



CAMPAIGN FOR THE CIVIC MISSION OF SCHOOLS  *Educating for Democracy.*

The Campaign for the Civic Mission of Schools and Character Education Partnership join all Americans in mourning the tragic loss of life that took place in Tucson. We offer our condolences to the families of the victims and pray for a swift and complete recovery for those who were wounded in the tragic incident.



We were especially saddened that an innocent 9-year-old student lost her life in this senseless killing spree. Christina Taylor Green, pictured above, was a shining example of civic character.

Christina embodied many of the qualities our organizations seek to foster in all young people. She was a conscientious student, a loving daughter, a gifted athlete and, by all accounts, a young person who cared deeply about others.

Having been born on September 11, 2001, Christina was keenly aware of the tragedy that took place on that very same day. She was very patriotic and civic-minded. In fact, she was recently elected to student council. Christina went to meet Congresswoman Giffords to learn more about serving in government.

This tragic shooting incident has opened a dialogue regarding the tone of political debate in our nation. Our organizations ask all American citizens to reflect on the way they communicate and to think about the words they use.

We support open and vigorous debate, which is part of our democratic process. However, we also believe it important to ensure that all discourse remains healthy, respectful and civil.