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**MTEA PRESIDENT KIM SCHROEDER REACTS TO  
PROPOSALS TO ARM SCHOOL TEACHERS**

MILWAUKEE – February 21, 2018 – Today the Milwaukee Teachers' Education Association (MTEA) president released comments on President Donald Trump and Attorney General Brad Schimel's recent proposals to arm teachers with firearms.

The following statement can be attributed to MTEA President Kim Schroeder:

"During this moment of tragedy, the Milwaukee Teachers' Education sends their condolences and stands in solidarity with the students, educators and families of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School suffering due to senseless gun violence.

"It is completely irrational and irresponsible for anyone to suggest that teachers should be carrying firearms in the classroom to confront potential school shooters. Enough is enough. Lawmakers are failing us. We can't wait any longer for them to listen to the voices of students and educators. We need common-sense gun laws right now!

"If Republican politicians truly have the safety of children and educators at heart, they would stop underfunding our schools, eroding educators' rights, and passing laws that place dangerous weapons in the classroom with our students.

"Between 2013 and 2015, an average of two school shootings each month took place at K-12 schools nationwide, according to [Everytown for Gun Safety](#). If politicians truly cared about protecting our students, they would support common-sense gun laws that would actually protect students and educators."

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*For over 50 years, the Milwaukee Teachers' Education Association has been a champion for public education in Milwaukee. The Milwaukee Teachers' Education Association represents over 4,600 educators and support personnel who make Milwaukee's public education system possible. MTEA, an affiliate of the National Education Association and is the largest educator local in Wisconsin. Learn more at [mtea.weac.org](http://mtea.weac.org).*