

LAGUNA BEACH UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NO. 22-10
SUPPORT OF GUN CONTROL/SAFETY ON CAMPUS

June 23, 2022

WHEREAS, our public schools are charged not only with supporting student achievement but also with providing a foundation for social-emotional and physical health, personal growth, and civic engagement; and

WHEREAS, student safety is a prerequisite for consistently high levels of academic and social development; and

WHEREAS, violence and harassment can not only alienate students from their peers and their environment, thereby impeding learning, but also cause injuries and fatalities; and

WHEREAS, more than 311,000 students have experienced gun violence at school since Columbine and hundreds of lives have been lost as result; and

WHEREAS, there have been 27 school shootings in 2022. There have been [119 school shootings since 2018](#), when *Education Week* began tracking such incidents. The highest number of shootings, 34, occurred [last year](#). There were 10 shootings in [2020](#), and 24 each in [2019](#) and [2018](#); and

WHEREAS, on May 24, 2022, 19 children and two adults were killed and 16 injured in a shooting at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas. It was the deadliest school shooting since 2012, when a gunman shot and killed 26 people as young as 6 years old at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut. The fatalities in Uvalde exceeded those in the 2018 attack at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida, which left 17 dead; and

WHEREAS, Gun violence manifests in a myriad of ways in American schools, and school shootings have created [new anxieties](#) for the younger generation of students. According to an [Everytown analysis](#), there have been at least 549 incidents of gunfire on school grounds from 2013 to 2019. Of these, 347 occurred on the grounds of elementary, middle, or high schools, resulting in 129 deaths and 270 people wounded. While mass shootings like the incident at Sandy Hook Elementary School, Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School and Santa Fe High School — and, more recently, Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas — are not commonplace, schools are more likely to experience gun homicides and assaults, unintentional shootings resulting in injury or death, and gun suicide and self-harm injuries. All incidents of gun violence in schools, regardless of their intent or victim count, compromise the safety of students and staff; and

WHEREAS, our teachers and school staff should not be asked to carry firearms on our school campuses with the expectation that they would prevent or stop a violent attack; and

WHEREAS, our parents, families, teachers, and staff should feel that our schools and communities are places of safety and free from the fear of such gun violence; and

WHEREAS, LBUSD schools conduct regular lockdown drills using the current Run, Hide, Fight protocols and our social-emotional supports are delivered in a variety of ways, which include crisis resources and interventions;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that in order to prevent future tragedies from occurring, the Laguna Beach Unified School District calls for necessary and appropriate action from State and Federal lawmakers to institute gun laws that allow everyone the right to live free from violence and the threat of violence including, but not limited to, requiring comprehensive background checks, strengthened red flag laws, magazine capacity limits, and a continued ban on assault weapons in California, a federal ban on assault weapons nationwide, at least as stringent as previously set forth in the 1994 to 2004 Assault Weapons Ban, a ban on all equipment intended to artificially increase a firearm's capacity for rapid-fire, the minimum age for purchase of firearms to 21 years of age, and subsidized safety measures related to gun storage, including trigger locks and safes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Laguna Beach Unified School District will transmit copies of this resolution to federal and state elected officials requesting immediate action to enact meaningful gun control legislation to prevent even one more child from being harmed by gunfire.

Adopted and approved by the Board of Education of the Laguna Beach Unified School District at the regular meeting held on the 23rd day of June 2022.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Governing Board on June 23, 2022, by the following vote:

AYES:	5	Members:	Kelly, Normandin, Osborne, Perry, Vickers
NOES:	0	Members:	
ABSENT:	0	Members:	

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)

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COUNTY OF ORANGE

I, Carol Normandin, President of the Governing Board, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution passed and adopted by the Board at a regularly called and conducted meeting held on said date.

WITNESSED my hand this 23rd day of June 2022.



Carol Normandin
President of the Governing Board