

K - 12 School Safety and Security Improvements

Resolution submitted for consideration to the 46th District Democrats

Whereas, active shooters have become the newest growing threat to the safety and lives of school children, campus staff, faculty, and onsite parent volunteers; and

Whereas, many public school sites built in Washington State had been built in the California Design model of an open access campus, with classrooms that open to the outside, and locks that may only be locked & unlocked from the outside pose a threat and risk to ensuring the safety and welfare of children, students, staff and faculty; and

Whereas, school children, campus staff and faculty are lacking training or undertrained in the case of onsite active threats and active shooters; and

Whereas, that the 46th District Democrats believe Active Shooter Training and Redline Training can help save the lives of children, students, staff and faculty; and

Whereas, schools and school districts in Washington State must provide and ensure a safe school place environment; and

Whereas, we believe the 46th District Democrats believe children have the right to learn in a safe and healthy environment while attending school, free from harm;

Therefore be it resolved, campus staff and faculty have the right to feel safe in their workplace environment, and be able to respond quickly and efficiently in the case of increased risk of threat, and to protect those students from harm who are in their charge and care in the classroom or school site; and

Therefore be it resolved, that we, the 46th District Democrats, urge school districts to prioritize improvements to enhance campus safety, classroom safety, security, and improvement upgrades to door knobs and locks , auto door locking devices, self-locking mechanisms, classroom first alert features and security systems can aid in campus safety and security and alert systems for more immediate response; and

Therefore be it resolved, that we, the 46th District Democrats, urge our elected local officials, county, and state government agencies to support legislation and policies that fund and enhance public school campus safety, security, improvements, and programs.

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