



**RESOLUTION #22-19**  
**RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT SCHOOL & COMMUNITY SAFETY**

**WHEREAS**, in 2022, our country has so far suffered 213 mass shootings, with 27 of these being school shootings; and

**WHEREAS**, public schools have a responsibility to provide a safe and healthy environment for students and staff, a responsibility shared by the larger community; and

**WHEREAS**, nationally, it is our understanding that many guns acquired at gun shows or between individuals, and gifted and home-made guns (ghost guns) are not subject to background checks; and

**WHEREAS**, the theft of guns increases the number of unregistered guns in our communities, and

**WHEREAS**, the State of California and the federal government of the United States have reduced services and funding for assisting individuals with mental health disorders, including students who engage in or are targets of bullying; and

**WHEREAS**, the nation is currently involved in a serious review of various gun laws relating to background checks, red flag laws which would alert authorities to a person who is likely to harm themselves or others, interstate concealed-carry legislation, devices such as the bump stock that alter a semi-automatic weapon to fire more rapidly, the types of guns that may be obtained, the amount of ammunition that may be purchased, limits to high-capacity magazines, and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Santa Cruz County Board of Education, in the best interest of the safety of our students and the community, supports federal and state legislation that would ban the legal ability to purchase or obtain assault weapons and high-capacity ammunition magazines and devices that enable semi-automatic weapons to fire more rapidly or to bring those weapons into states in which they are illegal; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Santa Cruz County Board of Education calls upon the California State Legislature and federal government to consider and enact laws that would help reduce access to guns by people who are determined to be a risk of harming themselves or others; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Santa Cruz County Board of Education does not support guns on school campuses other than those carried by school resource officers or law enforcement officers responding to an emergency involving an active shooter; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Santa Cruz County Board of Education supports efforts in schools, the community, and nationally to address and reduce bullying; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Santa Cruz County Board of Education calls upon the California State Legislature and the United States Congress to address the issue of adequate funding to support mental health services in schools and in county and state mental health departments to aid in the identification and treatment of people at high risk for committing violent acts; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** the Santa Cruz County Board of Education calls upon the California State Legislature and the United States Congress to adequately fund mental health services and provide resources and facilities to treat individuals BEFORE they commit potentially deadly crimes and thereby reduce the likelihood of mass shooting tragedies in California and in the Nation.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Santa Cruz County Board of Education, County of Santa Cruz, State of California, this 23rd day of June, 2022, by the following vote:

**AYES:**           **Filicetti, Nichols, Roth, Sanchez, Van Allen**

**NAYS:**

**ABSENT:**       **Acosta, Alto**

**ABSTAIN:**



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Abel Sanchez, Board President  
Santa Cruz County Board of Education



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Dr. Faris M. Sabbah, Secretary  
Santa Cruz County Superintendent of Schools