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Imagine you're in school, then suddenly a shooting starts, how will you feel? Once there was a lockdown at my elementary school, I felt terrified and unsafe knowing someone untrustworthy was in my school. School safety is important because it keeps students protected and able to learn in a healthy environment. It's an enormous problem because it affects millions of students and their families. School districts should put metal detectors in schools.

School safety and protecting students is important because school shootings are increasing. Without school protection, the students are in danger. Jorge L. Ortiz claims, "The recurrent shootings at schools – at least 30 this year resulting in death or injury, according to the gun-safety organization Everytown" This shows how shootings are becoming more often, 30 this year? That is a lot of damage. That's why school safety is important, to prevent these types of situations, which is why we should add metal detectors.

In addition, The Washington Post says " a 15-year-old killed two of his peers (and injured 18 others) at his high school in Kentucky." If this Kentucky high school had metal detectors, there was a high possibility of stopping this scene, by detecting the weapons. We need more security to prevent these scenes from happening. If we don't it will cause more deaths.

Some people think that metal detectors aren't a solution. USA Today states that "metal detectors are costly – proper use requires an armed guard – and tend to jam up entrances. They can also create a prison-like feeling among students, have been linked to diminished academic performance" But "A growing number of schools have decided that the answer is yes and are using metal detectors as one piece in their overall school security strategy" In other words, we need more safety in schools. Metal detectors can detect any type of metal weapon, such as guns, knives, etc. With metal detectors in schools, it can lower chances of any harmful event. How? By giving a heads up of someone with a weapon in the building.

In conclusion, we need more security and safety. If not, more shootings and murders will happen, and students won't feel safe anymore. That's why we need metal detectors, to keep students in a healthy and learning, safe environment. In other words, school districts should add metal detectors as an addition to their safety.

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