

RESOLUTION No. XXXX

Resolution Encouraging Oregon's PPS Administration, State Legislature, and Governor to Enact Measures to Deter and Reduce Gun Violence

RECITALS

- A. It is with great sadness that we remember the incidents of last Thursday where 1 teacher and 8 students died and 9 were wounded when a gunman opened fire in a classroom at Umpqua Community College.
- B. As a School Board; a district; and a community of students, teachers, and parents, our hearts and condolences go out to the people of Roseburg. We can't begin to understand the heartache they are experiencing and so we send uplifting thoughts and prayers in the hope that as time passes, their hearts and community will begin to heal.
- C. The problem of unchecked gun violence in our nation is so pervasive and relentless that we can only expect a similar tragic event soon after the press leaves Roseburg. As Nicholas Kristoff, one of Oregon's own, said recently:
 - i. "We've mourned too often, seen too many schools and colleges devastated by shootings, watched too many students get an education in grief. It's time for a new approach to gun violence. We're angry, but we also need to be smart."
- D. In Oregon that does not mean the banning of the individual's use of firearms; it means insisting that all state elected officials work even harder to fill the enormous gaps in our laws allowing easy access to firearms. And while we applaud the Oregon Legislature for making significant progress on this issue with the passage of SB 941, the background check bill, we believe there is more to be done.
- E. As a School Board and District responsible for the education and safety of nearly 50,000 students we believe that enhanced gun control, education, and safety is within our purview to advocate for.

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1. Portland Public Schools will seek to optimize its role in the provision of services that:

- a. Educate children about gun safety and seek to keep firearms out of the hands of children.
 - b. Continue to prevent the presence of guns on school property.
 - c. Provide and promote early access to mental health care services for students of all ages.
 - d. Continue to restore in school counseling positions.
2. Portland Public Schools requests that the Oregon Legislature swiftly enact law to:
- a. Require all Oregonians obtain a permit to purchase a handgun and that all owners of handguns already in circulation be required to obtain a permit.
 - b. Significantly restrict the ability of citizens to obtain a concealed carry permit.
 - c. Prohibit individuals from obtaining an open carry permit.
 - d. Establish a 14-day waiting period for the legal purchase of all firearms.
 - e. Prohibit the sale of all semi-automatic weapons, the resale of semi-automatic weapons already in circulation, and the sale of kits to convert weapons to semi-automatic or full automatic use.
3. PPS requests the Governor of Oregon to launch a significant statewide campaign, across all agencies, to reduce gun violence in our communities and investigate ways to provide enhanced community-based mental health care.