

Duquesne City School District
**Resolution Preventing School Violence and Increasing Social,
Emotional and Mental Health Support**
By the Receiver Acting as the Board of School Directors

Whereas, evidence Based Intervention Strategies in the area of social, emotional and mental health are critical preventive measures to reduce school violence and create greater psychological safety for all staff and students;

Whereas, weapons of all forms and kinds, specifically guns are prohibited on the school campus in the Duquesne City School District;

Whereas, the School District is committed to working collaboratively with our local Parent – Teacher Association and Organizations to share school safety and security information and resources in our school community through newsletters, social media, at events, and through PTA communications;

Whereas, the District has placed a high priority on School Safety and Security through the adoption of School Board Policies and Administrative Regulations;

Whereas, the Duquesne City community has an unfortunate history of being a witness to gun violence, as such, the District understands the urgency and importance of school safety and security;

Whereas, the prevalence of guns continues to have an adverse impact on the physical and psychological safety of students and staff;

Whereas, firearms are the leading cause of death in children and teens since 2020 (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention);

Whereas, the School District participates in the Pennsylvania Safe2Say youth prevention program to recognize warning signs and to report potential acts of violence;

Whereas, the School District and parent advocates understand and believe that the Pennsylvania State Legislature must continue categorical funding for School Safety and Security and Mental Health and Behavior Support Services;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Duquesne City School District Board of School Directors advocates a comprehensive plan to address the reduction of gun violence for school and community;

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED that the **Duquesne City School District Board of School, the Superintendent, and the Administration** will continue to collaborate together to make our schools and community safe for children and educators;

NOW, HENCEFORTH, BE IT RESOLVED that the Duquesne City School District Board of School Directors and Superintendent shall always make the safety and security of our students, staff, and community our number one priority through a proactive stance for preventing school violence and increasing the social, emotional, and mental health and behavior support services.

HEREBY adopted this 23rd day of January, 2024.

ATTEST:

DUQUESNE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Board Secretary

Signature on File
Receiver, acting as the Board of School Directors