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


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
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The school administration is planning to hire Police Type 3. My understanding this type of police are retired and carry a gun. They are planning to put them in HS and Middle School. How does the community feel about it?

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
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Amy Diaz I think it's a good idea as long as they are capable. I'd rather let the teachers teach. They have enough on their plate already.

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
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Eugene Fridkin It's done by East Brunswick already and probably more towns to follow. I think it's certainly money well spent - just look at how things turned out in Maryland the other day just cause that school had security officer. It's kinda sick we talk about it but better be safe than sorry.

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Chandra Sanabaghatta Did'nt the school in Florida have armed guard ? <https://www.google.com/.../news/amp/world-us-canada-43164634>



Officer 'failed to confront' school killer

BBC.COM

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Eugene Fridkin This is not the reason to do nothing. Check this - <https://www.cnn.com/.../great-mills-high.../index.html>




Maryland school officer stops armed student who shot 2 others

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
Angela Castano Diez Chandra Sanabaghatta my sister lives in that county, 2 miles away from the school. There are a few issues w the sheriff and how he runs the deparment (allegations of hiring his buddies, inadequate training, etc). This is not a good example to use, and not by any stretch of the imagination to compare to our exemplary PD.

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Patrick R. Riccards I believe we have a retired officer working security at CMS. He is top notch, and I've never felt safer (and felt my kid was safer) in any other school. If they are all like him, our families will be quite fortunate.

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coarse talk seems to augur well for Trump & his base so why not for his dissenters. We need to STOP normalising what's happening in the national scene these days, especially in groups like this.
Too many Alpha males (& females)!!!
This regime has been a character test. Anyone who hasn't been listening has failed it!!

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Susan Parris Google Thomas Eagleton - George McGovern's running mate (before Sargent Shriver) in 1972

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Annie Anand Excellent point

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Lori Marabella The teacher "works about four hours a week as a reserve police officer whenever the department is short-handed, Sand City Police Chief Brian Ferrante said in a phone interview on Wednesday." The second incident, which was in Alexandria, VA, was a police officer's gun.

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Amy Diaz I would completely trust WWPD to be in charge of vetting applicants and finding us top notch peeps.

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Hussein Mudassir good idea make sense

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Daniel Weiss This is an idiotic idea. MORE GUNS = MORE GUN VIOLENCE

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Debbie Wolosky Thank you.

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Rimma R. Yakobovich Armed guard within 1(ONE MINUTE) minute stopped 17yo who shoot 2 students. It happened few days ago in Maryland.

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Daniel Weiss Rimma R. Yakobovich armed guard stayed outside while 17 people were murdered in Parkland, FL. Happened a month ago.

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Rimma R. Yakobovich Daniel Weiss, Are you saying Parkland, FL is a typical police reaction? Really? That case a lot of unknowns and need an investigation.

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Debbie Wolosky This whole thread reminds me of our Duck and Cover drills during the Cold War. These tactics may make the adults feel like they're protecting our children, but they will only result in adding to the fear our kids feel every day and may well mean that the added guns in the schools meant to protect them will very possibly fire on them instead. It is insane. We need sane and strict federal gun policy and we need it now.

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Rimma R. Yakobovich Debbie Wolosky, we already have gun policy. We also have a Constitution and it's 2nd Amendment. What you missing is, criminals doesn't care about gun policy. Only law obeying citizens does. We need more law enforcement with a guns to send a message to the criminals that they will be killed before they shoot others. And stop that "free gun zones", where are most mass shootings happening.

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Daniel Weiss Rimma R. Yakobovich are you saying what happened in Maryland is typical? Really? Lots of unknowns in that situation.

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Debbie Wolosky The 2nd Amendment says nothing about the situation we are in right now. You want to follow the 2nd Amendment? Fine. Get yourself a musket and go to town. Here in the 21st century we are drowning in guns. More guns is only the answer if you're a gun manufacturer. The rest of the developed world has figured out how to solve this issue and its time we did as well. This is a national emergency and it needs a national solution.

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Rimma R. Yakobovich [Debbie Wolosky](#), where was your concerns all past years when Chicago and New York shooting killed hundreds. That cities have toughest gun laws in US and highest gun related crime rate. Problem is with Criminals, not a Law. Austin bomber killed and terrorized without gun. Boston Marathon bombers did not use guns, cars driving in the crowd here and all around Europe are killed without guns, 9/11 happened with cardboard cutters and plains, but without guns also. Look how to stop Criminals, not a law obeying citizens. Don't look on other countries, we are not them, our country build on different principles: liberty and freedom. Our country is different and our solution is different.

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Daniel Weiss [Rimma R. Yakobovich](#) This has nothing to do with the 2nd amendment. Stop regurgitating gun advocacy rights sound bites. Your statements here are nonsensical, if not comical. If criminals don't care about gun laws, why would they be aware of the "message" that they will be killed. You've just presented 2 completely opposite rationals in the same thought. Also, please stop representing your opinion as facts. Your statement about mass shootings is [#fakenews](#).

Your belief that citing a single instance of where an armed guard may have prevented further violence is valid evidence to support your position is laughable. For every example that you can cite, I can cite at least one where having a gun wielding "good" citizen resulted in injury or death.

But the point here is that this is not a competition. It's a debate about policy. A debate that should be based on facts and empirical data.

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Debbie Wolosky You presume to know what i have been concerned with? My concerns have always been with the safety of our children. I have been at this for decades. That's why I know we need to tackle this on a national level. State laws don't stop guns from traveling over state lines. As for your insistence that our country is different, it sure is. We have far and away the highest firearm related mortality rate in the developed world. How is that something to be proud of? We place restrictions on the other amendments in the Bill of Rights. You can't hide behind The 1st Amendment when you want to yell "fire" in a crowded movie theater. The 2nd Amendment is not sacrosanct. Finally, will sane gun policy stop every kind of attack? No. But we have an epidemic on our hands here. We need to solve this now.

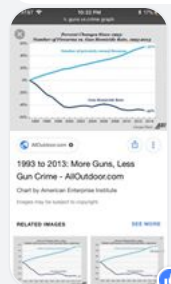
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Shashank Reddy I refrain from posting in this group this is actually my first time. While you may have differing viewpoints you get nowhere being angry and emotional and making factually wrong statements. To address the topic directly, I don't see how properly vetted officers could be a negative in anyway.



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Daniel Weiss [Shashank Reddy](#) the AEI is a right-wing think tank that advocates for lower taxes, fewer protections for consumers and the environment, and cuts to the social safety net. It is funded by the Koch Brothers.

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Shashank Reddy Daniel Weiss i dont know what any of that has to do with math and numbers. Did you expect a liberal news outlet to make a graph against their agenda?

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Daniel Weiss Shashank Reddy it's propaganda, not emperical research.

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Shashank Reddy Daniel Weiss these numbers are from the DOJ and FBI. I understand if you have a different viewpoint but if something is shown thats not supporting your point it doesn't mean its "propaganda"



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Debbie Wolosky Math isn't my first language, but the graphs you provide seem awfully simplistic to my untrained eye. Combined with the widely known opinions of the funders of these statistics I can't give them credence. As for the screen shot of Forbes article, could you post a link to the article so I can read it in context? And by the way, as a statistician once told me, yes, you can make the numbers lie.

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Shashank Reddy Debbie Wolosky
<https://www.google.com/.../disarming-realities-as.../amp/>



Disarming Realities: As Gun Sales Soar, Gun Crimes Plummet

FORBES.COM

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Debbie Wolosky And unpacked a bit more we find that the states contributing to the decline in gun related deaths are highly populated states like California, New Jersey and New York, with strict gun control laws on their books. States in regions like the South where gun laws are lax, saw the rates of gun deaths rise sharply. Your reports fail to mention that. Statistics are tricky things.

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Annie Anand I would have welcomed it. Gun control would have avoided this. It's hard to accept. But safety is crucial till they do something about the real issue.

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Anthony Azzara I think cops are great. I have law enforcement family, but there is no way they belong in schools. More guns is not the answer!

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Alok Sharma Daniel Weiss, is your concern that the police officer will shoot the kids?

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Daniel Weiss Sanjana Gulati why is this troll account a member of this group?

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Debbie Wolosky Alok, if it is it a more than valid fear.

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Daniel Weiss an anonymous/commercial profile in a community forum that posts caustic inflammatory comments = troll



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Venkataraman N Karimanasseri Hamilton Sellers - please don't get defensive. While I agree with the sentiment of your comment, [Daniel Weiss](#) and I, and others have a right to know who you are. So please subscribe in using a real name account that identifies who you are, and how you are connected to West Windsor NJ. And do voluntarily get out of this group while you still can. That's the decent thing to do.

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Brian K Hamilton Im interested to know why just in HS and MS. That approach implies that we are planning to protect against a student that attacks classmates, but it leaves elementary school students unprotected from outside attacks. Is the presumption that controls are sufficient to keep outsiders from entering a school, and these officers are only needed to protect those who have access to the school?

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Malavi Badarayan I wonder how the issue is dealt with in NYC public schools? I remember from the past they have metal detectors at the school entrance. How are the kids in these schools protected from intruders and school kids carrying weapons? Having an armed service man doesn't seem to be the right long term solution. It's a feel good response in MY opinion.

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Eugene Fridkin NYPD has special school safety division - you can find a lot on the internet

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Alok Sharma Brian, you raise a good point. It does seem like from the past school shootings (K-12 schools, not college campuses where there is no specific building and campus is open to everyone...that's different from a K-12 school), it seems like mostly it is a student, ex-student or someone linked to the school who is the perpetrator...Columbine , Sandy Hook, Red Lake, Parkland...But past is no guarantee that it won't happen in future.

To secure the school permise along with security measures for the building, we also need mental health counselors and students to raise red flags about threats.

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Amanda Mullens Chait I would really love answers to the following questions from the school board and WWP / PPD: What is their training and experience? Have they undergone any POST (Peace Officers Standards in Training) testing? Will there be continuing education/training requirements? Is there one assigned to each campus or are they roving? Do they have police powers or are they just security guards?

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Amanda Mullens Chait I am not inherently pro or anti this idea, but if it is implemented, I want to make sure that we are following the best and most current procedures to ensure both our children and the officer are safe.

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Lisa Sheppard They do not belong there. What is the front desk guard for then?

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Matthew E Murray Great Idea 🇺🇸 For all the anti Trumpers MAGA

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Alok Sharma In contrast to the Parkland school cop, when a police officer does something heroic like this, we all feel safe and blessed. A gunman took a woman hostage in a supermarket, the cop swapped himself for her, letting her live and getting mortally wounded himself. He died today.

<http://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-43525267>

French police 'hero' dies of wounds

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Rimma R. Yakobovich Armed guard within 1(ONE MINUTE) minute stopped 17yo who shoot 2 students. It happened few days ago in Maryland. Only question, what's about HSN? Hope more ex-policemen will be hired.

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Debbie Wolosky This is insane. We need less guns, not more.

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Kathy Ogren Slothower **Veronica Mehno** who is your source for this info? I work in the schools and have not heard this. Thanks!

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Veronica Mehno Kathy as per Anthony Fleres comment things do happen at certain levels that maybe school employees are yet not briefed on.

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Anthony Fleres I want to make an important clarification to this conversation. As part of our review of school security, one of the options the WW-P Board of Education is considering is the use of Class III police officers. Despite the wording of the original post and some of the comments made here, as of today, the BOE has not made any decision as to whether these officers will be used or, if they are, what buildings (some or all) and during what hours.

I don't want to imply that it will or will not happen; only that it is one thing the board is looking at, and we are still in the early stages. As this thread shows, there are a number of factors to consider before making an informed decision.

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Kathy Ogren Slothower thanks Tony!

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Veronica Mehno **Anthony Fleres** the wording says "is planning" hence there does not imply one way or the other. However, as you said the school does not thing unilaterally or should I say UNILATERALLY. 😊

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Andrew Wilhelm **Veronica**, how can you say your use of "planning" doesn't make an implication? Your entire post is misleading. Thank you **Anthony** for your comment.

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Veronica Mehno **Andrew Wilhelm** this is Hemant Marathe post. You tell me if things are not in motion already
The police are going to be part of WW police department, but paid by school district.

Every last detail has not been worked out yet so stay tuned

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Neelam Golani Until we have more reforms in gun control laws it's probably the best compromise. Ideally I don't like any guns on the school property.

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Alok Sharma Neelam, neither me nor anyone else likes to see gun on school property but the math around response time is what it is. It takes less than five minutes from the time a shooter starts shooting to the time it ends. It takes 7-8 minutes for cops to get the call,

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mobilize, reach the school and respond. That's the reality. God forbid, if an incident happens, calling the 911 is as good as doing nothing. We need immediate response.


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Venkataraman N Karimanasseri In addition **Anthony Fleres**, installing metal detectors and mandatory scanning too are being considered?

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Alaina Tonelli I have no problem with it.  3

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Mariooch's Kitchen Agree

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Rimma R. Yakobovich I have no problem with metal detector. I am not sure if it is safe for kids to be scanned every day. Those rays cannot be harmless for daily use.

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Chandra Sanabaghatta Are our schools prisons ?  4

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Debbie Wolosky Chandra Sanabaghatta exactly!

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Arnav Sood My understanding is that metal detectors don't actually use radiation (the way x-ray scanners do, for example). Instead, they'll use things like changing magnetic fields, which induce small, detectable electric currents in the metal.

Edit: Looks like I could've misread you. Disregard if by "scanner" you mean something other than metal detectors.

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Veronica Mehno The "logic" behind putting guards in middle school and HS is for the guards to become acquaintances with the students and "hopefully" detect a situation/student before a tragedy happens.

However, my concerns are:

1- More than once as an adult i could say "I am so tired I want to die!". If a student says something like that, which in the students head is just an expression, could it be possible for the guard to "overreact" and create a situation for such student when there is not?

2- My kids are at DN. If you happen to know the building, you know that on the lower level there are a lot of classrooms with huge windows facing the park. If a "shooter" goes to the back of the building and decides to shoot, those kids have little to no cover. How does the administration prepare for a situation like that at the elementary level?

I do not have the answers, but placing armed guards at the front of a building when the back of that same building can be "vulnerable " does not solve the problem.

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Arnav Sood So I'm not over the moon about the idea of armed guards in schools (although I can understand the rationale), but I don't think point 2 is an effective rebuttal.

It's not expected that armed guards will reduce the chance of a shooting to 0. Rather, it's that armed guards will considerably reduce that probability, and will give the school a way to respond in those crucial first minutes.

In particular, there will always be vulnerabilities. Sometimes schools will have exposed backs, or the guard might be asleep at the switch (or a coward, like the guy in Florida), or something. But the argument is about whether this will take us to a "safer" place at a reasonable cost, and not whether this will be the be-all and end-all.

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Veronica Mehno True! Very powerful messages

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Veronica Mehno This is how a school district is dealing with the issue in PA. I am not saying is the solution, all I am saying it is a "different " way to deal with the problem.

<https://www.azcentral.com/.../pa-school.../455181002/...>



Pennsylvania school district: Intruders 'will be stoned' by students armed with...

AZCENTRAL.COM

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Debbie Wolosky The old saying 'dumb as a bag of rocks' springs to mind.

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Veronica Mehno True.

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Louise Dyke Was Taylor I hate the idea of this!

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Kristin Alyea Epstein Schools are not forts, nor should they be.

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Kishore Krishnan Sharma The irony is we are all rushing towards the solution favored by the gun lobby - more guns in schools.

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Andrew Wilhelm Our town has a police force; they are armed. How is that any different?

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