



National PTA and New York State PTA Statement on Violence in the South Bronx

ALEXANDRIA, VA & ALBANY, NY (April 11, 2022) - Our hearts are with the South Bronx community, with Friday's senseless shooting near University Heights Secondary School, and death of Angellyh Yambo, a student at University Prep Charter High School.

This was the second shooting involving students just last week and the third in two weeks. This is beyond unacceptable. Action must be taken immediately to implement gun safety and violence prevention policies that will save lives.

National PTA, New York State PTA and PTAs nationwide remain committed to urging Congress to address the gun and school safety epidemic we continue to face as a country. For those in need of mental health support during this time, free resources are available at [PTA.org/HealthyMinds](https://pta.org/HealthyMinds).

About National PTA

[National PTA](https://pta.org)® comprises millions of families, students, teachers, administrators, and business and community leaders devoted to the educational success of children and the promotion of family engagement in schools. PTA is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit association that prides itself on being a powerful voice for all children, a relevant resource for families and communities, and a strong advocate for public education. Membership in PTA is open to anyone who wants to be involved and make a difference for the education, health, and welfare of children and youth. For more information, visit [PTA.org](https://pta.org).

About New York State PTA

The NYS Congress of Parents and Teachers, Inc. (NYS PTA) is the oldest and largest child advocacy association in New York State, established in 1897 to make every child's potential a reality. NYS PTA is honored to represent the families of our 2.6 million school children and our nearly 250,000 members. It is our mission to Shine a Light on Every Child with One Voice. www.nyspta.org

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