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Hello,

I am a kindergarten teacher and am very much in favor of Measure 114. I would invite anyone opposing Measure 114 to observe an active shooter drill at a school. Imagine cramming 20+ small, nervous bodies in a space with no windows (often a bathroom) and imploring them to be silent for 2 minutes. We only drill for 2 minutes. In a real-life scenario it could be longer. I try to quell their anxiety by explaining this is just practice, in case there was a situation where we needed to stay inside and quiet for safety. I do not use the words "active shooter," but my 5 year olds know exactly what we are doing. They call it the "bad with with a gun" drill. For sensitive children, this 2 minute drill can dysregulate them for the next part of the day.

In faculty meetings we wrestle with questions like, "If a student is caught outside when the lockdown occurs, can we open the door to let them in?" "Where are the best hiding places outside if I'm outdoors with a group of students and a lockdown occurs, and buidling doors lock automatically and my keycard no longer works?" This was not in our job descriptions when we choose to become educators.

I helped get Measure 114 on the ballot and voted for it. Now it's time to take this one step to get it smoothly implemented this session. Please.

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