

SAN JOSÉ UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
RESOLUTION 2022-06-30-01
GUN SAFETY

WHEREAS evidence strongly suggests that secure firearm storage is an essential component to any effective strategy to keep schools, students, and staff safe, and

WHEREAS an estimated 5.4 million American children live in households with at least one loaded, unlocked firearm; and

WHEREAS, as of 2020, firearms are the leading cause of death for children and teens (ages 1 to 19) in the United States. Every 18,000 children and teens are shot and killed or wounded, and approximately 3 million are exposed to gun violence. Furthermore, data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, indicates that firearm homicide rates are highest among teens and young adults 15-34 years of age and among Black or African American, American Indian or Alaska Native, and Hispanic or Latino populations; and

WHEREAS, in incidents of gun violence on school grounds, 75 percent of active shooters are current students or recent graduates, and up to 80 percent of shooters under the age of 18 obtained their guns from their own home, a relative's home, or from friends; and

WHEREAS research shows that secure firearm storage practices are associated with up to 85 percent reduction in the risk of unintentional firearm injuries among children and teens; and

WHEREAS the San José Unified School District strives to provide safe havens for our students and school safety continues to be one of the Governing Board's highest priorities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Governing Board of the San José Unified School District directs the Superintendent to update the student handbook to include the most current information about parents' legal obligations regarding the secure storage of firearms; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governing Board of the San José Unified School District directs the Superintendent to create an appropriate letter, in English and Spanish, to parents and guardians that explains the importance of secure gun storage and the legal obligations to protect minors from accessing irresponsibly stored guns, to be included in annual registration materials at each school site, and requiring a signature acknowledging awareness of secure gun storage responsibilities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governing Board of the San José Unified School District supports students locally and nationally who demonstrate leadership by calling for state legislature and Congressional action on this issue, and that this Governing Board will continue to listen to local students and amplify their voices to more effectively fight this scourge.

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to our Congress Representatives, State Legislators, State Superintendent, State Attorney General and the Governor of the State of California.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Governing Board of the San José Unified School District, San José, California this 30th day of June 2022 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTENTIONS:

ABSENT:

ATTEST:

Nancy Albarrán
Superintendent and Secretary
Governing Board of Education

Carla Collins
President
Governing Board of Education

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