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Chanasia Brown, a senior at Warren Central High School, speaks May 13 on a podcast hosted by Marion County Prosecutor Ryan Mears aimed at addressing youth gun violence in Indianapolis.



Actor and comedian Mike Epps, an Indianapolis native, hugs James Curry, a senior at Arsenal Tech.

## Young people share stories of violence



Epps said it takes a village to raise kids. He knows too well the reality of youth violence, having grown up in Indianapolis and losing a lot of friends to the streets, he said. PHOTOS BY MYKAL MCELDOWNEY/INDYSTAR

## Officials hope to show reality of life for many youths

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James Curry was a 17-year-old Arsenal Tech high schooler and student-athlete when he was shot. It was 11:50 p.m. on March 29 when Indianapolis Metropolitan Police were called to a home on the city's east side. Curry, now 18, had just come home from football practice and was chilling with his little brother and one of his friends. "And then, 'Boom,'" Curry told a room full of people a little over a year later. "I was in a coma for a month. I got back on my feet in three months and went to rehab. I had to redo junior year, but I graduate next week."

A round of applause sounded at a roundtable discussion featuring the teen and other youth who were recording a podcast episode on youth and gun violence prevention downtown.

The episode was orchestrated by Marion County Prosecutor Ryan Mears, and Indianapolis native comedian Mike Epps, who spoke with four students from Arsenal Tech, Warren Central High School and Vision Academy. The prosecutor's office said it wanted to highlight the voices of youth, which are too often missing from conversations about violence prevention and public safety. "We know the summer months can sometimes prevent challenges and wanted to get ahead of this and have a positive message to young people," Mears said.

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## State moves to reinstate A-F grades for schools

However, debate remains over whether it's best methodology

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Schools across Indiana will start receiving A-F letter grades again in 2026, thanks to a law signed by Gov. Mike Braun after the practice was suspended for seven years. House Bill 1498 requires the state board of education to approve a new methodology for school performance by the end of this year and then assign schools A-F grades based on that new methodology. The final vote on the bill in the House fell mostly along party lines with a 65-25 vote. The bill also includes some specifics that the methodology must be based upon metrics listed in the Indiana Department of Education's Graduates Prepared to Succeed (GPS) dashboard, including proficiency rates for IREAD and ILEARN and the attainment of diploma seals. However, the bill also allows the state board of education to include whatever other factors they deem necessary in the methodology. The state must hand out letter grades for all schools across the state, including private schools, no later than Dec. 31, 2026. Schools would not get a letter grade for the 2024-25 year. Indiana stopped handing out letter grades in 2018.

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## Shreve made hundreds of stock trades since he took office, report says

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U.S. Rep. Jefferson Shreve, a Republican who represents portions of southern Indianapolis, has made hundreds of stock trades since he joined Congress in January, including some that were tied to one of his committee assignments, according to a new news report. A report published May 13 by news organization NOTUS states that Shreve traded between \$3.44 million and \$9.45 million worth of stock trades from April 7 to April 17 while markets dipped after President Donald Trump's Liberation Day tariff announcement in early April. Some of the stocks Shreve traded in that time period, according to the NOTUS story, were tied to transportation-related organizations, including up to \$50,000 each in purchases of shares in Uber.

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