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FSBA Resolution Opposing Arming of School Personnel

Whereas, The safety of our school children is a paramount concern to all communities; and

Whereas, The possession of weapons or firearms on school grounds should be limited to those who are highly trained professionals in the field of law enforcement and school security; and

Whereas, Classroom teachers and school administrators are neither trained nor qualified to serve as professional law enforcement officers or school security experts; and

Whereas, Classroom teachers and school administrators typically serve as role models for their students and arming classroom teachers or school administrators would undermine their credibility as role models in the eyes of impressionable students; and

Whereas, Arming classroom teachers and administrators would conflict with statutory curriculum provisions promoting non-violence, character education, and anti-bullying policies; and

Whereas, Federal and state laws seek to ensure gun-free schools;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Florida School Boards Association is opposed to any effort that seeks to relax the state and federal prohibition on allowing weapons or firearms on school grounds; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Florida School Boards Association is opposed to any effort that seeks to arm classroom teachers or school administrators with weapons or firearms so that they might serve as school security officers.

[ADOPTED by unanimous vote of the FSBA Board of Directors on March 22, 2013]