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## **State Board of Education Statement on Weapons in Schools**

The State Board of Education is committed to the safety of all Michigan school children. With the exception of law enforcement and school security personnel trained in the use of weapons to protect public safety, it is our firm belief that dangerous weapons, such as hand guns and assault rifles, have no place in schools.

Allowing weapons on school grounds only increases fear on the part of students and staff, and increases the chances of a catastrophic incident.

As such, the State Board of Education supports the passage of House Bill 4261, a bill to eliminate the "open-carry" loophole that currently exists in law.

Furthermore, the State Board of Education opposes Senate Bill 442, which will allow concealed firearms to be carried on school grounds by anyone with a license to carry a concealed weapon.

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