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AASA Issues Statement on Proposal to Arm Teachers

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Alexandria, Va. - Aug. 23, 2018 - Daniel A. Domenech, executive director of [AASA, The School Superintendents Association](#), issued the following statement today in response to reports indicating that U.S. Education Secretary Betsy DeVos is considering to allow schools to use federal funds to purchase weapons to arm educators.

“AASA is against the Department’s proposed use of public education dollars to put guns in the hands of classroom teachers. The idea of diverting funds to create an arsenal inside the walls of our school buildings does not align with what is best for the health and well-being of our children.

“In the recently authorized funding stream for school safety, known as the STOP School Violence Act, there is explicit prohibition against such a proposal. What the Secretary intends is undeniably against the will of Congress and what the thousands of our school districts and communities want to avoid – more guns in schools.

“AASA continues to call on Congress to enact common-sense legislation that can help end gun violence in our schools in our mounting efforts to ensure safe, gun-free communities of learning.”

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For additional questions, please contact Sasha Pudelski, AASA advocacy director, at spudelski@aasa.org.

About AASA

[AASA, The School Superintendents Association](#), founded in 1865, is the professional organization for more than 13,000 educational leaders in the United States and throughout the world. AASA’s mission is to support and develop effective school system leaders who are dedicated to the highest quality public education for all children. For more information, visit www.aasa.org