



Statement by the Council of the Great City Schools  
In Support of H.R. 4301  
The School Shooting Safety and Preparedness Act

The Council of the Great City Schools, the nation's primary coalition of large city public school systems, support passage of H.R. 4301, *the School Shooting Safety and Preparedness Act*, being considered by the House Education and Labor Committee this week.

Following the 2018 school shooting in Parkland, Florida, the Board of Directors of the Council of the Great City Schools unanimously passed a resolution committing our 76 member school districts to supporting a sweeping series of federal actions to curb the availability of assault weapons and large-capacity ammunition; increase federal assistance for school counselors, social workers, and intervention programs; provide aid for building security alterations; support coordination with other local agencies; promote firearm safety programs; **AND** collect data to track, monitor, understand, and prevent gun violence in America. H.R. 4301 takes a welcomed step forward in collecting and analyzing national data on all-too-frequent school shootings.

The Council's Board of Directors underscores the nearly daily occurrence of gun violence in our urban communities, and the urgency for broad-based federal action.