Are Metal Detectors Right For Your District?

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Session Objectives

• SC law regarding searches
• Positive aspects of implementing metal detectors
• Concerns associated with the use of metal detectors
• Policies and best practices
Searches

- 59-63-1110 Persons
- 59-63-1120 Property
- 59-63-1130 Both
- 59-63-1150 New

New Jersey v. TLO

Metal Detectors
Metal Detectors: Pros

• Perception of Safety to Stakeholders

• Deterrent to Potential Violators

• Additional Component to Overall Security Strategy

Metal Detectors: Cons

• “Prison-like” Environment

• Cost

• Labor Intensive
Implementation Questions

• How many entrances will be used?

• How will other entrances be secured?

• Where will students be lined up awaiting entry?

Typical Metal Detector Setup
Implementation Questions

• How much time is required to get students through the screening?

• When will screening start?

• When will screening end?

Staff Training

• ADA and special needs students

• Personal Protective Equipment

• Safeguarding valuables
Staff Training

- Recognition of contraband – not just weapons
- Securing evidence
- Keeping records

Policies and Admin Rules

- Policy tells you what to do
- Administrative Rules are procedures that tell you how to do it
- Have both reviewed by Legal Counsel
Questions?

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