

1 THE CITY OF CRANSTON

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3 **RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL**  
4 **URGING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO PASS AN AMENDMENT TO THE**  
5 **GENERAL LAWS TO INSURE GUN SAFETY IN SCHOOLS**

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*Michael J Farina, Council President*

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15 *Resolved that,*

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17 **WHEREAS,** The City Council of the City of Cranston urges the General Assembly to  
18 take reasonable and necessary measures to protect the children of Rhode Island from gun violence  
19 and other violence which may occur in public schools

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21 **WHEREAS,** This City Council takes note of recent gun violence tragedies which have  
22 occurred in or around public schools across this nation. There is no reason to believe that Rhode  
23 Island will be immune from future horrific events.

24 **WHEREAS,** This City Council understands that this is a multi-faceted problem that  
25 involves mental health issues, gun accessibility and social pressures.

26 **WHEREAS,** This City Council urges the General Assembly to create comprehensive  
27 legislation which protects school gun violence on a number of different fronts.

28 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT,**

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- 30 1. The Honorable City Council of Cranston urges the General Assembly to immediately and  
31 forthwith require all public schools in Rhode Island to use a metal detector at each  
32 entrance to the school which is accessible to the public.  
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  - 34 2. The Honorable City Council of Cranston urges the General Assembly to immediately and  
35 forthwith require all public schools in Rhode Island to have an armed officer or officers  
36 (depending on the size of the school) present during normal school hours. Said officer  
37 shall have the requisite training to attend to school emergencies in accordance with best  
38 practices.  
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  - 40 3. The Honorable City Council of Cranston urges the General Assembly to  
41 immediately and forthwith require all police departments in Rhode Island to  
42 establish a unit dedicated to interfacing with school, community officials and the  
43 public to identify youths or other individuals who may be posting, uttering,  
44 emailing or stating specific behaviors or threats which may be a precursor to  
45 violence against other students, faculty or the public at large.

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- 47 4. The Honorable City Council of Cranston urges the General Assembly to
- 48 immediately and forthwith require all public schools in Rhode Island to establish
- 49 “lock boxes” adjacent to the metal detectors or in a secure space so that lawful
- 50 concealed carry permit holders can securely place their guns while visiting the
- 51 school or attending school events.
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- 53 5. The Honorable City Council of Cranston urges the General Assembly to
- 54 immediately and forthwith require all public schools in Rhode Island to establish
- 55 a confidential “hot line” or email system, which can be anonymous, so that any
- 56 fellow student, parent or member of the public can state any concerns surrounding
- 57 a potential or suspected situation which may lead to violence.
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- 59 6. City Council asks the School Committee in cooperation with the Cranston Police
- 60 Department to present current school safety measures and the School
- 61 Committee’s recommendations for improvements the City can take at a joint
- 62 meeting with the City Council
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65 Sponsored by Council President Farina, Co-Sponsored by Council Vice-President Favicchio,

66 Councilmen Paplauskas, Hopkins and Colford

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68 Referred to Special Study Committee date to be announced