

We Support Gun-Free Schools (SB 347)

The tragedy in Newtown, Connecticut underscores that we need to protect school campuses from gun violence. Under Oregon law, anyone holding a concealed handgun license can bring guns, including assault weapons, into a public school. SB 347 gives school districts the authority to restrict guns on school grounds.

- **Local Control.** Gives districts the authority to set the best policy for their community and ensure students are safe.
- **Best School Crisis Plans.** Experts agree that individualized plans prepared with local law enforcement offer the best response to school shootings.
- **Reduces Accidental Risks.** The presence of guns on campus creates a risk they could be lost or otherwise end up in the hands of a child, risking an accident.

For these reasons, and many others, we support the adoption of SB 347.



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