

SENATE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

COMMITTEE: Agriculture, Rural Affairs & Homeland Security
TIME & DATE: 2:00 PM or 30 minutes upon adjournment
Monday, January 28, 2013
PLACE: Senate Chamber
CHAIR: Senator Craig Estes

The Senate Committee on Agriculture, Rural Affairs and Homeland Security will hold a joint hearing with the Senate Committee on Education on Monday, January 28, 2013 at 2:00 PM or 30 minutes upon adjournment.

The purpose of this meeting is to hear invited expert testimony on various school safety proposals to prevent acts of violence in Texas schools.

The joint hearing will be located in the Senate Chamber and the committees will hear invited testimony followed by public testimony. Public testimony will be limited to two minutes.

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AUSTIN- (January 11, 2013) Lt. Governor David Dewhurst released the following statement on school safety:

"With the increased violence we've seen in public schools in recent years, we must do everything we can to protect the safety and well-being of our most precious possession - our children. I'm asking the Texas Senate to consider various school safety proposals, including providing state funds to make sure that school personnel approved by local school districts to carry concealed firearms have adequate training to protect our children and themselves. I have asked Senator Patrick, Chairman of the Senate Education Committee, to hold a hearing on school safety, and I have asked Senator Estes, Chairman of the Committee that oversees Homeland Security, to recommend additional ways to prevent heinous acts of violence against our children."