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AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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To Whom It May Concern,

The purpose of this letter is to communicate my support in making interior locking devices legal in the State of Michigan. As Superintendent, it is my responsibility to ensure the safety of our staff and our students. Safety starts with the mindset that we are to be proactive, always looking to improve in how we are alert of possible dangerous situations and how to close the vulnerability gaps that are present both inside and outside of our school buildings. By not allowing school districts to install interior locking devices for classroom doors, the state is placing our staff and students in vulnerable situations.

Our training with both our local and state law enforcement agencies have proven that time is the number one factor in keeping our students safe. By locking down quickly, our staff can delay injuries and death, allowing our first responders to handle the situation appropriately.

Interior locks for classroom and office doors will allow us to lockdown within seconds, placing our staff and students in the safest place possible during a dangerous situation.

On behalf of the Fenton Area Public Schools Board of Education, and hundreds of public school districts in Michigan, I urge you to change the law and allow these life saving devices to be installed within our schools.

Please contact me if further information is needed.

Sincerely,

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