

The Bellevue Education Association:

Believes that school safety is of paramount importance in a quality learning environment for students and the professional quality of life for educators.

Recognizes that gun violence is a clear and present danger to the learning environment in schools nation-wide.

Views educators carrying firearms in schools as counter-productive to creating a safe learning environment.

Therefore, be it resolved that the Bellevue Education Association:

Supports students taking non-violent and appropriate action to enact change in local and national gun legislation.

Endorses the March for Our Lives in Seattle on March 24 as a call to end gun violence in schools and encourages all educators in the Bellevue School District to participate in the march and be a visible presence in that call.

Encourages all educators in the Bellevue School District to wear orange in support of school safety on April 20, 2018.

Encourages all educators in the Bellevue School District to contact their local and federal elected officials and advocate for the safety of students and staff in schools.

Will work in partnership with the Bellevue School District School Board and Administration in efforts to end gun violence in schools.

Adopted by the BEA Representative Council March 22, 2018