

Dear Task Force Members:

I wish to express my opinion on school safety. I feel schools should all be equipped with security systems; with cameras to monitor entrances and exits. Each classroom should have bullet proof glass in the door and each door should have the ability to be locked from inside or remotely from a central station. Exit doors should be solid metal. The system should include a alert button for each classroom located in a central point in the classroom. I have worked in a hospital setting for over 25 years and we have always had this type of system in place in all patient care areas. We call it a CODE BUTTON. It has worked well for us and it would not interfere with the school environment as it would not be visible to the children. It would also help notify the police faster than a 911 call. Banks use this type of system for hold-up why not schools for preventive measures. Nila Plocha APRN