

# AASA Resources for School and Gun Safety Discussions 2-23-18

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## Supporting Superintendents, Supporting Students: Resources For School And Gun Safety Discussions And Advocacy

In response to the horrific school shooting in Parkland, Florida on February 14, AASA has assembled this set of resources and information to support school system leaders, their staff, their community, and their students as they navigate yet another round of student deaths.

This set of information will be continually updated and revised. Should you have any feedback or additional content/information that you would like to contribute, please send them to Noelle Ellerson Ng ([nellerson@aasa.org](mailto:nellerson@aasa.org)).

- **School and Gun Safety Policy:** Read AASA's [position paper on school safety](#), adopted after the 2012 tragedy in Sandy Hook, and unfortunately still relevant today. It is a comprehensive position, adopted by the AASA governing board and executive committee, and addresses our priorities on school safety, student supports and services (including mental health supports), and common sense reforms to gun laws.
- **Guidance to Local Districts:** We are happy to share this [template communications document](#), with permission from CMS Communications, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools. It is an excellent template for school system leaders and as a basis for response from media and community.
- **National Day of Action:** AASA is proud to support the [National Day of Action to Stop Gun Violence in Our Schools](#). Through this day of action, we urge teachers, families, students, administrators and every member of the community to engage in acts of advocacy and civic engagement in and around their schools. Create actions that work best in your school and community. AASA is NOT affiliated with any of the formal or organized walk outs. superintendents are balancing their obligation to educate their students and support their community and students' first amendment rights with their professional and educational responsibility to consistently and equitably enforce state and local laws and policies, which can include attendance requirements and school participation
- **Potential Activities for Day of Action:** Our members have reached out to us for ideas to support their students and communities. We are pleased to share an initial [listing of activities and programs](#) that schools can consider adopting and implementing as part of the National Day of Action.