

Security has to be layered. Locked doors, buzzers, cameras and panic buttons are only the first line of defense. They are not enough. What if another Lanza gets inside? What do you do then? 911 takes too long. Accept it. You need more, on site, ready now.

Armed security officers are the best choice to either neutralize the intruder or keep him at bay until help arrives. Why not? Cost? Mr Malloy can afford 600 million for a busway nobody wants but can't fund police to protect our kids?

If there is no security officer, or he is down, you need other measures. Tasers. Pepper spray. Training. Improvised weapons. Anything is better than cowering in the closet. That just ups the body count. Pulse tasers are relatively low cost and reported to work even through body armor. And tasers are non-lethal, and easy to learn and carry.

Everything must be on the table. Teachers and staff armed and trained must be considered. Many other states are doing that right now. This is last ditch life saving stuff.

Once you have a plan you have to test it over and over. Everyone has to know what to do immediately. Staying cool is critical. So is knowing your part. No plan is cast in stone. If it needs to be changed, change it. Politics has no place here. Flexibility is mandatory.

Now the tougher part: Get in the mind of the killer. Think like he thinks.

How would you attack the school? How would you get around the locks and cameras and get inside? Bluff your way in? Would you crash through the door or a wall? What weapons or devices would you bring inside? What time of the day would you attack? Where are the weak points? When do they get deliveries? When are the kids assembled in one place? When do they load the kids on buses? When are they outside for recess? What are likely weapons for outside attack? Guns? Fire? Explosives? Cars? Trucks? If you can imagine it, so can he. And your plan better be ready for it.

If you are not ready to assume the role of the attacker and to think like he thinks, let someone else evaluate the plan. Stay out of it. You will only get it wrong. Emotion has no place in this process. This is the only way to see if your efforts and plans are any good.

And if they can save kids' lives.

**HOW MANY SANDY HOOK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL KIDS MIGHT HAVE BEEN SAVED IF A TEACHER HAD A GUN?**

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