

## **RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF COMPREHENSIVE, SUSTAINABLE, FLEXIBLE SCHOOL SAFETY LEGISLATION**

**Whereas**, we are deeply saddened and concerned by the shootings at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School and schools around the country, which echo the 1993 school shooting in our own district, when Wauwatosa West High School associate principal Dale Breitlow was killed in the school hallway by a troubled former student; and

**Whereas**, our students and staff have the right to learn and teach in an environment where they are not distracted by the threats of a school shooting; and

**Whereas**, more than 2,000 Wauwatosa School District secondary students participated in programs and walkouts on March 14, 2018, to demand that the Wauwatosa School Board, the district administration, and state and federal legislators take meaningful action to keep schools safe; and

**Whereas**, school safety is a nonpartisan issue and our legislative leaders at the state and federal level have the ability and responsibility to act on behalf of our children; and

**Whereas**, we support many plans offered by Governor Walker, State Superintendent Evers, legislative Democrats and Republicans, the Wisconsin Chiefs of Police Association and others to promptly address school safety without arming teachers; and

**Whereas**, the Wauwatosa School Board previously passed a 2016 resolution vehemently opposing any legislation that would allow guns to be possessed in or on School District property by anyone other than law enforcement; and

**Whereas**, the Wauwatosa School Board also passed a 2012 resolution adopting the "Sandy Hook Promise" stating "I promise to do all I can to protect children from gun violence by encouraging and supporting solutions that create safer, healthier homes, schools and communities; and


**Whereas**, school safety legislation must be flexible, sustainable and outside of the revenue limit, to best support districts like Wauwatosa, which has already hired school resource officers (SROs) in its secondary buildings;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wauwatosa School Board:

- Applauds Governor Scott Walker, the Wisconsin State Senate and the Wisconsin State Assembly for voting to approve \$100 million in grants which school districts may use to upgrade building security and train new school resource officers (SROs)
- Urgently calls on state legislators to return to the State Capitol this Spring 2018 for an extraordinary session to consider and approve a comprehensive set of school safety measures, which includes:
  - Approval of 2017 Assembly Bill 111, enabling prosecutors to charge with a Class I felony any minor and/or adult who intentionally conveys a threat or false information concerning an attempt to use a dangerous weapon to injure or kill a person on school property, on transportation provided by a school, or at an event sanctioned by a school.

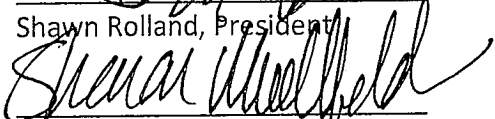
- Allocating sufficient funds to increase the number of school resource officers who are fully trained law enforcement officers.
- Allocating sufficient funds enabling school districts to make needed security improvements.
- Allocating sufficient funds enabling school districts to offer enhanced mental health services for students and staff who need help and equip school crisis teams to react to threats before they become actual threats.
- Allocating sufficient funds enabling school districts to offer enhanced anti-bullying programs.
- Banning the sale of assault weapons, high-capacity magazines and aftermarket rapid fire devices (commonly known as “bump stocks”)
- Requiring universal background checks for all gun purchases.
- Requiring mental health background checks for anyone under the age of 21 to assess whether someone is having mental health difficulties and should not be allowed to purchase a hand gun.
- Reinstating a 48-hour waiting period or enacting a 72-hour waiting period for gun purchases
- Creating a lethal violence protective order (LVPO) process in Wisconsin that mirrors existing temporary restraining order (TRO) and injunction processes through our courts.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being members of the School Board of the Wauwatosa School District, have executed this resolution this 26<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2018.



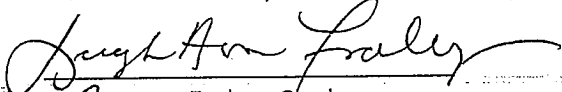
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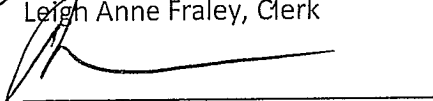
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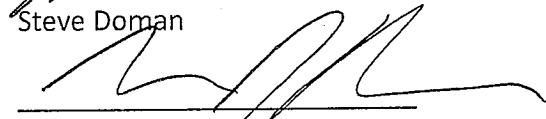
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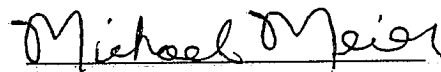
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