

March 6, 2016

Dear Honorable Ms.Ryden and Honorable Ms.Lontine,

I am writing to you as a parent, grandparent, community member and an educator of over 20 years in the Jefferson County Public Schools. I urge you to not pass a bill that would allow concealed weapons on school property for the safety of students, teachers and other community members.

Many people at this point in time seem to find violence as an acceptable form of conflict resolution, and when we have parent-teacher conferences, there is always the possibility of conflict. As an educator, I always go into a conference with the best interests of the child in mind. However, communication is a tricky aspect of these meetings, and I personally feel very threatened by this bill as well as fearing for my colleagues. The level of trauma this could visit on a community is immense, as witnessed by the continuing repercussions of the Columbine High School shooting as well as the more recent shooting at Arapahoe High School.

Please consider the future ramifications of this bill, and vote against its passage.

Sincerely,

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