

1 [Supporting California State Assembly Bill No. 452 (Friedman) - Pupil Safety: Parental
Notification: Firearm Safety Laws]

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3 **Resolution supporting California State Assembly Bill No. 452, introduced by**
4 **Assembly Member Friedman on February 8, 2021, that would require a school**
5 **district, county office of education, and charter school to inform parents and**
6 **guardians of pupils at the beginning of each semester or quarter of the regular**
7 **school term, and during any new enrollment or transfer, of California’s child**
8 **access prevention laws and laws relating to the safe storage of firearms, as**
9 **specified; and would require the State Department of Education, on or before July**
10 **1, 2023, to develop concise content for the notice regarding those child access**
11 **prevention and safe storage of firearms laws.**

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13 WHEREAS, Gun violence is a national crisis and disproportionately affects youth
14 and young adults; and

15 WHEREAS, Gun violence is the leading cause of death for children and teens in
16 the United States; and

17 WHEREAS, On average, every year in the United States, nearly 350 children
18 ages 17 and under gain access to a firearm and unintentionally shoot themselves or
19 someone else, and, on average, every year nearly 700 children, 17 and under, die by
20 suicide with a firearm; and

21 WHEREAS, San Francisco is not immune to the national gun violence epidemic,
22 as our communities have seen a dramatic increase in gun violence within the past year;
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24 WHEREAS, Black Americans are disproportionately impacted by gun violence,
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1 experiencing 10 times the gun homicides, 18 times the gun assault injuries, and nearly
2 3 times the fatal police shootings of white Americans; and

3 WHEREAS, BIPOC children and teens are four times more likely to die from gun
4 violence than their white peers; and

5 WHEREAS, Most school shootings are committed using a firearm a student
6 accessed at home or at the home of a close relative; and

7 WHEREAS, Firearm purchases have increased since the beginning of the
8 COVID-19 pandemic in the United States; and

9 WHEREAS, Evidence strongly suggests that secure firearm storage is an
10 essential component to any effective strategy to keep schools and students safe; and

11 WHEREAS, Research shows that secure firearm storage practices are
12 associated with up to an 85 percent reduction in the risk of unintentional firearm injuries
13 among children and teens; and

14 WHEREAS, San Francisco Police Code, Section 4512, and California Penal
15 Code, Section 25100, require that firearms are securely stored so that minors cannot
16 gain access to them; and

17 WHEREAS, The California State Superintendent has urged school districts to
18 send secure gun storage information to parents and families; and

19 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Youth Commission unanimously called on the
20 San Francisco schools to send home safe storage information; now, therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors supports Assembly
22 Bill No. 452 (AB 452); which would require a school district, county office of education,
23 and charter school to inform parents and guardians of pupils at the beginning of each
24 semester or quarter of the regular school term and during any new enrollment or
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1 transfer, of California’s child access prevention laws and laws relating to the safe
2 storage of firearms, as specified; and be it

3 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges the
4 San Francisco Board of Education to share safe firearm storage information with
5 families at the beginning of each semester or quarter of the regular school term and
6 during any new enrollment or transfer; and be it

7 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors hereby
8 directs the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors to transmit a copy of this Resolution to San
9 Francisco’s State Legislative Delegation, members of the San Francisco Board of
10 Education, and to the City Lobbyist.

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