



SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Agenda Item# 9.2

Meeting Date: August 19, 2021

Subject: Approve Resolution No. 3217: Safe and Secure Storage of Firearms in the Community

- Information Item Only
- Approval on Consent Agenda
- Conference (for discussion only)
- Conference/First Reading (Action Anticipated: _____)
- Conference/Action
- Action
- Public Hearing

Division: Board Office

Recommendation: Approve Resolution No. 3127: Safe and Secure Storage of Firearms in the Community

Background/Rationale: The approval of the attached resolution directs the Superintendent to create an appropriate letter, in English and other languages with a student population of 15% or greater, to parents and guardians that explains the importance of secure gun storage and the legal obligations to protect minors from accessing irresponsible stored guns, to be included in annual registration materials at each school site. Further, the Board and the Superintendent will continue to work with local law enforcement agencies, health agencies, and non-profits to collaborate and increase efforts to inform District parents of their obligations regarding secure storage of firearms in their homes. The attached draft is based on evidence strongly suggesting that secure firearm storage is an essential component to any effective strategy to keep schools and students safe.

Financial Considerations: None.

LCAP Goal(s): Safe, Emotionally Healthy, and Engaged Students

Documents Attached:

1. Resolution No. 3127: Safe and Secure Storage of Firearms in the Community

Estimated Time of Presentation: 5 Minutes
Submitted by: Raoul Bozio, In House Counsel and Raymond Lozado, Director Safe Schools
Approved by: Jorge A. Aguilar, Superintendent

SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
RESOLUTION NO. 3217

RESOLUTION ON THE SAFE AND SECURE STORAGE OF FIREARMS IN THE COMMUNITY

Whereas, Evidence strongly suggests that secure firearm storage is an essential component to any effective strategy to keep schools and students safe;

Whereas, An estimated 4.6 million American children live in households with at least one loaded, unlocked firearm;

Whereas, Every year, nearly 350 children under the age of 18 unintentionally shoot themselves or someone else. That's roughly one unintentional shooting per day, and 77 percent of these incidents take place inside a home;

Whereas, Another 590 children die by gun suicide each year, most often using guns belonging to a family member;

Whereas, In incidents of gun violence on school grounds nationally, 79 percent of active shooters nationally are current students or recent graduates, and 78 percent of shooters nationally under the age of 18 obtained their guns from their own home, a relative's home, or from friends;

Whereas, Research shows that secure firearm storage practices are associated with up to an 85 percent reduction in the risk of self-inflicted and unintentional firearm injuries among children and teens;

Whereas, The U.S. Secret Service National Threat Assessment Center recommends the importance of appropriate storage of weapons because many school attackers used firearms acquired from their homes;

Whereas, Across the country, lawmakers, community members, and local leaders are working together to implement public awareness campaigns, such as Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America's Be SMART program, which is endorsed by the National PTA and which encourages secure gun storage practices and highlights the public safety risks of unsecured guns;

Whereas, Keeping students, teachers and staff safe from the threat of gun violence should be

the responsibility of all adult stakeholders at each of our school sites;

Whereas, State law imposes criminal penalties on adults when a child gains unsupervised access to unsecured stored firearms;

Whereas, In order to continue with preventative measures to increase student and school safety we must act now;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the Board directs the Superintendent to create an appropriate letter, in English and other languages with a student population of 15% or greater, 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;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board and the Superintendent will continue to work with local law enforcement agencies, health agencies and non-profits to collaborate and increase efforts to inform District parents of their obligations regarding secure storage of firearms in their homes.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Sacramento City Unified School District Board of

Education on this ____ day of _____, 2021, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Christina Pritchett
President of the Board of Education

Jorge A. Aguilar
Superintendent