



Alaska Association of Student Government

Resolution #8

Gun Safety Education

Submitted by: West Anchorage High School Student Government

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Be it Resolved by the Alaska Association of Student Governments that the Alaska State Legislature implement gun safety education in schools to prevent unintentional shootings and teach responsible behavior toward firearms

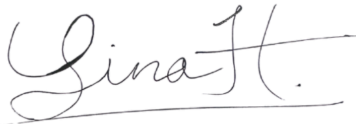
1. **Whereas**, Alaska had the 5th highest gun death rate in the country overall in 2023;¹
2. **Whereas**, unintentional gun shootings among youth are a public concern;²
3. **Whereas**, guns are the leading cause of death in Alaskan youth ages 1-17;¹
4. **Whereas**, there are no laws enforcing Gun Safety education in Alaska schools;
5. **Whereas**, Arkansas, Tennessee, and Utah all have enforced gun safety education in their public schools;³
6. **Whereas**, gun safety education curriculum in Arkansas, Tennessee, and Utah have been deemed to give effective results within schools, for example, Berclair Elementary students in Memphis, Tennessee have fulfilled proper gun safety procedures and report guns to teachers;⁴
7. **Whereas**, educating students on gun safety gives them a solid foundation of education regarding the dangers of firearms;
8. **Whereas**, this influences students at a young age to not touch firearms if they find one alone within their surroundings;
9. **Whereas**, gun safety education is a preventative action towards unintentional child

shootings and school violence as it promotes knowledge of secure handling;

Therefore, be it resolved by the Alaska Association of Student Governments to urge the Alaska State Legislature to implement gun safety education in schools to prevent unintentional shootings and teach responsible behavior towards firearms.

Action Statement: If passed by the General Assembly of the Alaska Association of Student Governments, this resolution will be sent to members of the Education Committees of the Alaska House and Senate, as well as the Department of Education and Early Development.

The resolution passes with unanimous consent.

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AASG Vice President, Lina Hischer

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cassandra Mirosh" with a horizontal line underneath.

AASG Executive Director, Cassandra Mirosh

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