

Kansas mourns deadly TX school shooting

(MSC News)--Flags are being flown at half-staff across Kansas, in honor of the 19 children and two adults killed Tuesday in the nation's latest school shooting.

Kansas Governor Laura Kelly, on Wednesday, directed that flags be lowered to half-staff immediately, and they will remain flown that way throughout the state until sundown Friday.

Kelly, in a release, says that "Kansas mourns alongside the community of Uvalde, Texas," the site of Tuesday's mass shooting at Robb Elementary School.

Late Wednesday morning, Brown County Sheriff John Merchant issued a statement regarding the tragedy:

Our thoughts and prayers go out to all those affected by the senseless shooting in Uvalde, Texas yesterday. This type of tragedy is something that is so very hard to comprehend as to why anyone would want to harm another, especially small children and teachers who are utterly defenseless. We are at the point where we have to be vigilant on providing protection for our own schools. Options are being weighed that would enable a certified law enforcement officer to be present in our schools while in session, as well as addressing other safety concerns that may arise. I have had many citizens express their valid concerns about the safety of our children at school, and it has not fallen on deaf ears. County Commissioner Rich Lehmkuhl has contacted city, local, state law enforcement as well as school officials to come up with a plan to better protect our school children and staff. We are at the point where all entities are coming together to make sure adequate funding is secured to provide safety measures for our children. Children should not be afraid of going to school. We owe students and staff a safe environment where they can focus on learning. Please be respectful while family's and community's are mourning the loss of their loved ones.

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