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### **Too Close to Home—Wisconsin Stands with Waukesha**

MADISON –Representative Melissa Sargent (D-Madison) released the following statement regarding the shooting today at Waukesha South High School:

“Right now, at this very moment, Wisconsin students in Waukesha are grappling with a situation that could have taken their own life, or the lives of those they grew up with and care very deeply about. Parents, going about their work days, had to endure the shattering moment in which they did not know if their children were safe, or at risk of losing their life due to a school shooting. Teachers turned to survival mode as they became responsible for the lives of their students, instead of for their education and futures. The community, the state, family and friends nationwide, looked on, holding their breath hoping that no lives would be lost.

No young person—in fact, no person—should have to face these realities. No parent should have to worry about if their kid will come home at night from school, and no student should fear for their life as they attend school.

My heart aches for what these families are going through today, and my thoughts are with the Waukesha community and the Waukesha School District. Wisconsin stands with you in this fearful time, and we will not stop fighting for change to ensure that instances like these no longer take place in our communities.

We cannot allow this to become the new norm. We cannot allow Wisconsin residents to continue to live in fear and uncertainty, whether it be at school or anywhere else in our state. It is up to us to come together and protect our community and our kids. Inaction is unacceptable.”

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