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Research exercise: Research on the Approaches to School Safety

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Positive Effects of Arming Teachers in Schools

Legislation
• Teachers are used as law enforcement
• Allow schools to all follow the same guidelines to protect students

Gun Safety
• Students would learn about gun safety
• Students would also learn how to protect themselves from gun violence

Student Safety
• Perpetrators won’t be as likely to enter into schools
• Teachers are more likely to take action against a shooter
• Teachers can react without waiting for law enforcement

Negative Effects of Arming Teachers in Schools

Legislation
• Legislation is often far behind the current times
• The laws would take too long to pass, we don’t have time to was

Cost
• Schools can’t afford to pay for guns or training
• Estimated to cost $5 billion a year to incorporate guns in schools

Gun Safety in Classrooms
• Accessibility to guns
• Larger students could overpower smaller teachers

Fixing Zero Tolerance

Weapons
• Promote a three strike system
• Continue to punish serious, or recurring violators

Drug Testing
• Provide consoling not punishment
• Educate on the problems with drug use
• Reallocate costs more efficiently

Bullying
• Increase awareness
• Introduce programs, like the OBP

Zero Tolerance Problems

Weapons
• One student was expelled because his name in sign language resembled a gun
• Another student was expelled because he had a pocket knife locked in a medical kit in his car.
• Promotes “safety” at the cost of student safety

Drug Testing
• False positives
• Cheating
• Doesn’t actually hinder drug use

Bullying
• Harms victims
• Doesn’t teach the bully correct behavior, just removes them from school