

Dear Legislators,

In the aftermath of Newtown, all that I hear in the way of school security is either armed guards or armed teachers, which in the former case is impractical and the latter unsafe.

At the same time, if I were a teacher or administrator in today's culture, I would feel a little more secure knowing that the entire staff wasn't completely empty handed if such a situation should arise. The middle ground would be a non-lethal, incapacitating from a distance, weapon like a Taser. I envision such a device (or more than one) being stored in boxes that would set off an alarm, alerting everyone to an assault type of emergency, when the Taser is removed from its housing. Additionally there would have to be some training for staff and students to respond to the alarm.

Another idea, that could offer some time for law enforcement to arrive, are bolts that allow classroom doors to be bolted from the inside. These bolts would have to not only prevent access to classrooms by intruders, but at the same time not restrict fire exit and be capable of being opened from the outside by staff.

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