

1) Please consider giving educators at least the option to carry firearms if they so choose. Gun free zones are simply not rationale or effective. Studies from economists at the university of Chicago show that mass shootings happen in gun free zones, nearly exclusively. I respect that in some area's of the country, like ours, that this notion is very controversial, and nobody is suggesting some sort of mandate that teachers be gun carriers. That said, if someone is willing too, they should be allowed to. We trust schools to protect and educate our children for a large portion of their lives. We should trust that teachers are responsible enough to be provided the means to defend children.

2) Please consider, strongly, the idea of equipping schools with non-lethal means of self defense in the form of pepper sprays canister, available in every classroom, or carried on teachers person. Give them a chance to fightback with something that allows the people who are trying to save their own lives and the lives of children something better than hiding and hoping to not be found. Pepper sprays are highly effective at disrupting an attacker, and anything that disrupts an attack, even if it doesn't stop it, is a good thing.

3) metal detectors, man traps, etc....these all sound great, but these are things which are trivial to defeat in reality. If someone is bent on shooting up a bunch of kids in a school and such measures are in place, there are literally hundreds of windows in a typical school someone could simply break through to gain access to the building.

Additionally, someone that does a mass shooting plans it. Why wouldn't they just wait until the buses were loading, when everyone is loading into buses, or in the morning when everyone is entering through these man traps and clustered around a door?

These things, man traps and metal detectors, simply do not make sense, and they will cost the state and local governments fantastic sums of money to implement.

Living breathing armed people do.

Thanks for your consideration,
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