

**A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF TUCSON UNIFIED  
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 OF PIMA COUNTY, ARIZONA  
EFFORTS TO PREVENT GUN VIOLENCE**

**WHEREAS**, the Tucson Unified School District (TUSD) provides a free public education to all children residing in Southern Arizona and follows policies, procedures and practices to foster the safety and health of our students and employees so they thrive in a safe, supportive, vibrant, enriching, respectful environment; and

**WHEREAS**, from Columbine to Virginia Tech to Sandy Hook to Parkland, the lives of hundreds of public school students and employees have been lost to the plague of violence from assault weapons; and

**WHEREAS**, nearly two dozen children are shot every day in the United States on average and more than 22 million children live in homes with a firearm; and

**WHEREAS**, the rate of deaths from assault weapons (homicide, suicide, unintentional deaths) in the United States is 10 times greater than other developed nations, with 92% of these deaths by bullet occur in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, we recognize the critical need for increased mental health services in schools and communities to support children's safety, learning and well-being; however, this is separate from, and not a substitute, for gun safety measures; and

**WHEREAS**, TUSD has strong policies prohibiting firearms in our schools, district property and district-sponsored events (JICI, KI, GBEB and BBAB); however, without additional action taken by state and federal legislators, these policies do not fully address the crisis of gun violence; and

**WHEREAS**, the crisis of gun violence in our country necessitates a sustained, coordinated, and collaborative effort involving entire communities, elected officials at every level of government, law enforcement, and the entire criminal justice system;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that The Tucson Unified Governing Board, standing with the students nationwide who are calling on adults to act, encourages legislation that protects children and young people who are particularly vulnerable when it comes to gun violence, both as direct victims and as being traumatized by the exposure to the deaths of family members, friends, neighbors, and community members.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that The Tucson Unified Governing Board calls upon the United States Congress and state legislatures, including the Arizona State Legislature, to prioritize the protection of students and school system employees by passing legislation that regulates access to assault weapons in the interest of public safety, restricts the presence of guns in schools to only commissioned and trained school resource officers, funds public-health research on firearm-related issues, and advances mental health support services in our communities.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Governing Board this 13th of March, 2018.

**Governing Board Members:**

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