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LCAC Condemns Cancellation of Baton Rouge Student Gun-Violence Play as Censorship

Baton Rouge, LA — Louisiana Citizens Against Censorship (LA-CAC) strongly condemns the last-minute cancellation of *Echoes of Enough: An Evening of Art, Truth, and Hope*, the Baton Rouge student performance of *Enough! Plays to End Gun Violence*. The decision—made after months of preparation, full parental consent, and administrative approval—amounts to clear censorship and the silencing of student voices.

According to reports, East Baton Rouge Parish School officials and local partners abruptly halted the production without public explanation. Students and teachers were told of the cancellation just before the show's opening, despite oversight and participation by district and city representatives throughout rehearsals.

"This is exactly what censorship looks like — those in power deciding which truths are acceptable to tell. Louisiana's students deserve better than to have their voices erased," said Lynette Mejía, Executive Director of LA-CAC.

LA-CAC calls on the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board and Mayor-President Sid Edwards to:

- Publicly explain who made the cancellation decision and why;
- Immediately reinstate or reschedule the performance; and
- Implement policies protecting student artistic expression.

"Free expression is a cornerstone of democracy," Mejía stated. "When we silence students for speaking about violence, we teach them that truth is dangerous. That's a lesson no public institution should ever give."

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