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**Statement From Uvalde Mayor Don McLaughlin on Justice Department Review**

“I want to thank United States Attorney General Merrick Garland, United States Associate Attorney General Vanita Gupta, and the Department of Justice on the swift action to begin the Critical Incident Review at my request on the horrific tragedy at Robb Elementary School.

This assessment and the findings are of the utmost importance to the victims and their families, the community of Uvalde, and the Country.

The city will fully cooperate with the Department of Justice and will assist with coordinating as necessary with other local entities as needed for this review.

I trust the assessment will be fair and transparent.

Our grieving families and our community deserve answers to all their questions.”

--Don McLaughlin, Mayor of Uvalde

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