

Germantown School District

A **RESOLUTION** of the Germantown Board of Education requesting immediate changes to Wisconsin statutes and funding of K-12 education to increase school safety.

WHEREAS, during the June 27, 2022 Germantown Board of Education meeting Board of Education Director Robert Soderberg requested more security steps be considered to “ensure our kids and teachers go home safe”; and

WHEREAS, The Germantown Board of Education values our ongoing relationship with the Germantown Police Department and the Washington County Sheriff’s department and their continued efforts to keep our buildings safe and secure; and

WHEREAS, the right to bear arms is defined and protected by the Constitution of the United States and the 2nd Amendment of the Bill of Rights, and;

WHEREAS, the Gun-Free School Zones Act of 1990 allows possession of a firearm on school grounds if authorized by the state; and;

WHEREAS, The Wisconsin State Legislature, signed by Governor Scott Walker, enacted 2011 Wisconsin Act 35 on July 8, 2011, a statute that allows most adults to lawfully carry a concealed firearm in Wisconsin after November 1, 2011, if they obtain a “concealed carry” license, and

WHEREAS, 2011 Wisconsin Act 35 failed to contain the necessary language authorizing a license holder to possess a firearm on school grounds; and

WHEREAS, losing one life at a school shooting is too many; and

WHEREAS, criminals do not follow laws, including gun laws; and

WHEREAS, the “gun free school zone” signs do nothing but notify a criminal that there will be few, if any, people in the building that can defend themselves; and

WHEREAS, a sign stating “STAFF IS ARMED AND TRAINED TO USE DEADLY FORCE” sends a message that the school will not be an easy target; and

WHEREAS, Soft on crime District Attorneys and Judges around the state set ridiculously low bail and weak sentences, which directly lead to the massacre that occurred at the 2021 Waukesha Christmas Parade.

WHEREAS, the CDC data found that “1 in 5 children had a mental disorder, but only about 20% of those children received care from a mental health provider”¹; and

WHEREAS, the Germantown Board of Education believes in local control,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Germantown Board of Education requests that the state of Wisconsin provide mobile weapon detection systems similar to what is used at professional sporting events; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Germantown Board of Education requests the State of Wisconsin provide and fund mental health services and tools for students which may include smartphone apps; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Germantown Board of Education requests the State of Wisconsin create laws that mandate high bail and strong sentences for violent offenders; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Germantown Board of Education requests the State of Wisconsin provide advanced defense and firearm training to all school staff that wish to attend; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOVLED, that the State of Wisconsin provide adequate funding for Germantown School District to implement school security aids as allowed per HR218; and finally

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Germantown Board of Education requests that Wisconsin Concealed Carry Weapon statues be amended to allow a license holder to possess a firearm on school grounds and within school buildings **if authorized by the local school district.**

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 2022

By a vote of: _____ in favor, _____ opposed, and _____ abstain

BY: _____ (School Board Clerk)
Thomas Barney

¹ Source: <https://www.apa.org/monitor/2022/01/special-childrens-mental-health>