

Mountain View Whisman School District

Resolution No. 03-060222,

Action on Gun-Related Violence Prevention

WHEREAS, School safety continues to be one of the Mountain View Whisman School District's highest priorities;

WHEREAS gunfire in schools and at colleges and universities undermines the sense of security that all students should have in their learning environments; and

WHEREAS, gun related violence at public schools and in other public spaces, including recent horrific mass shootings in Buffalo, New York, and Uvalde, Texas has become all too frequent; and

WHEREAS, firearms are the leading cause of death, exceeding motor vehicle accidents, of children and adolescents ages one and older in the United States due to homicide, suicide, and accidental shootings; and

WHEREAS, all students have the right to attend school and live in a community free from the fear of death or injury as a result of gun-related violence; and

WHEREAS, each teacher and staff member has the right to work in an environment free from fear of death or injury as a result of gun-related violence; and

WHEREAS, all parents and guardians have the right to live in a community and send their children to a school in which they have confidence in their children's physical, psychological, and emotional safety; and

WHEREAS, we are the local elected officials charged with ensuring the education, health, and safety of students on behalf of parents and our community, and therefore cannot accept the status quo of access to guns in our State and Country;

WHEREAS, we renew our commitment to reduce gun violence and pledge to do all we can to keep firearms out of the wrong hands and encourage responsible gun ownership to help keep our children and staff safe.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Mountain View Whisman School District demands action from our State and Federal Representatives to reinstate the assault weapon ban and adopt stricter controls governing the sale, transfer, possession, manufacturing, and distribution of all firearms, dangerous weapons, and ammunition.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that those stricter controls include not only comprehensive and thorough background checks of all purchases of ALL firearms; but also an outright ban on semi-automatic firearms, high-capacity magazines, and any other equipment or alteration that would increase a firearm's capacity for

ammunition or rate of fire; an increase in age to purchase guns from 18 to 21; and reasonable waiting periods and mandated training in the safe use of guns.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mountain View Whisman School District will transmit copies of this resolution to federal and state elected officials to demand those officials take immediate action to enact meaningful gun control legislation to prevent even one more child from being harmed by gunfire.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Mountain View Whisman School District Board of Trustees on this 2nd day of June 2022 by the following vote:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

Clerk of the Board

Mountain View Whisman School District