

Myers campaign: Janesville students and school board demand that Paul Ryan take action on a commonsense gun safety bill

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Paul Ryan Challenger, Cathy Myers, Proposed School Board Resolution and Joined Local Students in National School Walkout

Janesville, WI – On Tuesday evening, the Janesville School Board [passed](#) a resolution calling on state and federal officials, including Speaker of the House Paul Ryan, to pass commonsense gun safety legislation to protect their schools from mass shootings.

Cathy Myers, a Janesville School Board member challenging Paul Ryan in Wisconsin's 1st Congressional District, proposed the [resolution](#), which called for a series of reforms: banning military-style assault weapons, requiring universal background checks for all gun purchases, banning bump stocks, and prohibiting gun sales to domestic abusers.

Myers said, “Local schools boards have done their part to protect students, but we can only do so much to safeguard our community from the weapons of war that almost anyone can get their hands on. We approved this resolution for the same reason students across the country walked out of school today — we need commonsense gun safety legislation, but Congress refuses to act.”

Myers joined Janesville students who [walked out](#) to honor the victims of the recent school shooting in Parkland, FL and to stand with students nationwide who are demanding gun reform.

The resolution also opposed Republican plans to place armed security officers on school grounds and to arm teachers, a proposal that Paul Ryan called a “good idea.”

Cathy Myers, a 24-year teacher and two-term school board member, explained why that language was necessary, “As a teacher, I would not feel more comfortable with more guns in schools. It’s ridiculous to think that a teacher with a handgun can adequately protect our kids from a madman with an assault rifle.”

You can learn more about Cathy Myers’ campaign on her [website](#), [Facebook](#), and [Twitter](#).