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We the undersigned members of the faculty in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction, College of Education, strongly oppose the Campus Carry Legislation. As teacher educators and researchers on teaching and learning, we are deeply concerned about the potential silencing of academic discussion and inquiry that the presence of dangerous weapons in classrooms will have. Education can only occur in a safe space. Positive learning communities are built upon trust, safety, openness to ideas, and freedom from intimidation or retaliation. We hope the legislature will reconsider this policy and allow us to foster learning and inquiry in a gun-free environment.

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