RESOLUTION OF THE BLOOMFIELD HILLS SCHOOL BOARD

Opposition to Senate Bills 584-586

WHEREAS, one of the primary functions of the Bloomfield Hills Schools Board of Education is to provide a safe environment conducive to student growth and learning in the Bloomfield Hills Schools; and

WHEREAS, the Bloomfield Hills Schools Board of Education currently works closely with administration, staff and our local law enforcement officials, including the Bloomfield Hills Public Safety, Bloomfield Township Police and West Bloomfield Police Departments, to develop, implement and continually update specialized plans to maintain safe learning environments for students and safe working environments for our staff and volunteers; and

WHEREAS, Michigan Senate Bills 584-586 allow people who obtain enhanced concealed pistol licenses to carry concealed weapons into our local public schools and prohibits Michigan public school districts, and specifically the Bloomfield Hills Schools Board of Education, from banning guns on school grounds; and

WHEREAS, Michigan Senate Bills 584-586 increase exponentially the number of potential threats to our students’ safety and further eviscerates our district’s ability to identify and plan for these threats; and

WHEREAS, the potential of these threats and/or the materialization of these threats, both, detract from the sense of safety in our schools and the actual safety in our schools, and will have a negative impact on student growth and learning.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bloomfield Hills Schools Board of Education strongly oppose the passage of the Michigan Senate Bills 584-586 into law and further oppose any future bills that require local public school districts to allow guns not carried by police officers into our public schools.

Resolved this 15th day of February, 2018.

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I hereby certify that the Bloomfield Hills School Board passed this resolution on February 15, 2018

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