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Governor Walker and Legislators,

We are writing to voice our collective concern about the Governor's proposal for school safety. In recent days, our students have made it clear that we need to act. The proposal, unfortunately, is out of touch with what we have all heard our communities and our students ask for.

School districts are constantly reviewing and improving systems for school safety. While we appreciate funds being made available for safety improvements, we need the same, long-term commitment from the state, which requires more than one time funding during an election year. The proposal also lacks any common sense gun safety provisions like universal background checks in order to keep guns out of the hands of dangerous people and instead gives authority for distributing funds to our Attorney General, who believes it is a good idea to arm teachers.

We ask that you listen to our students and our communities by putting forth a proposal with a long term commitment to school safety, with common sense safety legislation on guns, and wraparound services for our students. School safety is not a political issue - please start listening to our students and local communities and provide the support our students deserve.

Sincerely,

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