

November 4, 2025

Subject: Notification of Mandates under Texas House Bill 33 (HB 33) – The Uvalde Strong Act

To: All Harris County School Superintendents, Open-Enrollment Charter School Directors, and Independent Religious School Administrators

As Harris County Sheriff, nothing is more important to me than ensuring the safety of the residents I was elected to serve. This is especially true when it comes to our duty to protect Harris County's children and the adults who dedicate their lives to teaching them. And so, it is with great excitement and anticipation that I am writing to share that the Harris County Sheriff's Office and the Texas Department of Public Safety are partnering with Region 4 Executive Director Dr. Rodney Watson, Director of Emergency Management Kenneth Culbreath, and their strong school support team to provide all our public school leaders with the training and support needed to protect precious lives.

The recently enacted [Texas House Bill 33 \(HB 33\), also known as the Uvalde Strong Act](#), is intended to significantly strengthen safety and emergency response protocols for K-12 schools. The law requires Texas sheriffs and public-school leaders to regularly gather to implement best practices when it comes to campus safety.

We recognize that public school administrators – regardless of whether you operate a single-campus charter school or a mammoth school district with hundreds of buildings – have myriad responsibilities that demand your time and talents. With this in mind, we have developed a strategic nuts-and-bolts crisis training curriculum that we intend to deliver to you and your teams efficiently and effectively.

HB 33 was enacted to enhance preparedness, communication, and coordination among schools and first responders during active shooter events and other critical incidents. In 2026, the law requires our public safety and education teams to engage in a tabletop planning meeting. Our partners at Region 4 have generously agreed to offer two opportunities for your public school system to participate in this exercise.

You are encouraged to register your leadership team to participate in an exercise on either January 14, 2026, or April 23, 2026, at Region 4 headquarters.

We urge all school leaders to review the full text of Texas HB 33 and begin immediate internal planning to meet the HB 33 requirements. We believe that with coordinated action, we can all work together to ensure the safety and security of students in Harris County. Thank you for the work you do to help keep our students safe. It is my sincere honor to serve with you.

Sincerely,



Ed Gonzalez, Sheriff
Harris County, TX