

**Issaquah School District #411
Issaquah, Washington
AMENDED RESOLUTION 1112**

A RESOLUTION of the Issaquah School District Board of Directors on School Safety.

WHEREAS, the Issaquah School District, *ENDS: DISTRICT MISSION STATEMENT* is “**Our students will be prepared for and eager to accept the academic, occupational, personal and practical challenges of life in a dynamic global environment,**” which in turn requires a safe learning environment to achieve; and

WHEREAS, Washington state law (RCW 28A.600.420 and RCW 9.41.280) and Issaquah School District Regulations (3240 and 4210) already prohibit weapons and firearms on school properties; and

WHEREAS, more than 150,000 students attending more than 170 primary and secondary schools have experienced a shooting on campus since the Columbine High School massacre in 1999[i]; and

WHEREAS, from Columbine to Virginia Tech to Sandy Hook to Parkland, the lives of hundreds of students and school employees have been lost to gun violence[ii]; and

WHEREAS, among high-income nations, 91 percent of children (under 15 years old) and 92 percent of youth (between 15 and 24 years old) who have been killed by bullets lived in the United States[iii]; and

WHEREAS, District students spend increasingly more time participating in lock-down and active shooter drills detracting from time spent on critical classroom learning and invoking significant anxiety and fear among students and teachers that impedes learning; and

WHEREAS, the responsibility for preventing gun violence incidents cannot be relegated to school districts alone;

Therefore be it **RESOLVED** that the Issaquah School District Board of Directors calls upon the United States Congress and the Washington State Legislature, to prioritize the protection of students and school system employees by passing legislation that will promote gun violence prevention, adequately funds public-health research and education on firearms-related issues, and materially advances the coordinated delivery of mental health prevention and intervention programs between schools and communities as they are likely more effective than stand-alone programs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Issaquah School District Board of Directors calls upon the United States Congress and the Washington State Legislature to recognize and prioritize its critical role in providing stable and adequate funding for local discretionary use to include but not limited to the following measures that will continue to emphasize school safety, be it expanding existing staff trainings, promoting student assemblies and peer-to-peer student engagement,

providing expanded instruction on digital citizenship, continuing bullying prevention programs, social emotional learning, and coordinating with mental health professionals for threat assessments, and interventions for at-risk students.

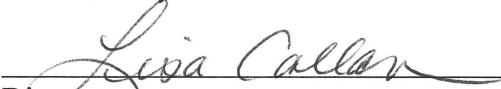
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Issaquah School District Board of Directors wholly rejects arming school staff for any purpose, and will maintain existing regulation of firearms at school and will NOT support any effort to arm educators and staff.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Issaquah School District Board of Directors reaffirms its commitment to ongoing review and improvement of school safety plans, infrastructure, emergency preparedness and to continuing to work with our first responder partners in the five (5) jurisdictions serving staff and students of the Issaquah School District.


ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the Board of Directors of the Issaquah School District No. 411, King County, Washington at an open public meeting held on March 14, 2018 with the following directors being present and voting:


Board President


Director


Director

Attest:


Director


Ron Thiele, Secretary
Board of Directors


Director

[i] Rozsa, Lori et al. (2018, February 15). "A horrific, horrific day": At least 17 killed in Florida school shooting. The Washington Post. Retrieved from www.washingtonpost.com/news/education/wp/2018/02/14/school-shooting-reported-at-florida-high-school/.

[ii] Gun Violence Archive. Retrieved from www.gunviolencearchive.org/.

[iii] Grinshteyn, Erin, and Hemenway, David. (2016). Violent Death Rates: The United States Compared to Other High-Income OECD Countries. The American Journal of Medicine, Volume 129 (Issue 3). Retrieved from www.amjmed.com/pb/assets/raw/Health%20Advance/journals/ajm/AJM_Mar16_PR_Grinshteyn.pdf.