



Subject : Approve Resolution No. 3315: Gun Safety

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Division : Board Office

Recommendation: Approve Resolution No. 3315 Gun Safety

Background/Rationale: The approval of the attached resolution brings attention to the issue of Gun violence, which is the leading cause of preventable death for school aged children in the United States. The exposure to gun violence has an impact on the physical, psychological and over all well- being of children. The traumatization can negatively impact social emotional development and school performance.

Financial Considerations : None.

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

Documents Attached:

1. Resolution No. 3315

Estimated Time of Presentation : 5 Minutes Submitted by: Jamee Villa, Board Member Approved by : Jorge A. Aguilar, Superintendent

, Children and Teens in the U.S. are impacted by gun violence in all its forms. Exposure to gun violence has an impact on the psychological and mental well-being of children and teens and affects their school performance, among other factors. When homes neighborhoods and schools are not safe from gun violence, entire generations of American children are affected all students deserve safe environments where they can learn without fear of gun violence; and

, no parents should send their children to school fearing they may never come home; and

, from Columbine to Virginia Tech to Sandy Hook to Parkland and most recently Nashville, the lives of hundreds of students and school employees have been lost to the plague of gun violence; Furthermore, Black and African American children and teens are seventeen times more likely than white children and teens of the same age to die by gun homicide and

, Firearms are the leading cause of death for children and teens (ages 1-19) in the United States. Every year, 19,000 children and teens are shot, killed or wounded and approximately three million are exposed to gun violence and

, the mass murder of students, teachers and staff at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School was committed using a legally purchased assault rifle originally engineered for soldiers to rapidly, efficiently and at great distances kill large numbers of opposing soldiers in war; and similar weapons were used in mass murders in Newtown, Conn.; Aurora, Colo.; Orlando, Fla.; San Bernardino, Calif.; Sutherland Springs, Texas; Las Vegas, Nev.; and more; and

, American school children necessarily spend increasingly more time participating in active shooter drills, which create significant anxiety among students and teachers and detract from classroom learning; and

, America's students – led by the courageous young people –

that this Board supports finding methods to combat the stranglehold that gun manufacturers and the broader gun lobby have on policy in this arena;

that this Board opposes counterproductive and dangerous ideas like arming teachers;

that this Board supports students, families, staff and entire