



**MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE**  
**ASSEMBLY INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM**

No. AIM 67-2025

Meeting Date: April 8, 2025

**From: Assembly Member Bronga**

**Subject: ANCHORAGE SCHOOL BOARD LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR AO 2025-25: AN ORDINANCE OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY AMENDING ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 8.25.060 TO EXPAND PRINCIPAL LIABILITY TO PARENTS AND GUARDIANS OF MINORS POSSESSING DEADLY WEAPONS ON SCHOOL GROUNDS OR AT SCHOOL FUNCTIONS.**

The letter provided by the Anchorage School Board in support of AO 2025-25 is provided for your review and information:

Prepared by: Jasmine Acres, Deputy Municipal Clerk

Respectfully submitted: Karen Bronga, Assembly Member, District 5



# Anchorage School District

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March 27, 2025

Assembly Member Bronga  
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Dear Assembly Member Bronga,

On behalf of the Anchorage School Board, we are writing to express our support for Assembly Ordinance 2025-25, which expands the principal liability to parents and guardians of minors possessing deadly weapons on school grounds or at school functions.

The Anchorage School District began partnering with the BE SMART campaign to disseminate information about safe storage handguns, offering trigger locks, employing STOPit to allow student to anonymously report bullying, harassment and weapon sightings, and utilizing mobile metal detectors at middle and high school on a rotating basis.

This ordinance contributes to the public safety and responsibility of firearm ownership. ASD currently serves roughly 43,000 students, and the health and welfare of each of the students is important to us. Keeping our community, and especially our youth, safe from the threat of gun violence should be the responsibility of all adult stakeholders.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

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School Board President

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School Board Vice-President

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School Board Clerk

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