



Foothill Academic Senate

Resolution on Preventing Mass Casualties through Improved Door Locks

Fall 2024

Whereas, since 1999 at Columbine High School, there have been 417 school shootings in the U.S.^[1], most recently (as of this writing) on September 4, 2024 at Apalachee High School in Winder, Georgia; and,

Whereas, a classroom door locked from the inside figured prominently in minimizing casualties at Apalachee High School^[2], an outcome foreseen in current guidelines from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA)^[3]; and

Whereas, in the wake of the September 2015 Umpqua Community College shooting, FHDA administration told employees that the district was investigating "more permanent solutions,"^[4] yet the safety retrofitting we've seen since then has amounted to Lock-Blok hardware; and

Whereas, the safety of Foothill College students, staff and faculty should be the highest priority of the college and district, and the inability of employees to secure classrooms and workspaces from the inside will leave students, staff and faculty vulnerable to preventable mass casualties in the event of a school shooting on campus; and

Whereas, anyone not subject to law enforcement oversight with \$400 can acquire^[5], or anyone at all with a commercial 3D printer, hundreds of dollars of materials, some metalworking skills and patience can manufacture^[6], a weapon made for killing people quickly and easily; and

Whereas, Title 5 §53200(b) authorizes the Foothill Academic Senate to make policy recommendations to college and district administration with respect to academic and professional matters, including, in particular, processes for budget development; be it therefore

Resolved, that the Foothill Academic Senate recommend college and district administration to demonstrate its prioritization of student and employee safety in its budget development by allocating resources and planning to ensure workplace and classroom door locks are user-operable from the inside; and, be it further

Resolved, that the Foothill Academic Senate direct our officers to work with Classified Senate, Associated Students of Foothill College, the Faculty Association, and other campus organizations as necessary to advocate collectively for such administrative prioritization of student and employee safety.

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^[1] <https://www.washingtonpost.com/education/interactive/school-shootings-database/>

^[2] <https://apnews.com/article/georgia-school-shooting-whats-known-f5300931a4a648e8887a1b8d0fdd6558>

^[3] <https://www.cisa.gov/sites/default/files/2022-11/k12-school-security-guide-3rd-edition-022022-508.pdf> Table 2.1, p.7ff.

^[4] Email from Andrea Hanstein, Director, Marketing and Public Relations, Foothill College, October 2, 2015

^[5] <https://www.impactguns.com/ar-15-guns-for-sale/>

^[6] <https://www.nytimes.com/2024/09/10/world/europe/ivan-troll-3d-printed-homemade-guns-fgc9.html>

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