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The Dresden and Hanover School Boards voted on August 30, 2018 and October 17, 2018 to approve the following resolution:

Whereas, more than 187,000 students attending more than 193 primary and secondary schools have experienced a shooting on campus since the Columbine High School massacre in 1999;

Whereas, New Hampshire school children spend increasingly more time participating in lock-down and active shooter drills, detracting from time spent on critical classroom learning and invoking significant anxiety and fear among students and teachers that impedes learning;
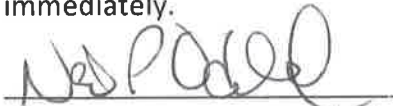
Whereas, all New Hampshire students have the right to attend school and live in a community free from the fear of death or injury as a result of gun-related violence;

Whereas, all New Hampshire teachers and staff have the right to a working environment free from the fear of death or injury as a result of gun-related violence;

Whereas, parents have the right to live in a community and send their children to a school in which they have confidence in their children's physical, psychological, and emotional safety;

Whereas, we are local elected officials charged with ensuring the education, health, and safety of students on behalf of parents and our community, and therefore cannot accept the current status quo that allows firearms in our schools;

We, the Dresden School Board and Hanover School Board, call upon the New Hampshire Legislature to enact legislation that would allow local school boards to restrict firearms in accordance with the federal guidelines for safe schools, and for the Governor to sign such legislation into law to take effect immediately.

Neil Odell, Dresden Board Chair

10/11/2018
Date

Kelly McConnell, Hanover Board Chair

10/26/18
Date