

1 THE CITY OF CRANSTON

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3 **RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL**
4 **URGING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO PASS LEGISLATION BANNING**
5 **GUNS IN SCHOOL.**
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12 *Michael J Farina, Council President*
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14 *Resolved, That*

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16 **WHEREAS**, current state law allows Concealed Carry Permit (“CCP”) holders to
17 carry firearms onto school grounds; and

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19 **WHEREAS**, the vast majority of states do not permit firearms on school grounds;
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22 **WHEREAS**, a study by the Violence Policy Center, a Washington D.C. gun
23 safety organization, found, from May 2007 to February 2015, that in research involving
24 622 deaths in 544 concealed-carry shootings in 36 states and the District of Columbia, the
25 vast majority of those killings were deemed non-self-defense and only 16 cases were
26 eventually ruled lawful self-defense; and

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28 **WHEREAS**, a two year comprehensive Final Report of the Sandy Hook
29 Advisory Commission, consisting of school administrators, teachers, law enforcement,
30 psychiatrists, lawmakers and legal professionals, dated February 2015, made findings
31 including “Safe School Climate” and “Safe School Design and Operations Strategies”
32 that specifically did not include the use of firearms or the arming teachers or non-law
33 enforcement civilians in schools; and

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35 **WHEREAS**, the Rhode Island Association of School Committees’ Executive
36 Board have voted to support banning concealed weapons on school grounds, except for
37 duly authorized members of law enforcement;

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39 **WHEREAS**, the Rhode Island School Superintendents’ Association has adopted
40 the School Superintendents’ Association “AASA Position Paper on School Safety: a
41 response to the Tragedy at Sandy Hook Elementary”, which specifically denounces
42 “efforts to bring more guns into our schools by teachers and administrators,” and reminds
43 us that “schools remain the safest place for children”; and
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47 **WHEREAS**, the Rhode Island Association of School Principals Executive Board
48 has voted to endorse and support the ban on concealed weapons on school grounds,
49 except for authorized members of law enforcement, holding to its core belief that school
50 environments should be devoid of all conditions that may compromise the safety of
51 students and staff; and

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53 **WHEREAS**, legislation to ban people, except police officers, from carrying
54 concealed weapons in schools has been endorsed by the Rhode Island League of Cities
55 and Towns,

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57 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Cranston City Council
58 respectfully requests the Rhode Island General Assembly introduce and pass legislative
59 proposals that would prohibit non-law enforcement to carry concealed firearms onto
60 school grounds.

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62 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the City Clerk forward a certified copy of
63 this Resolution to the Cranston Delegation of the Rhode Island General Assembly
64 seeking their consideration and support.

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66p Sponsored by Councilman Lanni