

It is our understanding that the state is seeking input about gun violence in CT.

As retired teachers, we suggest the following.

A message (online and/or in print) to encourage parents to:

1. find alternatives (for their children) to videos and video games that promote violent behavior
2. ask their clergy (if they attend church) to get involved in discussions with children of peaceful ways to resolve conflict
3. keep in touch with schools about bullying and other antisocial behaviors and offer assistance or guidance where parental involvement may be of help
4. be sure to keep all firearms locked safely away at all times, which is just common sense
5. do not take children to gun shows
6. try to keep a peaceful household, with as little rancor as possible
7. be the best role models they can be for their children

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