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Resolved, that the New York State School Boards Association support legislation at the state and/or federal level that would reform the current gun laws to strengthen background checks, implementing red flag laws, as well as laws that will restrict guns from those under the age of twenty-one.

Rationale

Since the horrific events at Columbine High School in 1999, school shootings have become an unfortunate recurring event in the United States. Enough is enough. It is time for lawmakers to take a stand against this type of senseless violence and carnage that students potentially face just to get an education.

Strengthening background checks will prevent criminals and those that should not have their hands on a gun from obtaining one. New York State has already implemented red flag laws, which allow a gun to be removed from an individual that is showing signs they may harm themselves or others. It is of vital importance to the students and school personnel of New York that these laws be implemented nationwide. As strong as the laws in New York State are, red flag laws must be implemented nationally to prevent someone from simply crossing state lines to obtain a gun.

In many of these school shootings, the shooter has been either a current, or recently graduated student. That is reason enough that school aged kids should be unable to purchase a gun that can then immediately be used to murder their classmates.

In the past year gun violence has been a reality throughout New York State. Therefore, it is imperative that our state legislature pass gun safety laws as soon as possible. Every day is an

unknown gun event waiting to happen. There is a definite urgency that NYSSBA take immediate action to protect the lives of our students and school personnel.