2. Is a review already underway?
3. Anything to share via statement or on background?

<https://www.nsba.org/-/media/NSBA/File/nsba-letter-to-president-biden-concerning-threats-to-public-schools-and-school-board-members-92921.pdf?la=en&hash=642B7B91E0029BA4427D0F38D7054A007537160F>

*As these acts of malice, violence, and threats against public school officials have increased, the classification of these heinous actions could be the equivalent to a form of domestic terrorism and hate crimes. As such, NSBA requests a joint expedited review by the U.S. Departments of Justice, Education, and Homeland Security, along with the appropriate training, coordination, investigations, and enforcement mechanisms from the FBI, including any technical assistance necessary from, and state and local coordination with, its National Security Branch and Counterterrorism Division, as well as any other federal agency with relevant jurisdictional authority and oversight.*

David Spunt  
Correspondent  
Fox News

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**From:** Catherine Milhoan  
**Subject:** Re: FOX News Question  
**To:** Pietranton, Kelsey (PAO)  
**Cc:** (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI (OPA) (FBI)  
**Sent:** October 4, 2021 6:00 PM (UTC-04:00)

I did not call

Cathy Milhoan  
Assistant Director  
FBI Office of Public Affairs  
(b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI

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**From:** Pietranton, Kelsey (PAO) (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Monday, October 4, 2021 5:51:18 PM  
**To:** Milhoan, Catherine L. (OPA) (FBI) (b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI  
**Cc:** (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI (OPA) (FBI) (b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL EMAIL] - RE: FOX News Question

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**From:** Pietranton, Kelsey (PAO)  
**Subject:** FW: FOX News Question  
**To:** Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO); Coley, Anthony D. (PAO); Iverson, Dena (PAO)  
**Sent:** October 4, 2021 3:38 PM (UTC-04:00)

Flagging the below from Spunt. Wyn, do you want me to add you in on this? Not sure if FBI is tracking on today's announcement.

Thanks!  
Kelsey

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**From:** Spunt, David (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Monday, October 4, 2021 3:27 PM  
**To:** (b)(6); (b)(7)(E) Catherine Milhoan (OPA) (FBI); Pietranton, Kelsey (PAO) (b) (6)  
**Cc:** Spunt, David (b) (6)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] FOX News Question

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**From:** Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG)  
**Subject:** RE: Attorney General Memorandum - Partnership Among Federal, State, Local, Tribal and Territorial Law Enforcement to Address Threats Against School Administrators , Board Members, Teachers, and Staff  
**To:** Heinzelman, Kate (OAG)  
**Cc:** Klapper, Matthew B. (OAG)  
**Sent:** October 4, 2021 4:49 PM (UTC-04:00)

Hi -

I was, but (b) (5) occurred after the last draft I saw, and so I wanted to make sure I saw the final. Everything else looks the same. T

-----Original Message-----

From: Heinzelman, Kate (OAG) (b) (6) >  
Sent: Monday, October 4, 2021 4:46 PM  
To: Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG) <(b) (6)>  
Cc: Klapper, Matthew B. (OAG) (b) (6)  
Subject: FW: Attorney General Memorandum - Partnership Among Federal, State, Local, Tribal and Territorial Law Enforcement to Address Threats Against School Administrators , Board Members, Teachers, and Staff

Tamarra -

I'm sorry- I thought you had been the one finalizing this. This is the draft Stacy sent me as the signed, final.  
Kate

-----Original Message-----

From: Harwood, Stacy (OAG) (b) (6)  
Sent: Monday, October 4, 2021 3:40 PM  
To: Davidson, Marcia A. (OAG) (b) (6); Klapper, Matthew B. (OAG) (b) (6); Heinzelman, Kate (OAG) (b) (6)  
Subject: Attorney General Memorandum - Partnership Among Federal, State, Local, Tribal and Territorial Law Enforcement to Address Threats Against School Administrators , Board Members, Teachers, and Staff

Good afternoon:

Please see the attached final. I just wanted to confirm that we are good to distribute.

Thank you,  
Stacy

Attachment:

Attorney General Memorandum - Partnership Among Federal, State, Local, Tribal and Territorial Law Enforcement to Address Threats Against School Administrators , Board Members, Teachers, and Staff

**From:** Coley, Anthony D. (PAO)  
**Subject:** memo  
**To:** Roberts, Alivia P. (PAO)  
**Sent:** October 4, 2021 4:37 PM (UTC-04:00)  
**Attached:** Attorney General Memorandum - Partnership Among Federal, State, Local, Tribal and Territorial Law Enforcement to Address Threats Against School Administrators , Board Members, Teachers, and Staff.pdf



**From:** Chip Slaven  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] RE: Hello from Main Justice  
**To:** Coley, Anthony D. (PAO)  
**Sent:** October 4, 2021 3:47 PM (UTC-04:00)

Great. I look forward to speaking with you.

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**From:** Coley, Anthony D. (PAO) (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Monday, October 4, 2021 3:41 PM  
**To:** Chip Slaven (b) (6)  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] RE: Hello from Main Justice

Perfect. I'll give you a call within the hour.

On Oct 4, 2021, at 3:21 PM, Chip Slaven (b) (6) wrote:

Hi Anthony,

I appreciate you reaching out to me. I am available for a call. We can set up a time or you are free to reach me on my cell phone at (b) (6). Please just let me know which option you prefer.

Thanks,  
Chip

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**From:** Coley, Anthony D. (PAO) (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Monday, October 4, 2021 3:19 PM  
**To:** Chip Slaven (b) (6)  
**Subject:** Hello from Main Justice

Hi Chip, I hope you're well.

Wondering if you'd have a couple minutes to chat this afternoon.

Anthony D. Coley, Director  
Office of Public Affairs &  
Sr. Advisor to the Attorney General  
U.S. Department of Justice  
Direct: (b) (6)  
Cell: (b) (6)  
@AnthonyColeyDO

From: Roberts, Alivia P. (PAO)  
Subject: RE: Forwarding Justice Department Addresses Violent Threats Against School Officials and Teachers  
To: Shevlin, Shannon (PAO); Li, Kaei (PAO)  
Sent: October 4, 2021 6:32 PM (UTC-04:00)

Thanks!

From: Shevlin, Shannon (PAO);  
Sent: Monday, October 4, 2021 6:30 PM  
To: Roberts, Alivia P. (PAO); Li, Kaei (PAO);  
Subject: RE: Forwarding Justice Department Addresses Violent Threats Against School Officials and Teachers

Sure thing. I'll send it now.

Shannon R. Shevlin  
Press Assistant  
Office of Public Affairs | U.S. Department of Justice  
(m);

From: Roberts, Alivia P. (PAO); >  
Sent: Monday, October 4, 2021 6:15 PM  
To: Shevlin, Shannon (PAO); Li, Kaei (PAO);  
Subject: Forwarding Justice Department Addresses Violent Threats Against School Officials and Teachers

Hi Shannon and Kaei –

I pulled together a list of reporters that wrote on the NSBA letter over the past few days. Anthony would like to forward the release on the memo that just went out to them. He said it will be fine to just forward it from one of your emails.

Alivia

On Oct 4, 2021, at 3:29 PM, Roberts, Alivia P. (PAO); > wrote:

Hi there - Here are reporters I have found so far. Will update if I find the missing emails:

| Outlet                    | Reporter         | Article                                                                                                                     |
|---------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| AP                        | Carolyn Thompson | <a href="#">School board group asks US for help policing threats</a>                                                        |
| Business Insider          | Erin Snodgrass   | <a href="#">The National School Boards Association asks the Biden administration to take action on school board threats</a> |
| CBS News                  | Melissa Quinn    | <a href="#">National school board group seeks federal help with threats</a>                                                 |
| CNN                       | Mallory Simon    | <a href="#">SCHOOL BOARD GROUP ASKS FOR FEDERAL HELP WITH THREATS</a>                                                       |
| Daily Beast               | Allison Quinn    | <a href="#">School Officials Beg Biden and FBI for Protection Against Threats</a>                                           |
| Daily Herald              | Cassie Buchman   | <a href="#">District 300 school board, employees face threats, lawsuits</a>                                                 |
| East Bay Times            | Louis Freedberg  | <a href="#">Opinion: Attacks on school boards are a threat to public education</a>                                          |
| Fox 11 News               | Scott Hurley     | <a href="#">National school board group cites Oshkosh disruption as threat</a>                                              |
| NBC Montana/National Desk | Alec Shemmel     | <a href="#">School board association suggests 'domestic terrorism' by threats</a>                                           |
| NPR                       | Anya Kamenetz    | <a href="#">School boards are asking for federal help as they face threats</a>                                              |
| Penn Live                 | Ron Southwick    | <a href="#">Nearly half of Pa. school principals surveyed said they face threats</a>                                        |
| Reuters                   | Brendan O'Brien  | <a href="#">U.S. school board group asks Biden for help against threats</a>                                                 |
| San Francisco Chronicle   | Jill Tucker      | <a href="#">California school boards to Newsom: Protect from threats</a>                                                    |
| The Week                  | Catherin Garcia  | <a href="#">National school board group asks for federal help with threats</a>                                              |
| The Week                  | Joel Mathis      | <a href="#">How school boards became the front line in the war on threats</a>                                               |
| Washington Times          | Everett Piper    | <a href="#">National School Boards Association declares consequences of threats</a>                                         |

**From:** Roberts, Alivia P. (PAO)  
**Subject:** RE: Reporters re National School Boards Association  
**To:** Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO); Coley, Anthony D. (PAO)  
**Sent:** October 4, 2021 3:41 PM (UTC-04:00)

Adding Mallory Simon's email below and flagging that Alec Schemmel submitted an inquiry and wrote a [story](#) today about a [video](#) that was on twitter of Marc putting his mask on and then taking it off when walking up to the podium before a press conference. He is on the list below writing about NSBA, but wanted to flag that story.

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**From:** Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO)(b) (6)  
**Sent:** Monday, October 4, 2021 3:33 PM  
**To:** Coley, Anthony D. (PAO)(b) (6); Roberts, Alivia P. (PAO)(b) (6)  
**Subject:** RE: Reporters re National School Boards Association

Since this involves both components and FBI and crosses multiple divisions, I can handle it. Shannon us prepared to push it out. Do you want me to pitch it to a particular regular?

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**From:** Coley, Anthony D. (PAO)(b) (6)  
**Sent:** Monday, October 4, 2021 3:31 PM  
**To:** Roberts, Alivia P. (PAO)(b) (6)  
**Cc:** Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO)(b) (6)  
**Subject:** Re: Reporters re National School Boards Association

Thanks, adding Wyn.

Wyn, which spox should handle this announcement?

On Oct 4, 2021, at 3:29 PM, Roberts, Alivia P. (PAO)(b) (6) wrote:

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**From:** Roberts, Alivia P. (PAO)  
**Subject:** RE: Can you see if you can find any emails for those missing? Thank you!  
**To:** Morris, Catherine (PAO)  
**Sent:** October 4, 2021 3:37 PM (UTC-04:00)

Thank you so much!

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**From:** Morris, Catherine (PAO) (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Monday, October 4, 2021 3:35 PM  
**To:** Roberts, Alivia P. (PAO) (b) (6)  
**Subject:** RE: Can you see if you can find any emails for those missing? Thank you!

I've updated what I could find below. It looks like Louis Freedberg was the Executive Director of Ed Source and was a contributor at several outlets, including East Bay Times, but not directly working for the outlet. The most recent email I found was from Ed Source, though he is no longer director as of April 2021.

Also just a note on Alec Schemmel fyi he submitted an inquiry and wrote a [story](#) today about a [video](#) that was on twitter of Marc putting his mask on and then taking it off when walking up to the podium before a press conference.

Best,  
Catherine

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Catherine Morris  
Speechwriting/Media Affairs Intern  
Office of Public Affairs | U.S. Department of Justice  
Mobile: (b) (6)  
(b) (6)

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**From:** Roberts, Alivia P. (PAO) (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Monday, October 4, 2021 3:03 PM  
**To:** Morris, Catherine (PAO) (b) (6)  
**Subject:** Can you see if you can find any emails for those missing? Thank you!

| Outlet                  | Reporter         | Email   | Article                                                                                                                                                               |
|-------------------------|------------------|---------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| AP                      | CAROLYN THOMPSON | (b) (6) | <a href="#">School board group asks US for help policing threat</a>                                                                                                   |
| Reuters                 | Brendan O'Brien  |         | <a href="#">U.S. school board group asks Biden for help against growing 'threat'</a>                                                                                  |
| The Week                | CATHERINE GARCIA |         | <a href="#">National school board group asks for federal help investigating 'heinous' threats</a>                                                                     |
| San Francisco Chronicle | Jill Tucker      |         | <a href="#">California school boards to Newsom: Protect from abuse</a>                                                                                                |
| Fox 11 News             | Scott Hurley     |         | <a href="#">National school board group cites Oshkosh disruption in asking for federal protection</a>                                                                 |
| Business Insider        | Erin Snodgrass   |         | <a href="#">The National School Boards Association asks the Biden administration for help dealing with escalating 'threats and violence' at school board meetings</a> |

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| CBS News         | MELISSA QUINN   | (b) (6) | <a href="#">National school board group seeks federal help with threats against public school officials</a>                        |
| Penn Live        | Ron Southwick   |         | <a href="#">Nearly half of Pa. school principals surveyed said they've been threatened over mask order</a>                         |
| Daily Herald     | Cassie Buchman  |         | <a href="#">District 300 school board, employees face threats, board president says</a>                                            |
| NPR              | Anya Kamenetz   |         | <a href="#">School boards are asking for federal help as they face threats and violence</a>                                        |
| Washington Times | Everett Piper   |         | <a href="#">National School Boards Association declares conservative parents to be domestic terrorists</a>                         |
| The Week         | Joel Mathis     |         | <a href="#">How school boards became the front line in the war for democracy</a>                                                   |
| Daily Beast      | Allison Quinn   |         | <a href="#">School Officials Beg Biden and FBI for Protection Against Threats From 'Angry Mobs'</a>                                |
| East Bay Times   | Louis Freedberg |         | <a href="#">Opinion: Attacks on school boards are a threat to democracy</a>                                                        |
| CNN              | Mallory Simon   |         | <a href="#">SCHOOL BOARD GROUP ASKS FOR FEDERAL HELP TO STOP THREATS AND VIOLENCE IN DEBATES ON COVID AND CRITICAL RACE THEORY</a> |
| NBC Montana      | ALEC SCHEMMEL   |         | <a href="#">School board association suggests 'domestic terrorism' threat exists at local meetings</a>                             |

**From:** Morris, Catherine (PAO)  
**Subject:** RE: Can you see if you can find any emails for those missing? Thank you!  
**To:** Roberts, Alivia P. (PAO)  
**Sent:** October 4, 2021 3:04 PM (UTC-04:00)

Yes, I'll check

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Catherine Morris  
Speechwriting/Media Affairs Intern  
Office of Public Affairs | U.S. Department of Justice  
Mobile: (b) (6)  
(b) (6)

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**From:** Roberts, Alivia P. (PAO) (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Monday, October 4, 2021 3:03 PM  
**To:** Morris, Catherine (PAO) (b) (6)  
**Subject:** Can you see if you can find any emails for those missing? Thank you!

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**From:** Roberts, Alivia P. (PAO)  
**Subject:** RE: Hey will you send me emails for...  
**To:** Coley, Anthony D. (PAO)  
**Sent:** October 4, 2021 3:25 PM (UTC-04:00)

Found an email for Viola Garcia. However it is not her NSBA email.

(b) (6)

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**From:** Roberts, Alivia P. (PAO)  
**Sent:** Monday, October 4, 2021 3:15 PM  
**To:** Coley, Anthony D. (PAO) <Anthony.D.Coley@usdoj.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Hey will you send me emails for...

Not finding one for Viola Garcia's, but here is Chip's.

Chip Slaven - (b) (6)

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**From:** Coley, Anthony D. (PAO) (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Monday, October 4, 2021 3:11 PM  
**To:** Roberts, Alivia P. (PAO) (b) (6)  
**Subject:** Hey will you send me emails for...

Viola Garcia, the group's president, and Chip Slaven

Of the National school board assoc

**From:** Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO)  
**Subject:** Re: Final PR on Threats to School Officials  
**To:** Klapper, Matthew B. (OAG)  
**Cc:** Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG); Coley, Anthony D. (PAO); Heinzelman, Kate (OAG)  
**Sent:** October 4, 2021 6:33 PM (UTC-04:00)

Roger

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 4, 2021, at 6:27 PM, Klapper, Matthew B. (OAG) (b) (6) > wrote:

(b) (5). I made that change. The typo was (b) (5) which I deleted.

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 4, 2021, at 6:17 PM, Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG) (b) (6) > wrote:

Please, not on my account, I have no idea what the correct answer is - T

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**From:** Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO) (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Monday, October 4, 2021 6:16 PM  
**To:** Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG) (b) (6);  
Klapper, Matthew B. (OAG) (b) (6); Coley, Anthony D. (PAO)  
(b) (6)  
**Cc:** Heinzelman, Kate (OAG) (b) (6)  
**Subject:** Re: Final PR on Threats to School Officials

Okay I just capitulated on (b) (5) !

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 4, 2021, at 5:55 PM, Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO) (b) (6) wrote:

(b) (5)

Thank you all!

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**From:** Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG) (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Monday, October 4, 2021 5:52 PM  
**To:** Klapper, Matthew B. (OAG) (b) (6); Hornbuckle,



Wyn (PAO) (b) (6) >; Coley, Anthony D. (PAO) (b) (6) >  
**Cc:** Heinzelman, Kate (OAG) (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** RE: Final PR on Threats to School Officials

Hi - not sure which item was the typo, but I believe (b) (5) >  
(b) (6) though I am not an expert on this. T

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**From:** Klapper, Matthew B. (OAG) (b) (6) >  
**Sent:** Monday, October 4, 2021 5:47 PM  
**To:** Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO) (b) (6) > Coley, Anthony D. (PAO) (b) (6) >  
**Cc:** Heinzelman, Kate (OAG) (b) (6) >; Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG) (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** RE: Final PR on Threats to School Officials

Attached is final cleared. I caught a typo and made minor tweaks (not tracked).  
Good to link per Anthony's directive.

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**From:** Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO) (b) (6) >  
**Sent:** Monday, October 4, 2021 5:21 PM  
**To:** Coley, Anthony D. (PAO) (b) (6) >  
**Cc:** Klapper, Matthew B. (OAG) (b) (6) >; Heinzelman, Kate (OAG) (b) (6) >; Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG) (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** RE: Final PR on Threats to School Officials

OK

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**From:** Coley, Anthony D. (PAO) (b) (6) >  
**Sent:** Monday, October 4, 2021 5:20 PM  
**To:** Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO) (b) (6) >  
**Cc:** Klapper, Matthew B. (OAG) (b) (6) >; Heinzelman, Kate (OAG) (b) (6) > Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG) (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** Re: Final PR on Threats to School Officials

Yes, we should link to it on the AG page of the website.

On Oct 4, 2021, at 5:18 PM, Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO) (b) (6) > wrote:

Roger  
Quick question, is there a desire to make the memo itself public or no?

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**From:** Klapper, Matthew B. (OAG) (b) (6) >  
**Sent:** Monday, October 4, 2021 5:18 PM  
**To:** Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO) (b) (6) >;

Heinzelman, Kate (OAG) (b) (6);

Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG) (b) (6)

Cc: Coley, Anthony D. (PAO) (b) (6)

**Subject:** RE: Final PR on Threats to School Officials

Hold for final signoff – est 545 for that. Thanks.

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**From:** Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO) (b) (6)

**Sent:** Monday, October 4, 2021 5:17 PM

**To:** Heinzelman, Kate (OAG) (b) (6);

Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG) (b) (6)

(b) (6); Klapper, Matthew B. (OAG)

(b) (6)

Cc: Coley, Anthony D. (PAO) (b) (6)

**Subject:** RE: Final PR on Threats to School Officials

Very helpful for context. We will tee this up to go out at 5:45 p.m.  
if no other changes or concerns.

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**From:** Heinzelman, Kate (OAG) (b) (6)

**Sent:** Monday, October 4, 2021 5:12 PM

**To:** Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO) (b) (6)

Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG) (b) (6)

(b) (6); Klapper, Matthew B. (OAG)

(b) (6)

Cc: Coley, Anthony D. (PAO) (b) (6)

**Subject:** RE: Final PR on Threats to School Officials

I don't feel strongly about this, but it seems like we could (b) (5)

Those edits are here. Feel free to omit.

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**From:** Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO) (b) (6)

**Sent:** Monday, October 4, 2021 4:43 PM

**To:** Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG) (b) (6)

(b) (6); Klapper, Matthew B. (OAG)

(b) (6)

Cc: Heinzelman, Kate (OAG) (b) (6)

Coley, Anthony D. (PAO) (b) (6)

**Subject:** RE: Final PR on Threats to School Officials

OK, Anthony had one tweak to (b) (5)

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**From:** Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG)

(b) (6)

**Sent:** Monday, October 4, 2021 4:40 PM

**To:** Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO) (b) (6);

Klapper, Matthew B. (OAG) (b) (6)

Cc: Heinzelman, Kate (OAG) (b) (6)

Coley, Anthony D. (PAO) (b) (6)

**Subject:** RE: Final PR on Threats to School Officials

Hi –

Good here, but we haven't heard from Kate – thanks! T

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**From:** Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO) (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Monday, October 4, 2021 4:37 PM  
**To:** Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG) (b) (6)  
(b) (6) >; Klapper, Matthew B. (OAG) (b) (6) >  
**Cc:** Heinzelman, Kate (OAG) (b) (6);  
Coley, Anthony D. (PAO) (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** RE: Final PR on Threats to School Officials

Here's the final memo and the PR with your changes, (b) (5)  
(b) (5), per ODAG  
request just now. Let me know when this is good to go

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**From:** Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG) (b) (6) >  
**Sent:** Monday, October 4, 2021 4:27 PM  
**To:** Klapper, Matthew B. (OAG) (b) (6) >  
**Cc:** Heinzelman, Kate (OAG) (b) (6) >;  
Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO) (b) (6) >; Coley,  
Anthony D. (PAO) (b) (6)  
**Subject:** RE: Final PR on Threats to School Officials

May I see the final memo? T

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**From:** Klapper, Matthew B. (OAG) (b) (6) >  
**Sent:** Monday, October 4, 2021 4:24 PM  
**To:** Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG) (b) (6) >  
(b) (6) >  
**Cc:** Heinzelman, Kate (OAG) (b) (6);  
Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO) (b) (6) >; Coley,  
Anthony D. (PAO) (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** Re: Final PR on Threats to School Officials

(b) (5) .

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 4, 2021, at 4:12 PM, Matthews-Johnson,  
Tamarra D. (OAG) (b) (6)  
(b) (6) wrote:

Hi –

Thanks for drafting this. My edits are in the attached. Please note among other changes, I thought we said (b) (5) . T

**Tamarra Matthews Johnson**

*she/her/hers*

Counsel

Office of the Attorney General

U.S. Department of Justice

Mobile: (b) (6)

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**From:** Klapper, Matthew B. (OAG)

(b) (6)

**Sent:** Monday, October 4, 2021 4:05 PM

**To:** Heinzelman, Kate (OAG)

(b) (6); Matthews-Johnson,  
Tamarra D. (OAG) (b) (6)

**Subject:** Fwd: Final PR on Threats to School Officials

Attachment per other email

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO)"

(b) (6) >

**Date:** October 4, 2021 at 3:30:52 PM  
EDT

**To:** "Klapper, Matthew B. (OAG)"

(b) (6) >

**Cc:** "Coley, Anthony D. (PAO)"

(b) (6) >

**Subject:** Final PR on Threats to School  
Officials

Matt,

ODAG has cleared. For OAG review/  
final clearance.

Components and USAOs will be notified  
around 3:45.

Plan to release at 5 p.m.

Wyn Hornbuckle  
Deputy Director, Office of Public Affairs  
U.S. Department of Justice  
O: (b) (6)  
M: (b) (6)

<AG Memo Threats Against School Workers 10-4-  
2021 1515 tmj edits.docx>

**From:** Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO)  
**Subject:** Re: Final PR on Threats to School Officials  
**To:** Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG)  
**Sent:** October 4, 2021 6:22 PM (UTC-04:00)

No worries there is healthy debate on this topic

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 4, 2021, at 6:17 PM, Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG) (b) (6)  
[REDACTED] wrote:

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**From:** Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG)  
**Subject:** Re: Final PR on Threats to School Officials  
**To:** Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO)  
**Cc:** Klapper, Matthew B. (OAG); Coley, Anthony D. (PAO); Heinzelman, Kate (OAG)  
**Sent:** October 4, 2021 5:59 PM (UTC-04:00)

Got it, I was looking at (b) (5)

I only noticed one other change - (b) (5) which makes sense.

Thanks all! T

On Oct 4, 2021, at 5:55 PM, Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO) (b) (6) wrote:

Duplicative Material, Document ID: 0.7.1451.9797

**From:** Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG)  
**Subject:** RE: Final PR on Threats to School Officials  
**To:** Klapper, Matthew B. (OAG); Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO); Coley, Anthony D. (PAO)  
**Cc:** Heinzelman, Kate (OAG)  
**Sent:** October 4, 2021 5:53 PM (UTC-04:00)

Because (b) (5)

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**From:** Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG)  
**Sent:** Monday, October 4, 2021 5:52 PM  
**To:** Klapper, Matthew B. (OAG) (b) (6); Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO)  
(b) (6); Coley, Anthony D. (PAO) (b) (6)  
**Cc:** Heinzelman, Kate (OAG) (b) (6)  
**Subject:** RE: Final PR on Threats to School Officials

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**From:** Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO)  
**Subject:** RE: Final PR on Threats to School Officials  
**To:** Klapper, Matthew B. (OAG); Coley, Anthony D. (PAO)  
**Cc:** Heinzelman, Kate (OAG); Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG)  
**Sent:** October 4, 2021 5:49 PM (UTC-04:00)

Roger that, thanks

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**From:** Klapper, Matthew B. (OAG) (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Monday, October 4, 2021 5:47 PM  
**To:** Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO) (b) (6); Coley, Anthony D. (PAO) (b) (6)  
**Cc:** Heinzelman, Kate (OAG) (b) (6); Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG)  
(b) (6)  
**Subject:** RE: Final PR on Threats to School Officials

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**From:** Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO)  
**Subject:** FW: Final PR on Threats to School Officials  
**To:** Shevin, Shannon (PAO)  
**Sent:** October 4, 2021 5:49 PM (UTC-04:00)  
**Attached:** AG Memo Threats Against School Workers 10-4-2021 1730.docx

Apparently tweaked without redline. Can you replace the text with this one?

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**From:** Klapper, Matthew B. (OAG) (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Monday, October 4, 2021 5:47 PM  
**To:** Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO) (b) (6); Coley, Anthony D. (PAO) (b) (6)  
**Cc:** Heinzelman, Kate (OAG) (b) (6); Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG)  
(b) (6)  
**Subject:** RE: Final PR on Threats to School Officials

Duplicative Material, Document ID: 0.7.1451.9797

**From:** Klapper, Matthew B. (OAG)  
**Subject:** RE: Final PR on Threats to School Officials  
**To:** Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO); Heinzelman, Kate (OAG); Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG)  
**Cc:** Coley, Anthony D. (PAO)  
**Sent:** October 4, 2021 5:20 PM (UTC-04:00)

Thanks. I think its convention to (b) (5)

. Can you check history on this?

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**From:** Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO) (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Monday, October 4, 2021 5:19 PM  
**To:** Klapper, Matthew B. (OAG) (b) (6); Heinzelman, Kate (OAG)  
(b) (6); Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG) (b) (6)  
**Cc:** Coley, Anthony D. (PAO) (b) (6)  
**Subject:** RE: Final PR on Threats to School Officials

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**From:** Heinzelman, Kate (OAG)  
**Subject:** RE: Final PR on Threats to School Officials  
**To:** Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO); Klapper, Matthew B. (OAG); Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG)  
**Cc:** Coley, Anthony D. (PAO)  
**Sent:** October 4, 2021 4:50 PM (UTC-04:00)

Sorry, I didn't realize this was about the press release. Reading that now.

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**From:** Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO) (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Monday, October 4, 2021 4:43 PM  
**To:** Klapper, Matthew B. (OAG) (b) (6); Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG)  
(b) (6)  
**Cc:** Heinzelman, Kate (OAG) (b) (6); Coley, Anthony D. (PAO) (b) (6)  
**Subject:** RE: Final PR on Threats to School Officials

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**From:** Klapper, Matthew B. (OAG) (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Monday, October 4, 2021 4:42 PM  
**To:** Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG) (b) (6); Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO)  
(b) (6)  
**Cc:** Heinzelman, Kate (OAG) (b) (6); Coley, Anthony D. (PAO) (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** RE: Final PR on Threats to School Officials

I'll take a final look once kate weighs in. wyn, for planning purposes this wont go until about 545.

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**From:** Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG) (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Monday, October 4, 2021 4:40 PM  
**To:** Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO) (b) (6); Klapper, Matthew B. (OAG)  
(b) (6)  
**Cc:** Heinzelman, Kate (OAG) (b) (6); Coley, Anthony D. (PAO) (b) (6)  
**Subject:** RE: Final PR on Threats to School Officials

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**From:** Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG)  
**Subject:** RE: Final PR on Threats to School Officials  
**To:** Klapper, Matthew B. (OAG)  
**Cc:** Heinzelman, Kate (OAG); Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO); Coley, Anthony D. (PAO)  
**Sent:** October 4, 2021 4:26 PM (UTC-04:00)

Oh, got it – please (b) (5) - T

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**From:** Klapper, Matthew B. (OAG) (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Monday, October 4, 2021 4:24 PM  
**To:** Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG) (b) (6) >  
**Cc:** Heinzelman, Kate (OAG) (b) (6); Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO) (b) (6)  
Coley, Anthony D. (PAO) (b) (6)  
**Subject:** Re: Final PR on Threats to School Officials

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**From:** Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG)  
**Subject:** RE: Final PR on Threats to School Officials  
**To:** Klapper, Matthew B. (OAG); Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO)  
**Cc:** Coley, Anthony D. (PAO); Heinzelman, Kate (OAG)  
**Sent:** October 4, 2021 4:05 PM (UTC-04:00)

No attachment received - T

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**From:** Klapper, Matthew B. (OAG) (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Monday, October 4, 2021 4:05 PM  
**To:** Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO) (b) (6)  
**Cc:** Coley, Anthony D. (PAO) (b) (6); Heinzelman, Kate (OAG) (b) (6)  
Matthews-Johnson, Tamarra D. (OAG) (b) (6)  
**Subject:** Re: Final PR on Threats to School Officials

Thanks. Tamarra and Kate pls review. Forwarding attachment separately but respond on this chain.

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 4, 2021, at 3:30 PM, Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO) (b) (6) wrote:

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**From:** Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO)  
**Subject:** AG Memo Threats Against School Workers 10-4-2021 1715  
**To:** Shevin, Shannon (PAO)  
**Sent:** October 4, 2021 5:20 PM (UTC-04:00)  
**Attached:** AG Memo Threats Against School Workers 10-4-2021 1715.docx

You can prep this with the plan to go out at 5:45 once we confirm final . Thanks!

**From:** Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO)  
**Subject:** School PR  
**To:** Pietranton, Kelsey (PAO)  
**Sent:** October 4, 2021 3:42 PM (UTC-04:00)  
**Attached:** AG Memo Threats Against School Workers 10-4-2021 1515.docx

Pending final clearance in OAG

Wyn Hornbuckle  
Deputy Director, Office of Public Affairs  
U.S. Department of Justice  
O: (b) (6)  
M: (b) (6)



**From:** Shevlin, Shannon (PAO)  
**Subject:** RE: Will you forward me the release on the AG memo re threats against school personnel when it goes out?  
**To:** Roberts, Alivia P. (PAO)  
**Sent:** October 4, 2021 5:20 PM (UTC-04:00)

Will do! I don't have the final yet, but will send once I do.

Shannon R. Shevlin  
Press Assistant  
Office of Public Affairs | U.S. Department of Justice  
(m)(b) (6)

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**From:** Roberts, Alivia P. (PAO)(b) (6)  
**Sent:** Monday, October 4, 2021 5:16 PM  
**To:** Shevlin, Shannon (PAO)(b) (6)  
**Subject:** Will you forward me the release on the AG memo re threats against school personnel when it goes out?

**From:** Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO)  
**Subject:** RE: Draft PR  
**To:** Chambers, Kevin (ODAG); Coley, Anthony D. (PAO)  
**Cc:** Singh, Anita M. (ODAG)  
**Sent:** October 4, 2021 4:35 PM (UTC-04:00)

Got it

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**From:** Chambers, Kevin (ODAG) (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Monday, October 4, 2021 4:31 PM  
**To:** Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO) (b) (6); Coley, Anthony D. (PAO) (b) (6)  
**Cc:** Singh, Anita M. (ODAG) (b) (6)  
**Subject:** RE: Draft PR

Revision would look like this:

(b) (5)

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**From:** Singh, Anita M. (ODAG) (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Monday, October 4, 2021 4:27 PM  
**To:** Chambers, Kevin (ODAG) (b) (6); Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO) (b) (6);  
Coley, Anthony D. (PAO) (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** RE: Draft PR

We shouldn't hold it up for that but totally support. Per Kevin, easy fix is to (b) (5) – no one would object to that. Thanks!

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**From:** Chambers, Kevin (ODAG) (b) (6) >  
**Sent:** Monday, October 4, 2021 4:24 PM  
**To:** Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO) (b) (6); Singh, Anita M. (ODAG) (b) (6);  
Coley, Anthony D. (PAO) (b) (6)  
**Subject:** RE: Draft PR

Sorry for the last minute item, but

(b) (5)

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**From:** Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO) (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Monday, October 4, 2021 3:28 PM  
**To:** Chambers, Kevin (ODAG) (b) (6); Singh, Anita M. (ODAG) (b) (6);  
Coley, Anthony D. (PAO) (b) (6)  
**Subject:** RE: Draft PR

Yes, got that (minor nit in (b) (5)), final attached. I will send the OAG

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**From:** Chambers, Kevin (ODAG) (b) (6)

**Sent:** Monday, October 4, 2021 3:21 PM

**To:** Singh, Anita M. (ODAG) (b) (6) >; Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO) (b) (6)  
Coley, Anthony D. (PAO) (b) (6) >

**Subject:** RE: Draft PR

Wyn,

I sent you a typo (b) (5) .

Kevin

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**From:** Singh, Anita M. (ODAG) (b) (6) >

**Sent:** Monday, October 4, 2021 3:20 PM

**To:** Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO) (b) (6) >; Coley, Anthony D. (PAO) (b) (6)

**Cc:** Chambers, Kevin (ODAG) (b) (6)

**Subject:** RE: Draft PR

Thanks! Will let Kevin coordinate as needed with components, but good to go from our perspective. Thanks so much.

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**From:** Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO) (b) (6)

**Sent:** Monday, October 4, 2021 3:18 PM

**To:** Singh, Anita M. (ODAG) (b) (6) Coley, Anthony D. (PAO) (b) (6)

**Cc:** Chambers, Kevin (ODAG) (b) (6) >

**Subject:** RE: Draft PR

Here's the final draft of the PR.

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**From:** Singh, Anita M. (ODAG) (b) (6)

**Sent:** Monday, October 4, 2021 2:56 PM

**To:** Coley, Anthony D. (PAO) (b) (6)

**Cc:** Chambers, Kevin (ODAG) (b) (6) >; Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO) (b) (6)

**Subject:** RE: Draft PR

Thanks!

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**From:** Coley, Anthony D. (PAO) (b) (6)

**Sent:** Monday, October 4, 2021 2:56 PM

**To:** Singh, Anita M. (ODAG) (b) (6)

**Cc:** Chambers, Kevin (ODAG) (b) (6) <(b) (6)>; Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO) (b) (6) >

**Subject:** Re: Draft PR

Goal:

Out to field by 3:45

Call to national school board about 415

Release at 5

Looking at 5 to issue. And out to the field at

On Oct 4, 2021, at 2:53 PM, Singh, Anita M. (ODAG) (b) (6) wrote:

I'm good with these. Wyn/Anthony – will you ship us the clean/near-final and keep us posted on when the final will launch? Thanks!

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**From:** Chambers, Kevin (ODAG) (b) (6) >  
**Sent:** Monday, October 4, 2021 2:52 PM  
**To:** Singh, Anita M. (ODAG) (b) (6) >; Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO) (b) (6) >; Coley, Anthony D. (PAO) (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** RE: Draft PR

I will convey clean, near-final to TF components now. A few additional edits in attached.

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**From:** Singh, Anita M. (ODAG) (b) (6) >  
**Sent:** Monday, October 4, 2021 2:39 PM  
**To:** Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO) (b) (6) >; Chambers, Kevin (ODAG) (b) (6) >; Coley, Anthony D. (PAO) (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** RE: Draft PR

Yes please (just coordinate with Kevin first, so he has also flagged for his counterparts). Kevin – I think you have already done this, but (b) (5). Edits attached that would allow this to go today without being inconsistent with the AG memo. Happy to discuss, but otherwise, if OPA and Kevin are good, we can just get a copy of the final before it goes. Thanks.

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**From:** Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO) (b) (6) >  
**Sent:** Monday, October 4, 2021 2:32 PM  
**To:** Chambers, Kevin (ODAG) (b) (6) >; Singh, Anita M. (ODAG) (b) (6) >; Coley, Anthony D. (PAO) (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** RE: Draft PR

I would also ensure there is (b) (5)

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**From:** Chambers, Kevin (ODAG) (b) (6) >  
**Sent:** Monday, October 4, 2021 2:21 PM  
**To:** Singh, Anita M. (ODAG) (b) (6) >; Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO) (b) (6) >; Coley, Anthony D. (PAO) (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** RE: Draft PR

Confirmed, I have not spoken to Slaven.

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**From:** Singh, Anita M. (ODAG) (b) (6) >  
**Sent:** Monday, October 4, 2021 2:20 PM  
**To:** Chambers, Kevin (ODAG) (b) (6) >; Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO) (b) (6) >; Coley, Anthony D. (PAO) (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** RE: Draft PR

I will also have edits. Anthony – JPC and I spoke to Klapper and I think we can still be a go today. I will change language.

Kevin – can you confirm that you have not called Chip Slaven?

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**From:** Chambers, Kevin (ODAG) (b) (6) >  
**Sent:** Monday, October 4, 2021 2:07 PM

**To:** Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO) (b) (6) >; Coley, Anthony D. (PAO) (b) (6) >; Singh, Anita M. (ODAG) (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** RE: Draft PR

Here are some revisions to bring into line with current version of AG memo, attached.

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**From:** Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO) (b) (6) >  
**Sent:** Monday, October 4, 2021 1:29 PM  
**To:** Coley, Anthony D. (PAO) (b) (6) >; Chambers, Kevin (ODAG) (b) (6) >; Singh, Anita M. (ODAG) (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** RE: Draft PR

Here's a first draft. I added a couple of things that suggest (b) (5)  
(b) (5)  
I welcome suggestions for improving this. I also suggest (b) (5)  
(b) (5). Will the task force have an official name?

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**From:** Coley, Anthony D. (PAO) (b) (6) >  
**Sent:** Monday, October 4, 2021 12:57 PM  
**To:** Chambers, Kevin (ODAG) (b) (6) >; Singh, Anita M. (ODAG) (b) (6) >; Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO) (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** RE: Draft PR

Thanks, all. Wyn is going to run point on this for us. He'll circulate the draft release...

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**From:** Chambers, Kevin (ODAG) (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Monday, October 4, 2021 11:55 AM  
**To:** Coley, Anthony D. (PAO) (b) (6) >; Singh, Anita M. (ODAG) (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** RE: Draft PR

We have, I would make (b) (5). Thanks.

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**From:** Coley, Anthony D. (PAO) (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Monday, October 4, 2021 11:43 AM  
**To:** Singh, Anita M. (ODAG) (b) (6)  
**Cc:** Chambers, Kevin (ODAG) (b) (6) >  
**Subject:** RE: Draft PR

Hey there, to make sure I'm tracking, have we *definitely* committed to:

- Creation of a Department of Justice Task Force
- Development of Training Materials
- Threat Assessment and Filtering

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**From:** Singh, Anita M. (ODAG) (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Monday, October 4, 2021 11:34 AM  
**To:** Coley, Anthony D. (PAO) (b) (6) >

**Cc:** Chambers, Kevin (ODAG)(b) (6)

**Subject:** Draft PR

Hi there – can your team pull together a draft PR for us to review on the school board issue, (b) (5)  
[REDACTED] ? Kevin  
can get you what you need on details, but would love to see a draft by 2 pm if at all possible. Thanks!

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**Anita M. Singh**

*Chief of Staff*

United States Department of Justice

Office of the Deputy Attorney General

O: (b) (6)

C: (b) (6)

**From:** Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO)  
**Subject:** RE: Draft PR  
**To:** Singh, Anita M. (ODAG); Chambers, Kevin (ODAG); Coley, Anthony D. (PAO)  
**Sent:** October 4, 2021 4:31 PM (UTC-04:00)  
**Attached:** AG Memo Threats Against School Workers 10-4-2021 1630.docx

So like so?

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**From:** Singh, Anita M. (ODAG) (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Monday, October 4, 2021 4:27 PM  
**To:** Chambers, Kevin (ODAG) (b) (6); Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO) (b) (6)  
Coley, Anthony D. (PAO) (b) (6)  
**Subject:** RE: Draft PR

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**From:** Monroe, Becky (OASG)  
**Subject:** RE: FOR IMMEDIATE REVIEW: Draft AG Memo Re: School Board Threats and Draft Press Release  
**To:** Chambers, Kevin (ODAG)  
**Cc:** Rossi, Rachel (OASG); Colangelo, Matthew (OASG); Braden, Myesha (ODAG)  
**Sent:** October 4, 2021 4:30 PM (UTC-04:00)

Many thanks for the edit, and thank you for the welcome! It is really nice to be back.

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**From:** Chambers, Kevin (ODAG) (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Monday, October 4, 2021 4:29 PM  
**To:** Monroe, Becky (OASG) (b) (6)  
**Cc:** Rossi, Rachel (OASG) (b) (6); Colangelo, Matthew (OASG) (b) (6);  
Braden, Myesha (ODAG) (b) (6)  
**Subject:** RE: FOR IMMEDIATE REVIEW: Draft AG Memo Re: School Board Threats and Draft Press Release

It's great to hear from you Becky, and welcome.

Yes, we have told OPA to (b) (5), for the reasons you've suggested. Sorry for the oversight.

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**From:** Monroe, Becky (OASG) (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Monday, October 4, 2021 4:23 PM  
**To:** Chambers, Kevin (ODAG) (b) (6)  
**Cc:** Rossi, Rachel (OASG) (b) (6); Colangelo, Matthew (OASG) (b) (6);  
Braden, Myesha (ODAG) (b) (6)  
**Subject:** RE: FOR IMMEDIATE REVIEW: Draft AG Memo Re: School Board Threats and Draft Press Release

Dear Kevin,

Thank you for the opportunity to review this draft memo and press release. We would recommend

(b) (5)

The recommended edit is below in red and in the attached.

Many thanks for considering this edit; I know how quickly you have to move and how many equities you have to address.

Best,  
Becky

Becky L. Monroe  
Office of the Associate Attorney General  
Mobile: (b) (6)  
(b) (6)  
She/Her/Hers

(b) (5)



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**From:** Chambers, Kevin (ODAG) (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Monday, October 4, 2021 3:00 PM  
**To:** Jensen, Steven J. (CTD) (FBI) (b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI; McQuaid, Nicholas (CRM) (b) (6)  
Moosy, Robert (CRT) (b) (6); Wilkinson, Monty (USAEO) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per EOUSA; Toscas,  
George (NSD) (b) (6); Darke Schmitt, Katherine (OJP/OVC)  
(b) (6); Tarasca, James A. (CTD) (FBI) (b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI; Blue, Matt (NSD)  
(b) (6); Langan, Timothy R. Jr. (CTD) (FBI) (b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI; (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI. (CTD) (FBI)  
(b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI; (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI (CTD) (FBI) (b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI; Vorndran, Kevin (CTD) (FBI)  
(b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI; Lesko, Mark (NSD) (b) (6); Wiegmann, Brad (NSD)  
(b) (6); Driscoll, Kevin (CRM) (b) (6); Rossi, Rachel (OASG)  
(b) (6); Monroe, Becky (OASG) (b) (6); Wong, Norman (USAEO)  
(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per EOUSA  
**Cc:** Braden, Myesha (ODAG) (b) (6); Newman, David A. (ODAG)  
(b) (6); Lan, Iris (ODAG) (b) (6)  
**Subject:** FOR IMMEDIATE REVIEW: Draft AG Memo Re: School Board Threats and Draft Press Release

All,

Please see attached documents (memo from AG and related press release) re school board threats effort. Please review and advise of any red flag concerns as soon as possible.

CRM/FBI/EOUSA: Please note that (b) (5).

**From:** Chambers, Kevin (ODAG)

**Sent:** Sunday, October 3, 2021 7:27 PM

**To:** 'Steven Jensen' (b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI; McQuaid, Nicholas (CRM) (b) (6); Moossy, Robert (CRT) (b) (6); Wilkinson, Monty (USAEO) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per EOUSA; Toscas, George (NSD) (b) (6); Darke Schmitt, Katherine (OJP/OVC) (b) (6); Tarasca, James A. (CTD) (FBI) (b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI; Blue, Matt (NSD) (b) (6); Langan, Timothy R. Jr. (CTD) (FBI) (b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI (CTD) (FBI) (b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI; (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per FBI (CTD) (FBI) (b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI; Vorndran, Kevin (CTD) (FBI) (b)(6); (b)(7)(E) per FBI; Lesko, Mark (NSD) (b) (6); Wiegmann, Brad (NSD) (b) (6); 'Driscoll, Kevin (CRM)' (b) (6); Rossi, Rachel (OASG) (b) (6); Monroe, Becky (OASG) (b) (6); Wong, Norman (USAEO) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per EOUSA

**Cc:** Braden, Myesha (ODAG) (b) (6); Newman, David A. (ODAG) (b) (6); Lan, Iris (ODAG) (b) (6)

**Subject:** RE: FOR REVIEW: Draft Documents Re: School Board Threats

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**From:** Colangelo, Matthew (OASG)  
**Subject:** RE: FOR IMMEDIATE REVIEW: Draft AG Memo Re: School Board Threats and Draft Press Release  
**To:** Monroe, Becky (OASG)  
**Cc:** Rossi, Rachel (OASG)  
**Sent:** October 4, 2021 4:14 PM (UTC-04:00)

yes, good here, thank you

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**From:** Monroe, Becky (OASG) (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Monday, October 4, 2021 3:58 PM  
**To:** Colangelo, Matthew (OASG) (b) (6)  
**Cc:** Rossi, Rachel (OASG) (b) (6)  
**Subject:** RE: FOR IMMEDIATE REVIEW: Draft AG Memo Re: School Board Threats and Draft Press Release

Great – thank you. If it is ok, I'll reach out to Kevin directly and copy you all.

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**From:** Colangelo, Matthew (OASG) (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Monday, October 4, 2021 3:56 PM  
**To:** Monroe, Becky (OASG) (b) (6) >  
**Cc:** Rossi, Rachel (OASG) (b) (6)  
**Subject:** Re: FOR IMMEDIATE REVIEW: Draft AG Memo Re: School Board Threats and Draft Press Release

Yes, I agree

On Oct 4, 2021, at 3:27 PM, Monroe, Becky (OASG) (b) (6) wrote:

I understood that (b) (5)

Can we ask (b) (5)

. (Recommended edit below in red)

(b) (5)

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**Cc:** Braden, Myesha (ODAG) (b) (6); Newman, David A. (ODAG) (b) (6); Lan, Iris (ODAG) (b) (6)  
**Subject:** FOR IMMEDIATE REVIEW: Draft AG Memo Re: School Board Threats and Draft Press Release

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**From:** Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO)  
**Subject:** RE: FOR IMMEDIATE REVIEW: Draft AG Memo Re: School Board Threats and Draft Press Release  
**To:** Chambers, Kevin (ODAG); Coley, Anthony D. (PAO)  
**Sent:** October 4, 2021 3:23 PM (UTC-04:00)

Copy thanks for catching that

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**From:** Chambers, Kevin (ODAG) (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Monday, October 4, 2021 3:18 PM  
**To:** Coley, Anthony D. (PAO) (b) (6); Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO) (b) (6)  
**Subject:** FW: FOR IMMEDIATE REVIEW: Draft AG Memo Re: School Board Threats and Draft Press Release

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**From:** Wilkinson, Monty (USAEO) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per EOUSA  
**Sent:** Monday, October 4, 2021 3:17 PM  
**To:** Chambers, Kevin (ODAG) (b) (6)  
**Cc:** Wong, Norman (USAEO) (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) per EOUSA  
**Subject:** RE: FOR IMMEDIATE REVIEW: Draft AG Memo Re: School Board Threats and Draft Press Release

Kevin-

No comments from EOUSA. In the press release, (b) (5).

Thanks,  
Monty

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**From:** Chambers, Kevin (ODAG) (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Monday, October 4, 2021 3:00 PM  
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**From:** Shevlin, Shannon (PAO)  
**Subject:** RE: AG Memo to Address Threats Against School Workers\_10.04.21 1500 clean  
**To:** Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO)  
**Sent:** October 4, 2021 3:14 PM (UTC-04:00)  
**Attached:** AG Memo Threats Against School Workers 10-4-2021.docx

Here you go:

Shannon R. Shevlin  
Press Assistant  
Office of Public Affairs | U.S. Department of Justice  
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**From:** Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO) (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Monday, October 4, 2021 3:00 PM  
**To:** Shevlin, Shannon (PAO) (b) (6)  
**Subject:** AG Memo to Address Threats Against School Workers\_10.04.21 1500 clean

Hey Shannon,  
Can you AP check this and put it on our letterhead?

**From:** Morris, Catherine (PAO)  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] Justice Department Addresses Violent Threats Against School Officials and Teachers: TEST  
**To:** Shevlin, Shannon (PAO); Mitchell, Kendall M. (PAO); Li, Kaei (PAO); Gelber, Sophie (PAO)  
**Cc:** Hornbuckle, Wyn (PAO)  
**Sent:** October 4, 2021 6:08 PM (UTC-04:00)

A couple commas!

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Catherine Morris  
Speechwriting/Media Affairs Intern  
Office of Public Affairs | U.S. Department of Justice  
Mobile: (b) (6)  
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**From:** Shevlin, Shannon (PAO) (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Monday, October 4, 2021 5:53 PM  
**To:** Mitchell, Kendall M. (PAO) (b) (6); Li, Kaei (PAO) (b) (6); Gelber, Sophie (PAO) (b) (6); Morris, Catherine (PAO) (b) (6)  
**Subject:** FW: [EXTERNAL] Justice Department Addresses Violent Threats Against School Officials and Teachers: TEST

New test with the tweaked version

(b) (5)

Wyn I'll wait for your greenlight on this one.

Shannon R. Shevlin  
Press Assistant  
Office of Public Affairs | U.S. Department of Justice  
(m) (b) (6)

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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Justice Department Addresses Violent Threats Against School Officials and Teachers: TEST



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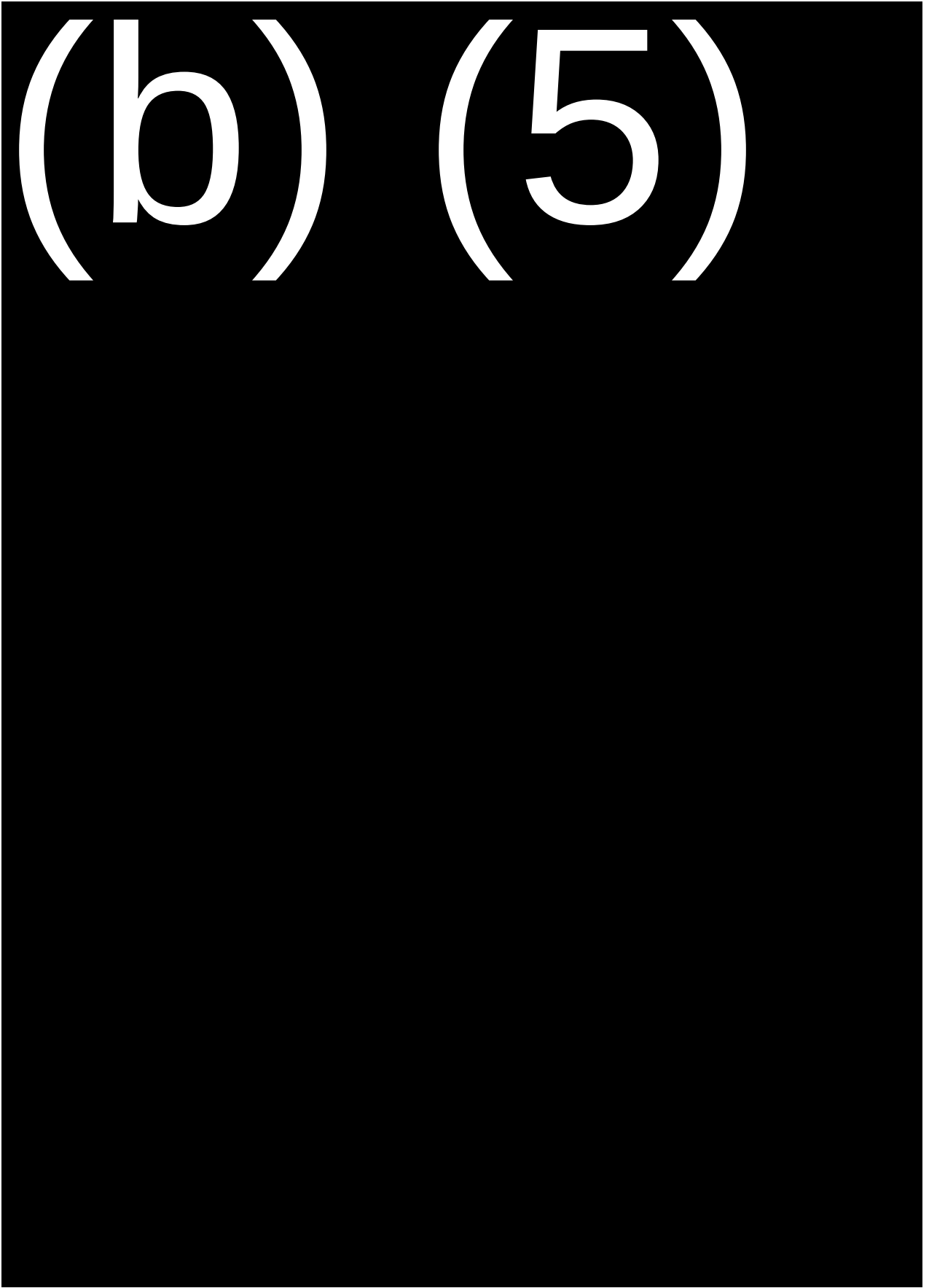
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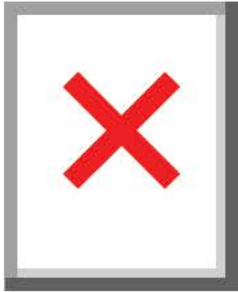
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**From:** USDOJ-Office of Public Affairs  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Courtesy Copy: Justice Department Addresses Violent Threats Against School Officials and Teachers  
**To:** Blevins, Danielle (PAO); Gelber, Sophie (PAO); Shevlin, Shannon (PAO)  
**Sent:** October 4, 2021 6:08 PM (UTC-04:00)

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October 4, 2021

**Note:** Read the Attorney General's memorandum [here](#).

## Justice Department Addresses Violent Threats Against School Officials and Teachers

WASHINGTON – Citing an increase in harassment, intimidation and threats of violence against school board members, teachers and workers in our nation's public schools, today Attorney General Merrick B. Garland directed the FBI and U.S. Attorneys' Offices to meet in the next 30 days with federal, state, tribal, territorial and local law enforcement leaders to discuss strategies for addressing this disturbing trend. These sessions will open dedicated lines of communication for threat reporting, assessment and response by law enforcement.

"Threats against public servants are not only illegal, they run counter to our nation's core values," wrote Attorney General Garland. "Those who dedicate their time and energy to ensuring that our children receive a proper education in a safe environment deserve to be able to do their work without fear for their safety."

According to the Attorney General's memorandum, the Justice Department will launch a series of additional efforts in the coming days designed to address the rise in criminal conduct directed toward school personnel. Those efforts are expected to include the creation of a task force, consisting of representatives from the department's Criminal Division, National Security Division, Civil Rights Division, the Executive Office for U.S. Attorneys, the FBI, the Community Relations Service and the Office of Justice Programs, to determine how federal enforcement tools can be used to prosecute these crimes, and ways to assist state, Tribal, territorial and local law enforcement where threats of violence may not constitute federal crimes.

The Justice Department will also create specialized training and guidance for local school boards and school administrators. This training will help school board members and other potential victims understand the type of behavior that constitutes threats, how to report threatening conduct to the appropriate law enforcement agencies, and how to capture and preserve evidence of threatening conduct to aid in the investigation and prosecution of these crimes.

Threats of violence against school board members, officials, and workers in our nation's public schools can be reported by the public to the FBI's National Threat Operations Center (NTOC) via its national tip line (1-800-CALL-FBI) and online through the FBI website (<http://fbi.gov/tips>). To ensure that threats are communicated to the appropriate authorities, NTOC will direct credible threats to FBI field offices, for coordination with the U.S. Attorney's Office and law enforcement partners as appropriate. Reporting threats of violence through NTOC will help the federal government identify increased threats in specific jurisdictions as well as coordinated widespread efforts to intimidate educators and education workers.

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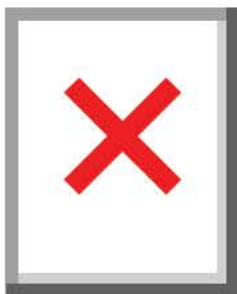
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WASHINGTON – Citing an increase in harassment, intimidation, and threats of violence against school board members, teachers, and workers in our nation’s public schools, today Attorney General Merrick B. Garland directed the FBI and U.S. Attorneys’ Offices to meet in the next 30 days with federal, state, Tribal, territorial and local law enforcement leaders to discuss strategies for addressing this disturbing trend. These sessions will open dedicated lines of communication for threat reporting, assessment, and response by law enforcement.

“Threats against public servants are not only illegal, they run counter to our nation’s core values,” wrote Attorney General Garland in a memorandum. “Those who dedicate their time and energy to ensuring that our children receive a proper education in a safe environment deserve to be able to do their work without fear for their safety.”

According to the Attorney General’s memorandum, the Justice Department will launch a series of additional efforts in the coming days designed to address the rise in criminal conduct directed toward school personnel. Those efforts are expected to include the creation of a task force, consisting of representatives from the department’s Criminal Division, National Security Division, Civil Rights Division, the Executive Office for U.S. Attorneys, the FBI, the Community Relations Service, and the Office of Justice Programs, to determine how federal enforcement tools can be used to prosecute these crimes, and ways to assist state, Tribal, territorial and local law enforcement where threats of violence may not constitute federal crimes.

The Justice Department will also create specialized training and guidance for local school boards and school administrators. This training will help school board members and other potential victims understand the type of behavior that constitutes threats, how to report threatening conduct to the appropriate law enforcement agencies, and how to capture and preserve evidence of threatening conduct to aid in the investigation and prosecution of these crimes.

Threats of violence against school board members, officials, and workers in our nation’s public schools can be reported by the public to the FBI’s National Threat Operations Center (NTOC) via its national tip line (1-800-CALL-FBI) and online through the FBI website (<http://fbi.gov/tips>). To ensure that threats are communicated to the appropriate authorities, NTOC will direct credible threats to FBI field offices, for coordination with the U.S. Attorney’s Office and law enforcement partners as appropriate. Reporting threats of violence through NTOC will help the federal government identify increased threats in specific jurisdictions as well as coordinated widespread efforts to intimidate educators and education workers.

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