# MAKE OUR SCHOOLS SAFE VOLUNTEER HANDBOOK

WHETHER YOU CAN CONTRIBUTE AN HOUR A MONTH OR 10, WHETHER YOU WANT TO CONTRIBUTE FROM HOME OR LEND YOUR TIME IN PERSON, YOU CAN HELP MAKE OUR SCHOOLS SAFE.



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#### MAKE OUR SCHOOLS SAFE CLUBS



The Make Our Schools Safe Club is an in-school, on-campus club that are run, organized and energized by school safety-minded students. Each elects their own officers and together they conduct meetings, set agendas, and schedule activities related to keeping their school safe. The clubs are welcoming, inclusive, and proactive forums for all students to have a valuable voice in creating a culture of school safety. These clubs also provide an invaluable 'ground level' resource to administration.

For more information on how to bring a MOSS Club to your school, contact Lexi Simon, MOSS Club Director, at the following email address: lexi@makeourschoolssafe.org

#### **CREATE A FUNDRAISER**

Get involved! Unfortunately school safety is now everyone's responsibility. You can help create an event to support a school safety project in your school OR your involvement can directly support the national mission of Make Our Schools Safe by hosting a school or community fundraiser in your hometown. For details: email sarah@makeourschoolssafe.org.



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## **SUPPORT ALYSSA'S LAW**

Alyssa's Law is critical legislation addressing the issue of law enforcement response time when a life-threatening emergency occurs because time equals life.

The law calls for the installation of silent panic alarms that are directly linked to law enforcement, so in case of any emergency life-saving help arrives on the scene as quickly as possible, to mitigate the threat and triage any possible victims.

The legislation has passed in Florida, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Texas, New York, New Jersey and Utah. Alyssa's Law is inprogress within Oregon and Pennsylvania.

<u>Support passing Alyssa's Law in</u> all 50 states by clicking here to SIGN and SHARE our petition!









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## **FEDERAL LEGISLATION**

In 2023, the bipartisan <u>ALYSSA Act (H.R. 4999)</u> was introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives. This life-saving legislation, introduced by Congressman Josh Gottheimer, mandates and funds silent panic alarms for public schools in the United States. The <u>Strengthening Our Schools (SOS) Act of 2024 (H.R. 5000)</u> was also introduced to increase investment in more well-trained School Resource Officers so that every school has a first responder already on campus in the event of a critical incident. Similarly, the <u>Safer Schools Act (H.R. 3618)</u> was introduced to assess and solve risks in our schools.

These three pieces of legislation are in desperate need of additional co-sponsors in order to be codified into federal law. This is where you can help!

We must contact our representatives and urge them to co-sponsor support for H.R. 4999, H.R. 5000, and H.R. 3618.

#### Visit your representative's website and click their "Contact Me" tab to send an email using the following template:

Representative [REPRESENTATIVE'S NAME], my name is [YOUR NAME] and I am a constituent from [CITY, STATE]. I am deeply concerned for the safety of our students and educators. The ALYSSA Act (H.R. 4999), the SOS Act (H.R. 5000), and the Safer Schools Act (H.R. 3618) will ensure our students are attending the safest learning environments possible. I urge you to sign on as a co-sponsor.



#### Call the offices of your representatives and use the following script:

Hello, my name is [YOUR NAME] and I am a constituent from [CITY, STATE]. I'm calling to leave a comment for [REPRESENTATIVE'S NAME]. I'm deeply concerned for the safety of our students and educators. I urge you to co-sponsor ALYSSA Act (H.R. 4999), the SOS Act (H.R. 5000), and the Safer Schools Act (H.R. 3618). This critical legislation will prevent future tragedies and save student lives. I do not need a response on this comment. Thank you and I look forward to seeing [REPRESENTATIVE'S NAME] sign on as a co-sponsor.



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## **VOLUNTEER IN PERSON**

Make Our Schools Safe (MOSS) hosts and participates in multiple fundraising events throughout the year. Volunteer involvement is essential for the success of these events, which raise funds to support initiatives that improve school safety and protect students and staff. Whether through planning, organizing, or assisting during events, every volunteer plays a critical role in helping MOSS achieve its goals.









For more information on volunteer opportunities, contact Sarah Grossman, Make Our Schools Safe Volunteer Coordinator, at the following e-mail address: sarah@makeourschoolssafe.org.



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## **SHOP MOSS MERCH**















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## **MORE WAYS TO HELP**



#### SIGN UP FOR OUR NEWSLETTER

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Give your time and your talent to MOSS! Email sarah@makeourschoolssafe.org to learn how!



#### **GIVE TO THE CAUSE**

Click here to donate to Make Our Schools Safe!



#### ADD OUR LOGO TO YOUR PROFILE PICTURE ON ALL SOCIAL MEDIA!



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# FOLLOW US

Social media is an incredibly powerful tool to spread our message and garnish support! Follow us on Instagram, Facebook and Twitter to stay updated. Sharing our posts with friends and family helps broaden our reach!





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