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Superintendent of Public Instruction John Huppenthal's Statement on Tragic Shooting in Tucson

Chandler, AZ–"Today is a tragic day for Congressional District 8, Arizona and the nation. I am deeply saddened and mortified by the senseless act of violence committed against Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords, Federal Judge John Roll and all victims of this horrific shooting. My prayers are with Congresswoman Giffords, her family, her staff, and all those who lost their lives or were injured in this horrific crime," said Superintendent Huppenthal.

"Serving alongside Gabrielle Giffords in the Arizona Senate, I remember, firsthand, her strong commitment to upholding justice tempered with a gentle compassion for helping people. Acts and threats of violence against those who nobly take up the call to serve have no place in a free society. May the perpetrator of this heinous violence be brought to swift justice and prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law."

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