

**RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD
OF THE ELK GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Resolution No. 72, 2021-22**

**Resolution Declaring the Importance of Secure Firearm Storage and Associated
Preventative Measures to Increase Student and School Safety**

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

Whereas, An estimated 4.6 million American children live in households with at least one loaded, unlocked firearm;

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;

Whereas, Another 693 children die by gun suicide each year, most often using guns belonging to a family member;

Whereas, In incidents of gun violence on school grounds, 90 percent of active shooters are current students or recent graduates, and 74 percent of shooters under the age of 18 obtained their guns from their own home, a relative's home, or from friends;

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;

Whereas, the State Superintendent of Public Instruction has made an urgent request of school districts to inform their school communities about the laws regarding the safe storage of firearms and has made resources available regarding gun safety on the California Department of Education's Violence Prevention web page;

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;

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;

Whereas, Keeping students, teachers and staff safe from the threat of gun violence should be the responsibility of all adult stakeholders at each of our school sites;

Whereas, State law imposes criminal penalties on adults when a child gains unsupervised access to unsecured stored firearms;

Whereas, In order to continue with preventative measures to increase student and school safety we must act now; now therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Board directs the Superintendent to create an appropriate communication to parents and guardians that explains the importance of secure gun storage and the legal obligations to protect minors from accessing irresponsibly stored guns, to be included in the annual District Parent/Student Handbook which requires acknowledgement of receipt and, be it finally;

Resolved, That the Board and the Superintendent will continue to work with local law enforcement agencies, health agencies and non-profits to collaborate and increase efforts to inform District parents of their obligations regarding secure storage of firearms in their homes.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board on May 17, 2022, at a duly noticed meeting and public hearing by the following vote:

AYES: _____

NOES: _____

ABSTAIN: _____

ABSENT: _____

I, Crystal Martinez-Alire, President of the Board of Trustees of the Elk Grove Unified School District, HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution was duly introduced, passed and adopted by the Board at a lawfully called meeting held on May 17, 2022, by a vote of ____ to ____.

Dr. Crystal Martinez-Alire, Board President