



## **San Antonio Independent School District**

### **Resolution Relating to School Shootings in the United States**

**WHEREAS**, as a member of the Council of Great City Schools, the San Antonio Independent School District stands in solidarity with member districts across the country that are concerned with the safety and security of children and their families adversely affected by the continued incidences of gun violence on campuses and in communities;

**WHEREAS**, there is a need for the nation's major city school systems to express their positions on school safety matters that affect its students and the children residing in its cities;

**WHEREAS**, thousands of students have publicly expressed concern for their safety and well-being and have indicated that policymakers should act immediately to protect them in school and beyond;

**WHEREAS**, the leaders of the nation's major city public school systems respect the concerns of their students, and support the growing civic and social participation of high school students that was inspired by recent events;

**WHEREAS**, since the school shooting in Columbine in 1999, there have been numerous other school shootings, including those in Red Lake (MN), Lancaster (PA), Blacksburg (VA), Chardon (OH), Cleveland (OH), Sandy Hook (CT), Broward County (FL), and many others that have taken scores of young lives;

**WHEREAS**, too many of our young people are shot and killed on the streets of our major cities almost every day;

**WHEREAS**, Americans are 25 times more likely to be killed with a gun than people in other developed countries;

**WHEREAS**, Americans make up about 4.4 percent of the world's population but own some 42 percent of the world's guns;

**WHEREAS**, assault weapons have no place in society and other types of guns are too easily obtained;

**WHEREAS**, teachers are not trained law enforcement officers, and should not be asked or incentivized to keep weapons accessible in their classrooms;

**WHEREAS**, there is no reason based on any viable research to suggest that adding guns into a school setting or arming teachers would prevent these acts of violence;

**WHEREAS**, schools across the country need considerable additional resources to plan for the possibility of such acts of violence, coordinate with law enforcement, and secure their buildings from intruders;

**WHEREAS**, many schools lack the mental health counselors, psychologists, and social workers they need to identify and work with students showing warning signs for depression and violence;

**WHEREAS**, the nation's data collection on gun violence and gun ownership is inadequate to monitor, understand, or prevent these events from happening; and

**WHEREAS**, the multiple school shootings that the nation has witnessed over the years have complex causes requiring multiple solutions;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the San Antonio Independent School District stands with the students of Broward County Public Schools and the nation in demanding effective and comprehensive action from the federal government to protect school children;

**NOW, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the San Antonio Independent School District calls on the Congress of the United States to ban the manufacture, sale, purchase, possession, and use of assault weapons and large-capacity ammunition cartridges, except those needed by the military and law enforcement;

**NOW, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the San Antonio Independent School District calls on the Congress of the United States to require and strengthen universal background checks to possess any type of firearm;

**NOW, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the San Antonio Independent School District calls on the President of the United States to charge all agencies of the federal government with the task of reducing the number of gun-related injuries and deaths in America;

**NOW, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the San Antonio Independent School District is opposed to the arming of teachers to protect schools and children;

**NOW, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the San Antonio Independent School District calls on the Congress of the United States to extend the perimeter of Gun-Free School Zones;

**NOW, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the San Antonio Independent School District calls on the Congress of the United States to appropriate adequate new funds to allow school districts across the nation to plan and coordinate school security efforts with law enforcement officials and make other building alterations that may be necessary to protect students, teachers, and staff;


**NOW, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the San Antonio Independent School District calls on the Congress of the United States to appropriate adequate new funds to increase the numbers of counselors, mental health staff, psychologists, and social workers in our schools; and

**NOW, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the San Antonio Independent School District calls on the Congress of the United States to appropriate adequate new funds for programs to educate students and their families on the dangers of firearms.

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