Date: December 5, 2014

To: Parents/Guardians of Students in the SFUSD School District

From: SFUSD Superintendent and Board of Education

Subject: Help Reduce the Risk of Gun Violence in Your Home and Our Community

Every 30 minutes a child or teen dies or is injured from a gun. Too often the child has obtained the weapon from his/her home. SFUSD is committed to creating a safe environment for our students. Please take the time to read this important information on gun safety and learn what you can do to keep our schools, homes, communities, and children safe from gun violence.

**RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH HAVING A GUN IN THE HOME:**
- **Risks to your family:** studies have shown that a gun in your home is 22x more likely to be used in a homicide, suicide, or accidental death than in justified self-defense.
- **Increased Risk of a Suicide:** having an unlocked firearm in your home makes it 3-4x more likely that a person in your home will die from a suicide attempt.
- **Increased Risk of Domestic Violence:** a domestic dispute is 5x more likely to result in a death if there is a gun in the home.
- **Increased Risk of Accidental Gun Death:** it is 4x more likely that someone will die from an accidental gun death in your home when a gun is present.
- **Community Safety:** an estimated 500,000 guns are stolen from homes in America each year, which is a significant public safety risk.

**IF YOU WANT TO TURN IN A GUN FOR CASH:**
The San Francisco Police Department and community leaders are hosting a gun buyback event on December 13th. **Anyone can anonymously turn in a gun to receive cash compensation. If you have a firearm in your home, please consider participating** in the buyback event (details on the reverse) to help reduce the risks of gun violence in your home.

**IF YOU KEEP A GUN IN THE HOME, PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOU ARE AWARE OF YOUR LEGAL RESPONSIBILITIES:**
Parents and legal guardians are legally responsible for protecting children by adhering to the safe storage of firearms’ guidelines under California Law AB 231, which makes someone criminally liable if they store a loaded firearm somewhere that a child is likely to gain access to it. Guidelines for safe storage are provided on the reverse.

Together, we can make sure our schools provide a safe and violence-free environment for our children. Thank you for participating in the gun buyback or ensuring your firearms are safely and securely stored.
ANONYMOUS GUN BUYBACK
Saturday, December 13, 2014
9am – 1pm
1038 Howard St, San Francisco, 94103
$100 cash for handguns, shotguns & rifles
$200 cash for assault weapons as classified by the state of California

SAFE STORAGE GUIDELINES
- Guns and ammunition should be stored separately.
- Use a California-approved firearms safety device on the gun, such as a trigger lock or cable lock, so it cannot be fired.
- Store it unloaded in a locked container, such as a California-approved lock box or a gun safe.
- Store your gun in a different location than the ammunition.
- For maximum safety you should use both a locking device and a storage container.