Rampage School Shooters

Improving School Climate to Support Student Achievement

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In your standing circle groups, sort the provided cards. Decide which are characteristics that all ***RAMPAGE*** school shooters have in common and which are not…according to the research

(**two piles**: those that ***are the factors*** and those that ***are <u>not</u> the factors***)



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School Shooter Commonalities

- **Five necessary (not sufficient conditions)**
  - **Marginalized by their Peers**
    - Teased, ridiculed, excluded, etc.
    - Subjected to homophobic slurs
  - **Under the "Radar Screen"**
    - Marginalized by the adults who could have helped them
    - No caring adult they could count on
  - **Very Rigid Parameters for being Acceptable**
    - Being "different" is not acceptable
  - **Personal Problems**
    - Mental health conditions
    - Family instability
  - **Easy Access to Guns**



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Which do we as educators have the most control over?



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What's the Flip?

- Marginalized by Peers
- No Caring Adult
- Being "Different" is Not Acceptable



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The Flip!

- Affirmed and supported by peers
- At least one caring adult for each student
- Differences are accepted & celebrated



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Tragedy Vs. Solution Aligned

- Students at Risk Factors (Rampage School Shooters)
  - No Caring Adult
  - Alienated from School Culture
  - Peer Marginalization
  - Easy Access to Firearms
  - Personal Issues

- Connectedness Factors
  - Close to people at school
    - Special adult connection
  - Happy to Be at School
  - Feeling a part of the school
    - Sense of belonging at school
  - Adults treat students fairly
  - Sense of (physical, emotional and intellectual Safety) at School



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