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Shannon Hicks Newtown (Conn.) Bee

A Connecticut State Police officer leads children through a parking lot at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Conn., after a mass shooting took place there Friday morning.

28 die — including 20 children — as gunman opens fire at elementary school after killing his mother at their home

By Sandra T. Molina, Staff Writer
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WHITTIER - As newscasts echoed with reports of the Connecticut school mass shooting Friday, a flashback of memories from a campus shooting returned for one local school board member.

Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District Board Member Darryl Adams remembers the Oct. 22, 1997 incident when an ex-boyfriend of a John Glenn High School student, shot her and then himself. They both died.

"A shooting like the one in

Connecticut just brings up the pain and suffering our campus experienced," Adams said.

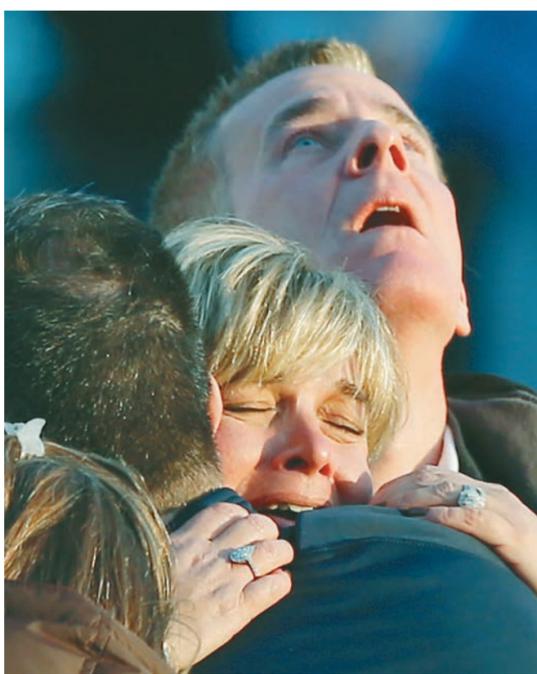
As students arrived for school, Khoa Truc "Robert" Dang, intercepted his former girlfriend, Catherine Tran near a row of lockers.

The murder-suicide hit Adams particularly hard since Dang had been a student of his at John Glenn a few years earlier.

"It was very numbing," he said.

"We were at a loss and couldn't understand what happened," Adams added. "We had

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Families of victims grieve near the elementary school after learning of their children's fate.

MASSACRE: Attacker hits two classrooms, then kills himself.

From Wire Services

NEWTOWN, Conn. — Twenty schoolchildren were slaughtered by a heavily armed gunman who opened fire at a suburban elementary school in Connecticut on Friday morning, killing at least 27 people including himself in the one of the worst mass shootings in U.S. history.

The 20-year-old gunman, who law enforcement sources identified as Adam Lanza, fired what witnesses described as dozens of shots at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Conn., which serves children from ages 5 to 10.

Authorities found 18 children and seven adults, including the gunman, dead at the school, and two children were pronounced dead later after being taken to a hospital.

The shooter's mother was found dead at her home, as well.

The rampage, coming less

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than two weeks before Christmas, was the nation's second-deadliest school shooting, exceeded only by the Virginia Tech massacre that left 33 people dead in 2007.

"Our hearts are broken today," a tearful President Barack Obama, struggling to maintain his composure, said at the White House. He called for "meaningful action" to prevent such shootings.

"As a country, we have been through this too many times," he said.

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