

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING SCHOOL SAFETY  
AND REDUCING VIOLENCE IN SCHOOLS**

The Board of Education of the Olmsted Falls City School District, Cuyahoga County, Ohio met in Regular session on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2018 at Olmsted Falls Middle School – Media Center with the following members present:

Joseph Bertrand  
Linda Parkowski

Holly Neumann  
Greg Surtman

Cynthia Tomasch

Holly Neumann moved the adoption of the following Resolution.

WHEREAS, school violence has become an epidemic in the United States of America.

WHEREAS, the children and school employees of our nation deserve to attend school without fear of death or injury, and their families deserve to send them to school without the same fear;

WHEREAS, there is a mutual responsibility of all citizens to address this problem and the responsibility for preventing violence in our schools;

WHEREAS, multiple studies have shown that the majority of Americans support action to eliminate violence in our schools;

WHEREAS, school board members, administrators, employees and community members should work together with lawmakers, legal counsel, law enforcement and security experts to determine how best to ensure student safety in their district.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Olmsted Falls Board of Education implores the President of the United States, the Governor of the State of Ohio, the United States Congress, and the Ohio General Assembly to prioritize the protection of students and school employees by enacting legislation with funding for the following:

1. Enhanced mental health services and substance abuse treatment so that all individuals, including children, have sufficient access to these services.
2. Increased access to school safety measures, including, but not limited to, School Resource Offices (SROs), school safety infrastructure, and other security measures designed to protect students and staff from an active shooter on school grounds.
3. Training for school employees and enhanced coordination with law enforcement agencies and first responders to ensure appropriate responses to incidents of violence in schools.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Treasurer be directed to include this resolution within the minutes of the Board of Education and that copies of the resolution be forwarded to the Governor of the State of Ohio, United States Congress, and the Ohio General Assembly.

Greg Surtman seconded the Resolution and the roll being called upon its adoption the vote resulted as follows:

Joseph Bertrand - Yes

Holly Neumann - Yes

Linda Parkowski - Yes

Greg Surtman - Yes

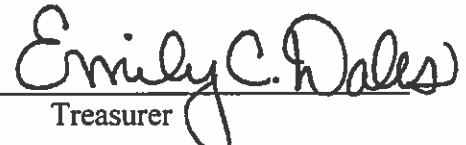
Cynthia Tomasch - Yes

The foregoing is a true and correct excerpt from the minutes of the March 15, 2018 meeting of the Board of Education of the Olmsted Falls City School District, Cuyahoga County, Ohio showing the passage of the resolution set forth.

  
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Superintendent

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March 15, 2018

Date

  
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Treasurer

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March 15, 2018

Date