

Hello to members of the School Safety Task Force subgroup,

With all due respect, I am submitting this as Public Hearing Testimony for School Security:

I am asking that each Representative or Senator in this subgroup personally, read this correspondence in its entirety.

I have laid some ground work for the issue of school Security as I see it, you may agree, disagree or disregard, as you see fit.

I see two common threads in the recent multiple murders that have no relevance to firearms;

First, most attacks have been in declared “Gun Free Zones”.

Second, the perpetrators are confused, angry, or revengeful, essentially they are unstable and have mental issues.

Now let’s talk about GUNS, magazines and Ammo.

The best information I could find is that in 2010 the NRA estimated there are between 70 and 80 million Americans own guns and that "Privately owned firearms in the U.S. is approaching 300 million.

Now about “Gun Control”:

Let’s presume laws are passed that ban guns or limit magazine sizes. The people who fear the Government are going to comply, the people who do not trust the government will take their guns underground, the militias, criminals, and disturbed people will not turn them in or report that they have guns. So, the guns will NOT go away. Therefore, we should now understand that the guns will still be around no matter what laws are passed.

Addressing the School Issue:

We all know that declaring schools a “Gun Free Zone” only works with good citizens, those meaning harm to others, look at it as a safe place to assault because there is no threat to them! This has been proven time and time again.

Possible solutions for school security:

Solution 1.

Place a guard in the school and lock the entrances during classes:

Flaws:

What if the intruder breaks in another door, away from the guard?

What if the intruder puts the guard out of action, before he can react?

What if a student meaning harm opens a door for an accomplice with guns?

What if a student wedges a door so they can slip in and out during classes?

Solution 2.

Place guards at each entrance and lock the entrances during classes.

This provides better coverage for protecting the students.

Flaws:

What if the intruder takes a guard out of action at one entrance and then accesses a classroom before the other guards can arrive?

Solution 3.

Place a guard in the school and lock the entrances during classes:

Allow teachers and staff who volunteer, and receive comprehensive training at an accredited self-defense school or police academy, to carry concealed weapons on school property.

This solution could possibly minimize the carnage by an intruder or intruders.

Flaws:

It is possible that an intruder will take a guard out of action at one entrance and enter a classroom that has a teacher who is not armed.

No plan is perfect and there can always be unseen scenarios that can change the dynamics of the situation.

That said, in Newtown, or for that matter any school, if teachers and staff, at their discretion, had been properly trained and allowed to carry a firearm, maybe, just maybe, the carnage by this maniac could have been minimized or averted.

The first two individuals to confront this frenzied madman were School principal Dawn Hochsprung and School psychologist Mary Sherlach, and what did they do? They charged the shooter unarmed, with no protection and sacrificed their lives in a “futile” attempt to stop him. If they had been trained and armed they may have impeded or possibly neutralized the threat to themselves and the students. Each adult in the school that confronted the shooter was killed, none were armed, all are dead, and the shooter continued unchecked until the police arrived, and then the coward killed himself.

We can no longer use the phrase “common sense” because in this day and age “common sense” means if you do not agree with my “common sense” you are wrong.

So, I am asking you to please be open-minded and use the good sense that is needed to make the right decisions, to keep our children safe from the criminally ill at this moment.

Respectfully,
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