Whereas, Many children, adolescents, and adults have died from firearm injury in schools; and
Whereas, The perpetrators of school-based firearm violence are usually students, former students, or young adults with mental illness; and
Whereas, Twenty percent of children, adolescents, and young adults have diagnosable mental health disorders; and
Whereas, Only 20% of children, adolescents, and young adults with mental health disorders receive mental health services; and
Whereas, There are community-based models through which students can undergo mental health screenings and receive mental health services as indicated on-site at school; and
Whereas, Schools can employ sufficient nurses and mental health clinical social workers to address the mental health problems of students; and
Whereas, Schools can contract with mental health professionals who partner with the schools to implement school-based comprehensive mental health programs for students; and
Whereas, The schools can develop telehealth mental health screening and therapy programs for students in partnership with primary care and mental health professionals; therefore be it
RESOLVED, That our American Medical Association promote the implementation of school-based mental health screening and therapy programs within its efforts to reduce school-based firearm violence. (New HOD Policy)

Fiscal Note: Modest - between $1,000 - $5,000.

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