

School Board

Resolution No. _____

Student Safety and Protection

Whereas, the safety and protection of our students and school personnel is one of our most important and top priorities, and;

Whereas, there are many schools who do not have the financial resources to employ full time security on school property to insure the safety and protection of their students and school personnel, and;

Whereas, some schools have grants which provide financial aid for the presence of a school resource officer on school property during certain hours, this is usually only one officer at any given time, and;

Whereas, many schools in Illinois are located in areas where it may take up to thirty or more minutes before an effective law enforcement team can arrive on scene in the case of a life-threatening event, and;

Whereas, in three states which border Illinois - Indiana, Kentucky, and Missouri and in many other states, local school boards have authority provided by state law and are entrusted to develop Student Safety and Protection Plans which implement board-approved armed and trained administrators, staff, and faculty to protect students and personnel until an effective law enforcement team arrives on scene, and;

Whereas, Illinois state law does not provide for local control to school boards to develop Student Safety and Protection Plans which implement board-approved armed and trained administrators, staff, and faculty who could provide for the safety and protection of students and personnel until an effective law enforcement team can respond to a threat to the safety and protection of students and personnel, and;

Whereas, this resolution does not compel or require any particular school board to develop or implement such a plan but leaves the decision to each local district board to decide what is best for their schools and students;

Be it therefore resolved that we, _____ School Board wish to present this resolution to the Illinois General Assembly. **Be it resolved this school board** urges the Illinois General Assembly to pass legislation which provides local school boards the option of developing Student Safety and Protection Plans which may include administrators, faculty, and/or other staff who have successfully completed a training course approved by the school board and who have also passed the multiple background checks and qualifications for and have a current Illinois concealed carry license or a carry license issued under the Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act to be an active and armed part of the Student Safety and Protection Plan, upon being granted board approval.

President

Date

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