

Woodland Joint Unified School District



**Resolution 2-22
Safe Firearm Storage**

WHEREAS, evidence strongly suggests that secure firearm storage is an essential component to any effective strategy to keep schools and students safe; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 4.6 million American children live in households with at least one loaded, unlocked firearm; and

WHEREAS, every year, nearly 350 children under the age of 18 unintentionally shoot themselves or someone else. That's roughly one unintentional shooting per day, and 77 percent of these incidents take place inside a home; and

WHEREAS, another 590 children die by gun suicide each year, most often using guns belonging to a family member; and

WHEREAS, in incidents of gun violence on school grounds, 79 percent of active shooters are current students or recent graduates, and 78 percent of shooters under the age of 18 obtained their guns from their own home, a relative's home, or from friends; and

WHEREAS, research shows that secure firearm storage practices are associated with up to an 85 percent reduction in the risk of self-inflicted and unintentional firearm injuries among children and teens; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Secret Service National Threat Assessment Center recommends the importance of appropriate storage of weapons because many school attackers used firearms acquired from their homes; and

WHEREAS, across the country, lawmakers, community members, and local leaders are working together to implement public awareness campaigns, such as Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America's Be SMART program, which is endorsed by the National PTA and which encourages secure gun storage practices and highlights the public safety risks of unsecured guns; and

WHEREAS, in order to increase student and school safety we must act now; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board directs the Superintendent and staff to update student handbooks to include information about parents' legal obligations regarding the secure storage of firearms; and

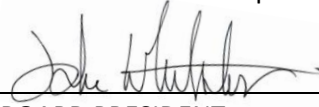
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board directs the Superintendent to place an appropriate letter on the district website, in English and Spanish, to parents and guardians that explains the importance of secure gun storage and the legal obligations to protect minors from accessing irresponsibly stored guns; and

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board and the Superintendent will continue to work with local law enforcement agencies, health agencies, and non-profits in a collaborative manner to inform District parents of their obligations regarding secure storage of firearms in their homes.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 22nd day of July 2021, by unanimous vote of the Trustees present.



BOARD SECRETARY



BOARD PRESIDENT