

## Ohio Federation of Teachers Human Rights Committee 2018 Convention Resolutions

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### 20 RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF MEASURES TO END GUN VIOLENCE IN SCHOOLS

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22 WHEREAS, all students deserve safe, welcoming, supportive school environments where they can learn and  
23 thrive without fear; and

24 WHEREAS, no parent should send his or her child to school in fear that the child may never come home; and

25 WHEREAS, principals, administrators, teachers, paraprofessionals and other school staff have repeatedly shown  
26 their instinct to shield and protect students in these tragic situations, and their acts of heroism should be lifted  
27 up, while at the same time doubling down on the work needed to ensure safe working environments that are  
28 free from gun violence; and

29 WHEREAS, in the wake of the December 14, 2012 mass murder at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown,  
30 Connecticut, we said, "never again," yet there have been 239 school shootings since Newtown; and

31 WHEREAS, on February 14, 2018, a gunman killed a total of seventeen individuals which included students and  
32 school staff at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida; and

33 WHEREAS the students living through this trauma have been born post-Columbine (1999), and have experienced  
34 numerous mass killings and have said, "enough is enough;" and

35 WHEREAS school safety is a multi-faceted issue that requires social-emotional, mental health, and behavioral  
36 support, as well as common sense approaches to address gun violence in schools; and

37 WHEREAS, America's students, led by the courageous young people of Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School,  
38 are now leading the charge to prevent further tragedy; therefore

39 BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ohio Federation of Teachers (OFT) will work to support the courageous efforts of the  
40 survivors of gun violence at Stoneman Douglas, Sandy Hook, Virginia Tech, within in Ohio: Success Tech

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- 41 Academy, Chardon High School, Jackson Memorial Middle School and Madison Junior Senior High School and  
42 too many other schools and institutions of higher education to name, and of all those who have fought for  
43 schools that are free from gun violence, by ensuring that April 20, the anniversary of the Columbine massacre,  
44 becomes a day of action to end gun violence in schools, and by supporting student-led actions such as the  
45 marches on March 14 and March 24; and
- 46 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the OFT urges the Ohio Legislature to support funding increases for school-based  
47 health and mental health care in schools; and
- 48 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the OFT urges the Ohio Legislature to value teachers as educators, not as  
49 security personnel, and view schools as places of education not prisons; and
- 50 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the OFT urges the Ohio Legislature to value all lives by providing uniform,  
51 physical security systems; and
- 52 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the OFT urges the Ohio Legislature to require more intensive background checks,  
53 increase the age of gun purchase to twenty-one (21), provide Extreme Risk Protection Orders, and close the  
54 loopholes for the sale of all guns; and
- 55 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the OFT urges the Ohio Legislature to pass a ban on tactical assault weapons and  
56 fully-automatic weapons to protect the human rights and the safety of students and school personnel.