

**RESOLUTION NO. 15-2023
BEFORE THE GOVERNING BOARD
OF THE CABRILLO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
SAN MATEO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA**

**INFORMING PARENTS AND OTHER ADULTS OF THEIR OBLIGATIONS
REGARDING THE SECURE STORAGE OF FIREARMS IN THEIR HOMES**

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WHEREAS, according to the CDC's provisional statistics, in 2021, 3,597 children died by gunfire; and

WHEREAS, the number of children and teens killed by gunfire in the United States increased 50 percent between 2019 and 2021; and

WHEREAS, although the number of school shootings has risen, according to the *New York Times*, school shootings account for less than 1 percent of the total gun deaths suffered by American children; and

WHEREAS, while school shootings are responsible for just a fraction of the deaths of children by gunfire, according to the Washington Post, there were 46 school shootings in the United States in 2022; and

WHEREAS, in 2021, two-thirds of gun deaths involving children were homicides and nearly 30 percent were suicides; and

WHEREAS, every day, eight children and/or teens are shot in instances of family fire, a shooting involving an improperly stored or misused gun found in the home resulting in injury or death; and

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

WHEREAS, eighty-seven percent of American youth know where their parents' guns are kept, and 60 percent report they have handled them; and

WHEREAS, evidence strongly suggests that secure firearm storage, including keeping guns locked up when not in use and stored separately from ammunition, is an essential component to any effective strategy to keep schools and students safe; and

WHEREAS, California State law, including Senate Bill (SB) 172, requires adults to securely store any firearm, loaded or unloaded, so a child is not able to access it; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill (AB) 452, enacted in 2022, requires school districts to annually inform their community's parents and guardians at the beginning of the school term of their responsibilities for keeping firearms out of the hands of children as required by California law; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the required school notifications, boards of education have an important role to play in communicating to school communities about the importance of securely storing firearms;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Board of Cabrillo Unified School District will work with the Coalition for Safe Schools and Communities to help inform parents and other adults in the district of their obligations regarding the secure storage of firearms in their homes.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Governing Board of the Cabrillo Unified School District on the 10th day of August 2023, by the following vote:

Mary Beth Alexander:	<input type="checkbox"/> Aye	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Lizet Cortes:	<input type="checkbox"/> Aye	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Carmen Daniel:	<input type="checkbox"/> Aye	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Kimberly Hines:	<input type="checkbox"/> Aye	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Sophia Layne:	<input type="checkbox"/> Aye	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent

Certified by:

Carmen Daniel
Clerk to the Governing Board
Cabrillo Unified School District

Attest by:

Sean McPhetridge, Ed.D.
Secretary to the Governing Board
Cabrillo Unified School District