



## MRH Resolution Firearms in Schools

**Whereas**, the Maplewood Richmond Heights School District's mission is to inspire and prepare students as leaders, scholars, stewards and citizens for a diverse and changing world;

**Whereas**, threats of gun violence in schools undermine that mission by eroding the sense of security that all students should have in their learning environments;

**Whereas**, this year alone (January 1, 2018-April 11, 2018), there have already been nine school shootings at K-12 schools resulting in 49 injuries and 22 deaths;

**Whereas**, MRH students and staff believe in decisive action to address *preventable* gun violence and to deliver a message that now is the time to pass common sense gun safety laws;

**Whereas**, the MRH district believes that training and arming school district employees to engage gun-wielding intruders is a backwards step in efforts to improve school safety;

**Now therefore**, be it resolved, that the Board of Education of the Maplewood Richmond Heights School District supports legislation which includes:

- Implementing enhanced background checks for assault weapons and raising to 21 the age to purchase assault weapons.
- Strengthening universal background checks for the purchase of firearms.
- Banning the purchase of fully-automatic rifles and any accessories designed to increase a gun's rate of fire.
- Banning gun sales to domestic violence offenders.
- Increasing funding for school staffing such as social workers, counselors, and psychologists who would support student mental health and social-emotional well-being.
- Allowing school districts to continue making their own decisions about gun accessibility on their campuses.

**Be it further resolved**, that the Board of Education of the Maplewood Richmond Heights School District opposes any effort to arm educators and/or staff.

Adopted this 17th day of May, 2018.

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