

# RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF FIREARM SAFE STORAGE

## FOR FAMILIES IN OUR COMMUNITY

WHEREAS, evidence strongly suggests that community-wide secure firearm storage and responsible handling is an essential component to an effective strategy to keep schools and children safe;

WHEREAS, research shows that secure firearm storage practices are associated with a significant reduction in the risk of unintentional firearm injuries among children and teens;

WHEREAS, a high number of children and teens die by gun suicide each year, most often using guns belonging to a family member;

WHEREAS, the vast majority of active shooters are current students or recent graduates who obtained their guns from their own home, a relative's home, or from friends;

WHEREAS, across the country, lawmakers, community members, and local leaders are working together to increase public awareness regarding the benefit and responsibility of secure gun storage while highlighting the public safety risks of unsecured guns;

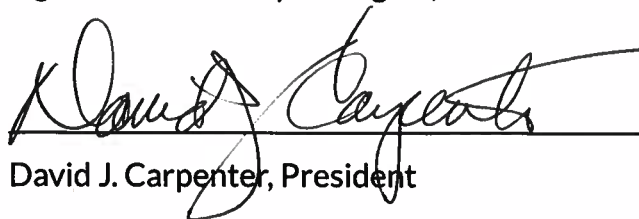
WHEREAS, keeping students, teachers and staff safe should be the highest priority of all adult stakeholders at our schools;

WHEREAS, in order to continue with preventative measures to increase student and school safety;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the **Bellbrook-Sugarcreek Local Board of Education** directs the Superintendent and staff to update the Student Handbooks to emphasize the critical importance of firearm safe storage and to inform parents and guardians that free gun locks are available from the Sugarcreek Township Police Department and the Bellbrook Police Department; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, that the Board and the Superintendent will continue to work with local law enforcement agencies and other appropriate agencies to collaborate and increase efforts to protect our children.

Signed this 25th day of August, 2022



David J. Carpenter, President



Douglas A. Cozad, Superintendent of Schools