



UNITED STATES SENATOR  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

March 11, 2023

Dear Friends,

I am writing to extend my greetings to all who are gathered for the Intruder Response Training hosted by the Institute for Childhood Preparedness and Child Care Aware of Virginia.

As early childhood educators, you work to equip your students with the skills and confidence they need to succeed in Kindergarten and beyond. You help Virginia's children grow emotionally, developmentally, physically, socially, and intellectually, and show them that school is a welcoming and safe space where learning is fun. Thank you for your tremendous service.

In recent years, we have seen far too many mass shootings in educational settings: Newtown, Parkland, Virginia Tech, and too many other horrific events to name here, each of which has devastated communities around the country. While we simply cannot accept these periodic mass shootings as the new normal, I appreciate your efforts to receive the training necessary to protect the children you have been entrusted to care for each day. While it is important to be prepared, my hope is that you will never need to implement these techniques and strategies.

I extend my best wishes for a successful and informative event.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mark R. Warner".

MARK R. WARNER  
United States Senator