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PRESS STATEMENT

CRUZ TO CHALLENGE LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD; EXPLOSION OF YOUTH SUICIDE AND CRIME CALLS FOR URGENT ACTIONS

Rob Cruz, Candidate for Congress (R-6th) and member of District 229 School Board, plans to address the board to face the rapid increase of youth suicide and violence in his district, as well as nationally. He received several urgent calls from parents in the past few weeks. "I will be addressing the District 229 Board and the topic is the following:

We are in an unprecedented time where student cases involving mental health are up significantly not just here but in districts all across the Chicagoland area. These cases have led to double digit suicides in the last 4-5 months and have devastated families and communities alike. Schools have seen a hike in bad behavior to the point where media outlets are covering it almost on a weekly basis," he stated.

"I am deeply saddened about the state of affairs in our school systems right now and vow to defend the children first. Right now, I see kids that are confused and are lashing out. We have asked a lot of our kids lately, but they are only children and we have failed them at the local levels in my opinion," he continued. "It is time we evaluate our Covid protocols, our disciplinary measures and look to further address the mental health crisis that we are enduring in our young people. We ask all concerned parents to attend and make their voices heard," Cruz declared.

"We are afraid to speak up in fear of being canceled, I say if standing up for kids gets you canceled so be it. It's time to look inward at the local level to address these items with:"

1. Mask optional approach;
2. Increased in mental health awareness practices;
3. Increase in student discipline when it comes to fights and students who spread hate on social media.

"I swore an oath to protect the kids at all costs and make sure school is a safe place. Can we honestly say it is right now?"

Cruz is a successful small businessman from Oak Lawn who is frustrated with the direction and overreach of current elected officials. Rob seeks office only to find better solutions for public safety, education, and support of small businesses.