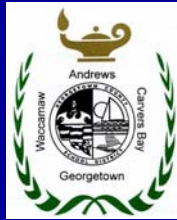


Are Metal Detectors Right For Your District?



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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**



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Searches

- 59-63-1110 Persons
- 59-63-1120 Property
- 59-63-1130 Both
- 59-63-1150 New Jersey v. TLO



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Metal Detectors



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Metal Detectors: Pros

- **Perception of Safety to Stakeholders**
- **Deterrent to Potential Violators**
- **Additional Component to Overall Security Strategy**



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Metal Detectors: Cons

- **“Prison-like” Environment**
- **Cost**
- **Labor Intensive**



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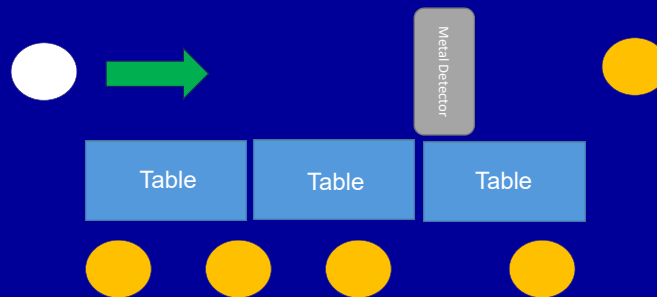
Implementation Questions

- How many entrances will be used?
- How will other entrances be secured?
- Where will students be lined up awaiting entry?



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Typical Metal Detector Setup



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Implementation Questions

- How much time is required to get students through the screening?
- When will screening start?
- When will screening end?



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Staff Training

- ADA and special needs students
- Personal Protective Equipment
- Safeguarding valuables



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Staff Training

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



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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**



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Questions?

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