



SCHOOL SAFETY RESOLUTION

BY: THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION OF MINNESOTA
with ADDENDUM

WHEREAS, gun violence presents a clear and present danger to the students, parents, educators, paraeducators, administrators, and support staff of US schools; and

WHEREAS, more than 100,000 American children attended a school at which shootings took place in 2018 and 2019; and

WHEREAS, research indicates a higher rate of antidepressant use among those exposed to a school shooting in the years following gun violence; and

WHEREAS, school shootings lead to drops in student enrollment and a decline in average test scores; and

WHEREAS, school shootings also lead to an increase in student absenteeism and the likelihood of needing to repeat a grade in the two following years; and

WHEREAS, students exposed to shootings at their schools are less likely to graduate high school, go to college, and graduate college, and they are less likely to be employed and have lower earnings in their mid-20s; and

WHEREAS, United Nations Association of Minnesota supports the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) as outlined by the United Nations; and

WHEREAS, the current environment of gun violence is in direct conflict with SDG #3, "Good Health and Well-Being"; and

WHEREAS, we support the voices of students who have seized the conscience of the nation with their demand for strong action to reduce preventable gun violence and are seeking to deliver an unmistakable message that now is the time to pass commonsense gun safety laws and stronger mental health support programs; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Legislature is currently considering the following significant legislative bills relating to gun safety:



S.F. No. 1116 which requires more documentation permitting private transactions involving handguns and semi-automatic rifles when those transfers are not between family members.

SF 2827 increases prison sentences for those possessing a machine gun or short-barreled shotgun.

HF-14, a 'Red Flag' bill, seeks to reduce gun violence by allowing family members, law enforcement personnel or city or county attorneys to petition a court to have firearms removed from a person found to pose a significant danger to themselves or others, and,

Whereas, the US House of Representatives is now considering the Assault Weapons Ban of 2023, already passed by the US Senate, prohibits the sale, transfer, manufacture, and importation of semi-automatic weapons and high-capacity magazines; and,

WHEREAS, sensible gun safety legislation will strengthen protections for our schools and students by preventing dangerous individuals from attaining firearms; and,

WHEREAS, it is our belief that state and national leaders must find the courage to develop and pass innovative and meaningful legislative policy to confront gun violence;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the United Nations Association of Minnesota Board of Directors supports sensible gun safety legislation, in furtherance of SDG #3, to protect students and staff, such as:

- Implementing enhanced background checks for assault weapons,
- Banning the purchase and sale of "assault" or semi-automatic rifles and of any accessories designed to increase a gun's rate of fire,
- Establishing safety programs in schools that do NOT include arming educators or staff,
- Eliminating private gun sale loopholes,
- Providing increased funding for thorough gun violence research and data collection by the U.S. Center for Disease Control (CDC) and the National Institutes of Health (NIH),
- Increasing funding for programs and school staffing (i.e., counselors, nurses, and psychologists) that support student mental health, social and emotional learning, and anti-bullying.



-Continue to call, write, and support the efforts of the Minnesota Legislature and Governor to pass and sign into law:

S.F. No.1116,
SF 2827 and
HF-14, and the Federal Assault Weapons Ban

And further, we support the adoption of the following recommendations from Sociologists at the Center for the Study and Prevention of Violence:

- Teach students and adults to report behavioral warning signs,
- Develop and publicize around the clock anonymous tip lines,
- Conduct behavioral threat assessment and management protocols.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED copies of this Resolution be presented to the Minnesota Governor Tim Walz and Lieutenant Governor Peggy Flanagan, Minnesota Attorney General Keith Ellison, Minnesota State Senator Ron Latz, Chair of the Judiciary and Public Safety Committee, and distributed to all Judiciary and Public Safety Members, to all Minnesota members of the U.S. House of Representatives, and Senators Klobuchar and Smith.

Adopted by consensus of the Board of Directors of United Nations Association of Minnesota this 1st day of May 2023.

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ADDENDUM

Dr. Angela Osuji, Science Teacher, Washburn High School, and United Nations Association of Minnesota Vice-President presented this to our Board:

School safety is a huge issue in the minds of students. This is a generation that grew up with gun/active shooter drills as part of their learning routines. Making the rounds on many schools/educators' Facebook is the list of schools where a mass shooting has happened. This is only for mass casualties within schools during school hours when learning is supposed to be happening not planning exit/cover strategies by staff/students. Indeed, there are flashing red warning signs on the status of the well-being of the American youth.

Here is the list from the newest to the oldest:

The Covenant School
Thurston High School
Columbine High School
Heritage High School
Deming Middle School
Fort Gibson Middle School
Buell Elementary School
Lake Worth Middle School
University of Arkansas
Junipero Serra High School
Santana High School
Bishop Neumann High School
Pacific Lutheran University
Granite Hills High School
Lew Wallace High School
Martin Luther King, Jr High School
Appalachian School of Law
Washington High School
Conception Abbey
Benjamin Tasker Middle School
University of Arizona
Lincoln High School
John McDonogh High School
Red Lion Area Junior High School
Case Western Reserve University
Rocori High School
Ballou High School
Randallstown High School
Bowen High School
Red Lake Senior High School
Harlan Community Academy High School
Campbell County High School
Milwee Middle School
Roseburg High School
Pine Middle School
Essex Elementary School
Duquesne University

Platte Canyon High School
Weston High School
West Nickel Mines School
Joplin Memorial Middle School
Henry Foss High School
Compton Centennial High School
Virginia Tech
Success Tech Academy
Miami Carol City Senior High School
Hamilton High School
Louisiana Technical College
Mitchell High School
EO Green Junior High School
Northern Illinois University
Lakota Middle School
Knoxville Central High School
Willoughby South High School
Henry Ford High School
University of Central Arkansas
Dillard High School
Dunbar High School
Hampton University
Harvard College
Larose-Cut Off Middle School
International Studies Academy
Skyline College
Discovery Middle School
University of Alabama
DeKalb School
Deer Creek Middle School
Ohio State University
Mumford High School
University of Texas
Kelly Elementary School
Marinette High School
Aurora Central High School
Millard South High School

Martinsville West Middle School
Worthing High School
Millard South High School
Highlands Intermediate School
Cape Fear High School
Chardon High School
Episcopal School of Jacksonville
Oikos University
Hamilton High School
Perry Hall School
Normal Community High School
University of South Alabama
Banner Academy South
University of Southern California
Sandy Hook Elementary School
Apostolic Revival Center Christian School
Taft Union High School
Osborn High School
Stevens Institute of Business and Arts
Hazard Community and Technical College
Chicago State University
Lone Star College-North
Cesar Chavez High School
Price Middle School
University of Central Florida
New River Community College
Grambling State University
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Ossie Ware Mitchell Middle School
Ronald E McNair Discovery Academy
North Panola High School
Carver High School
Agape Christian Academy



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Sparks Middle School
North Carolina A&T State University
Stephenson High School
Brashear High School
West Orange High School
Arapahoe High School
Edison High School
Liberty Technology Magnet High School
Hillhouse High School
Berrendo Middle School
Purdue University
South Carolina State University
Los Angeles Valley College
Charles F Brush High School
University of Southern California
Georgia Regents University
Academy of Knowledge Preschool
Benjamin Banneker High School
D H Conley High School
East English Village Preparatory Academy
Paine College
Georgia Gwinnett College
John F Kennedy High School
Seattle Pacific University
Reynolds High School
Indiana State University
Albemarle High School
Fern Creek Traditional High School
Langston Hughes High School
Marysville Pilchuck High School
Florida State University
Miami Carol City High School
Rogers State University
Rosemary Anderson High School
Wisconsin Lutheran High School
Frederick High School
Tenaya Middle School
Bethune-Cookman University
Pershing Elementary School
Wayne Community College
JB Martin Middle School
Southwestern Classical Academy
Savannah State University
Harrisburg High School
Umpqua Community College
Northern Arizona University
Texas Southern University
Tennessee State University

Winston-Salem State University
Mojave High School
Lawrence Central High School
Franklin High School
Muskegon Heights High School
Independence High School
Madison High School
Antigo High School
University of California-Los Angeles
Jeremiah Burke High School
Alpine High School
Townville Elementary School
Vigor High School
Linden McKinley STEM Academy
June Jordan High School for Equity
Union Middle School
Mueller Park Junior High School
West Liberty-Salem High School
University of Washington
King City High School
North Park Elementary School
North Lake College
Freeman High School
Mattoon High School
Rancho Tehama Elementary School
Aztec High School
Wake Forest University
Italy High School
NET Charter High School
Marshall County High School
Sal Castro Middle School
Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School
Great Mills High School
Central Michigan University
Huffman High School
Frederick Douglass High School
Forest High School
Highland High School
Dixon High School
Santa Fe High School
Noblesville West Middle School
University of North Carolina Charlotte
STEM School Highlands Ranch
Edgewood High School
Palm Beach Central High School
Providence Career & Technical Academy

Fairley High School (school bus)
Canyon Springs High School
Dennis Intermediate School
Florida International University
Central Elementary School
Cascade Middle School
Davidson High School
Prairie View A & M University
Altascocita High School
Central Academy of Excellence
Cleveland High School
Robert E Lee High School
Cheyenne South High School
Grambling State University
Blountsville Elementary School
Holmes County, Mississippi (school bus)
Prescott High School
College of the Mainland
Wynbrooke Elementary School
UNC Charlotte
Riverview Florida (school bus)
Second Chance High School
Carman-Ainsworth High School
Williwaw Elementary School
Monroe Clark Middle School
Central Catholic High School
Jeanette High School
Eastern Hills High School
DeAnza High School
Ridgway High School
Reginald F Lewis High School
Saugus High School
Pleasantville High School
Waukesha South High School
Oshkosh High School
Catholic Academy of New Haven
Bellaire High School
North Crowley High School
McAuliffe Elementary School
South Oak Cliff High School
Texas A&M University-Commerce
Sonora High School
Western Illinois University
Oxford High School
Robb Elementary School
Heath High School