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## URGENT ACTION

**We need your help.**

Our Baltimore City legislators are once again considering a bill that would authorize school police officers to carry loaded weapons in schools throughout the day.

**Please urge your state Senators and Delegates to say NO to House Bill 1373. Guns are not the answer.**

**SEND A MESSAGE TO YOUR REPRESENTATIVES NOW**

We are disappointed the conversation is being revived to allow loaded weapons in Baltimore City Schools. Despite the unfortunate incident at Frederick Douglass High School on February 8, we must not make reactive decisions that could ultimately put schoolchildren in more harm. The overwhelming voices of the Baltimore City public school community – families, students, and teachers – have made it clear that **the presence of guns in schools inhibits children’s ability to learn and succeed.**

We sent a letter to Delegate Glenn, Senator Hayes, and the rest of our City Delegates and Senators outlining our concerns about legislation being proposed in the House (HB 1373, formerly HB 31) that would thwart the type of positive, productive school climate that Baltimore City schoolchildren need.

**Stand with us to support school safety with stronger relationships – Not Guns!**

Our children need a positive school climate of strong relationships in the classroom, in the halls, and in their communities. **We must work together and direct our attention, energy, and resources toward creating the environment that will lead to safe schools, more learning, and better outcomes.**

There is a lack of meaningful data that arming school officers increases overall safety or improves relationships within school communities. We should focus instead on restorative practices, trauma-informed approaches, and securing supports for wraparound services, counselors, social workers, and school psychologists.

[Tell your Baltimore City legislators to vote NO on HB 1373 once and for all.](#)

Thanks for staying in this fight,

**The ACLU of Maryland**

*P.S.*

*The Baltimore City School Board is also reconsidering whether to support House Bill 1373 (formerly HB 31). Take the next step and join us at the Board meeting at 200 E. North Ave. on Tuesday, February 26th at 5 p.m. We are calling on the Baltimore City School Board to reject HB 1373 once and for all, and to focus their leadership on building ideal learning environments for Baltimore's next generation – our children.*

*School Board Commissioners need to hear from you. Get there a little early to sign up to give a public comment, or be there to help us fill the room!*



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