



State Senator Don Huffines - Senate District 16 (Dallas)

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SEN HUFFINES APPOINTED TO SCHOOL SAFETY COMMITTEE

Senator Huffines recognizes school safety is a top priority

AUSTIN – Yesterday, following the heartbreaking school shooting in Santa Fe, Texas, Lieutenant Governor Dan Patrick appointed Senator Don Huffines (R-Dallas) to the Senate Select Committee to Study Violence in Schools and School Security. The committee, which will meet throughout the summer, is charged with developing effective policy recommendations to help keep school children safe.

Senator Huffines stated, "I appreciate Lieutenant Governor Patrick's formation of this committee, and I'm thankful for the opportunity to work on effective solutions. We must do more to keep our students safe. It's unthinkable that students should have to fear for their lives when they're in school, and I'm eager to continue working on this priority issue. As a father to five children, I know first-hand that school safety is a top priority. Texas parents deserve results from their state leaders, and I'm excited to have the opportunity to help deliver."

Just yesterday in Dallas, Governor Greg Abbott announced a 44-page school safety policy plan that was developed over the course of two weeks in conjunction with three stakeholder meetings. This Senate Select Committee will build on Governor Abbott's plan, considering those ideas and others while garnering feedback from additional stakeholders, law enforcement officials, mental health experts, and school leaders.

Senator Huffines continued, "Student safety is a complex, multi-faceted issue that requires focus and thoughtful deliberation. I'm confident that the committee will lay the foundation for a productive and effective path forward. We must deliver results to keep students safe, and this committee is a big, decisive step in that direction."

Senator Huffines concluded, "Lieutenant Governor Patrick and Chairman Larry Taylor (R-Friendswood) have made it clear that the Texas Senate is ready and willing to take on the major priorities that Texans should expect of their Legislature. When Texans stand united behind a common purpose, our future is limitless. Now is our time to act to keep our students safe. We'll rise to the challenge together, as Texans, and deliver the results that students, parents, and school leaders deserve."

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Senator Don Huffines represents most of the north half of Dallas County in the Texas Senate. First elected in 2014, he serves as Vice Chairman of the Senate Veteran Affairs & Border Security Committee, and as a member of the Senate Committees on Natural Resources & Economic Development, Education, Intergovernmental Relations, and Administration.