

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
EL CAMINO REAL ALLIANCE**

**RESOLUTION
RE: RESPONSIBLE FIREARMS STORAGE**

The Board of Directors (“Board”) of El Camino Real Alliance (“ECRA”), a tax exempt, California nonprofit public benefit corporation doing business as El Camino Real Charter High School, does hereby adopt the following resolution.

WHEREAS, evidence strongly suggests that responsible firearm storage is an essential component to any effective strategy to keep schools and students safe;

WHEREAS, an estimated 4.6 million American children live in households with at least one loaded, unlocked firearm;

WHEREAS, every year, nearly 350 children under the age of 18 unintentionally shoot themselves or someone else. That is roughly one unintentional shooting per day, and 77 percent of these incidents take place inside a home;

WHEREAS, another 590 children die by gun suicide each year, most often using guns belonging to a family member;

WHEREAS, in incidents of gun violence on school grounds, 79 percent of active shooters are current students or recent graduates, and 78 percent of shooters under the age of 18 obtained their guns from their own home, a relative’s home, or from friends;

WHEREAS, research shows that responsible firearm storage practices are associated with up to an 85 percent reduction in the risk of self-inflicted and unintentional firearm injuries among children and teens;

WHEREAS, the U.S. Secret Service National Threat Assessment Center recommends the importance of appropriate storage of weapons because many school attackers used firearms acquired from their homes;

WHEREAS, across the country, lawmakers, community members, and local leaders are working together to implement public awareness campaigns, such as Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America’s Be SMART program, that is endorsed by the National PTA, and encourages secure gun storage practices and highlight the public safety risks of unsecured guns;

WHEREAS, California Education Code Section 32280 *et seq.*, requires all schools to have a school safety plan;

WHEREAS, these plans address violence prevention, emergency preparedness, traffic safety and crisis intervention;

WHEREAS, keeping students, teachers and staff safe from the threat of gun violence should be the responsibility of all adult stakeholders at our school;

WHEREAS, an estimated 30 percent of adults in California own a firearm;

WHEREAS, state (and local) law criminalize unsafe storage of firearms where minors may be present; and

WHEREAS, in order to continue with preventative measures to increase student and school safety we must act now,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Board directs the Executive Director to update the Parent-Student Handbook to include information about the legal duties of parents/guardians to responsibly store firearms;

2. The Board directs the Executive Director to create an appropriate letter, in English and Spanish, to parents and guardians that explains the importance of responsible gun storage and the legal obligations to protect minors from accessing irresponsibly stored guns, to be included in annual registration materials, and requiring a signature acknowledging awareness of responsible gun storage responsibilities; and,

3. The Board and the Executive Director will continue to work with local law enforcement agencies, health agencies and non-profits to collaborate and increase efforts to inform parents and guardians of their duty to responsibly store firearms in their homes.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Board of Directors has adopted the above resolution by vote at a regular Board meeting this 19th day of November, 2019.

By: _____
Beatriz Chen, Secretary