

National Pledge Against Gun Violence

October 24, 2007

Tune in and join in!



On Wednesday, October 24, 2007, Students nationwide will participate in the National Pledge Against Gun Violence. The District of Columbia Public Schools will broadcast on the District Schools Television (DSTV) at 10:00 a.m. on Channel 99 and DC Channel 18, the National Student Pledge Against Gun Violence. We are asking each school to participate by doing the following:

1. Watch your fellow DCPS students take the pledge on Channel 99 in several different languages,
2. Have each student take the pledge in his /her language,
3. Each school may:
 - a. E-mail your total to PeaceableSchoolsData@dc.gov
 - b. Fax your total to (202) 442-5523; or
 - c. Call in your total number to Student Intervention Services Branch on (202) 442-5099 or (202) 442-5146 and leave the information on the voice mail system by October 31, 2007.

*Promise not to use a gun to settle disputes.
Choose peaceful ways to resolve problems.*

Supported by:
Title IV, Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act
Student Intervention Services Branch
Office of Student and School Support Services

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**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS
DIVISION OF STUDENT & SCHOOL SUPPORT SERVICES
STUDENT INTERVENTION SERVICES BRANCH**

PARTICIPATION IN STUDENT PLEDGE AGAINST GUN VIOLENCE

Summary Response Sheet

Directions: Between 2:00 and 3:15 p.m. on Wednesday, October 24, 2007, please indicate the number of students who took the pledge at your school in one of three ways:

- 1. E-mail your total to PeaceableSchoolsData@dc.gov**
- 2. Fax your total to (202) 442-5523; or**
- 3. Call in your total number of The Student Intervention Services Branch on (202) 442-5099 or (202) 442-5146 and leave the information on the voice mail system.**

The consolidate number of students, who took the pledge, from the District of Columbia will be reported to the Office of the Superintendent and forwarded to the Student Pledge Against Gun Violence National Headquarters Office.

Name of School:

School Phone Number:

Total Number of Students Who Took the Pledge:

Contact Person:

Email:

Principal's Name Required

Fax:

Principal's Signature Required

Date:



Student Pledge Against Gun Violence Frequently Asked Questions about the Student Pledge

Q: What is it?

A: A national observance giving students throughout the country the chance to sign a voluntary promise that they will:

- Never carry a gun to school
- Never resolve a dispute with a gun
- Use their influence with their friends to keep them from resolving disputes with guns

The pledge will be followed by an acknowledgement of the importance of individual decisions.

Q: When is it?

A: The Day of National Concern about Young People and Gun Violence and national distribution of the Student Pledge will take place on October 18, 2006.

Q: Who will participate in it?

A: Every student in the country, from middle school through high school, should be given a copy of the Pledge on October 24th. Schools and other community institutions such as churches and synagogues can use the weeks leading up to the distribution of the Pledge to talk about the power that young people have to reverse the violence that is claiming so many lives. Schools and communities will be free to create their own activities around distribution of the Pledge.

Every person in the county concerned about the toll of gun violence on our young people can participate in this event – by organizing community events prior to the distribution of the Pledge, by making sure that their own local schools are distributing the Pledge, and by using the Pledge as a vehicle for letting young people know about our concern for them, and our desire to see them grow up safely.

The Student Pledge Against Gun Violence is endorsed by numerous national organizations of parents, educators, administrators, religious leaders, and students themselves.



Q: What are some activities for the Day of National Concern?

A: There are numerous possibilities, but for a few suggestions you might want to read **Suggested activities for the Day of National Concern.**

Q: Why a national observance? Why not deal with the issue on a school-by-school, town-by-town basis?

A: By taking part in a large national observance, young people can envision the possibility of reversing the tide of violence and diminishing one of the greatest threats to their health and safety.

There is power in large numbers acting together. While it is very valuable for students to study conflict resolution in their classrooms, they need to know that there will be millions of other young people making the same decision they are *at the same time*. If they take the Pledge – and mean it – others will too. We encourage community and school efforts to bring home the shared spirit and the power of collection action.

Also, the Day of National Concern and distribution of the Pledge can bring Americans together in a kind of national town meeting, united in our concern for young people. As the endorsing letter from the League of Women Voters of the US said, "The Day of National Concern can focus discussion of the problem of young people and gun violence at both the national and community level, and will empower young people to see themselves as agents of change."



Q: Where can I get more information about the Student Pledge and the Day of National Concern about Young People and Gun Violence?

A: You can request an information packet from the following organizations:

Council of the Great City Schools
1301 Pennsylvania Ave, NW
Washington, D.C. 20004

Student Pledge Against Gun Violence
112 Nevada St.
Northfield, MN 55057
Phone: (507) 645-5378
FAX: (507) 663-1207

Washington, DC

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Questions and special requests should be directed to the Student Pledge Against Gun Violence.

Email can be sent to MLGrow@microassist.com



If I see a gun, I won't touch it.

I will remember that any gun I see might be loaded.

I know how important it is to keep myself safe.

Name:

Grade:

School:

School Address:

La Promesa del Estudiante



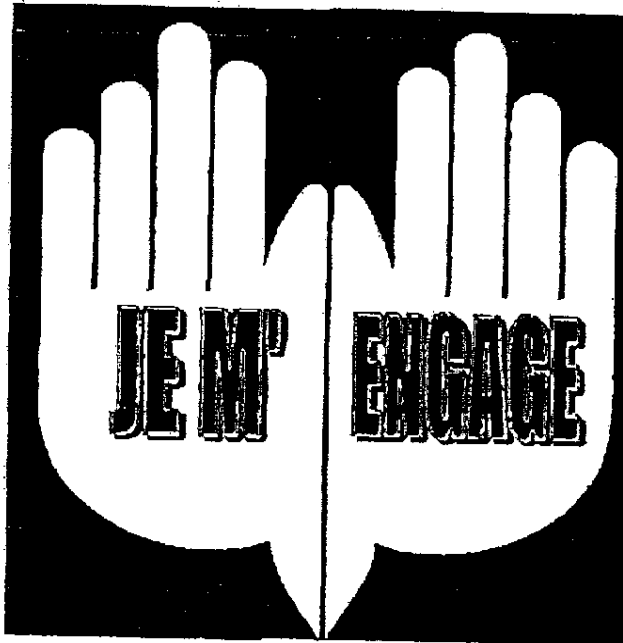
Que si veo un arma, no la tocaré.

Recordaré que cualquier arma que vea podría estar cargada.

Reconozco cuan importante es mantenerme fuera de peligro.

Nombre: _____

L'Engagement des Élèves



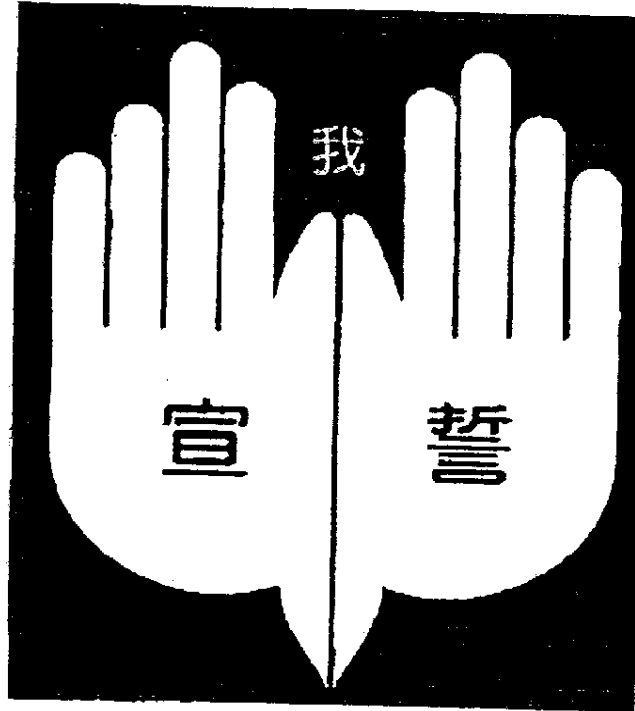
Si je vois une arme à feu, je n'y toucherai pas.

**Je me souviendrai que n'importe quelle arme
à feu pourrait être chargée.**

Je sais combien est d'importance que je me garde en sécurité.

Nom de l'Élève: _____

學生的誓言



如果我看見一把槍枝，我將不會去摸取玩動它。

我將會記得我所看見的任何槍枝子彈可能已經上膛。

我知道注意自己的安全是何等重要。

姓名: _____

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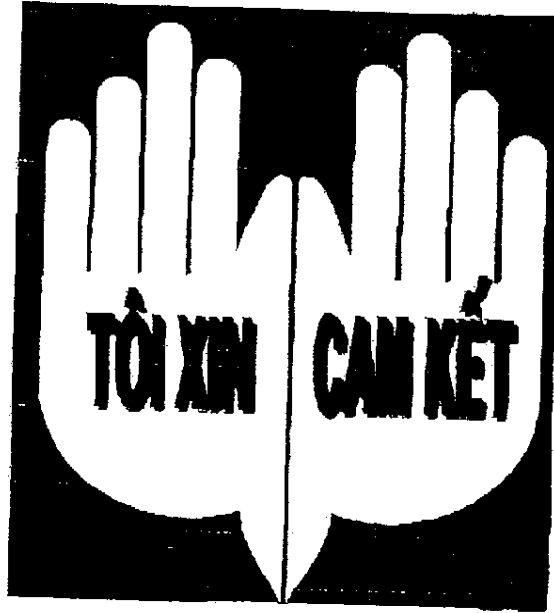
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Học Sinh Cam Kết



Nếu tôi thấy súng, tôi sẽ không đụng tới.

**Tôi ghi nhớ rằng bất cứ súng nào tôi thấy
cũng đều có thể đã nạp đạn rồi.**

**Tôi hiểu rằng điều quan trọng
là gìn giữ cho bản thân tôi được an toàn.**

Tên: _____