

# Gun violence in school

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# Effects of School Shootings:

Innocent people get harmed



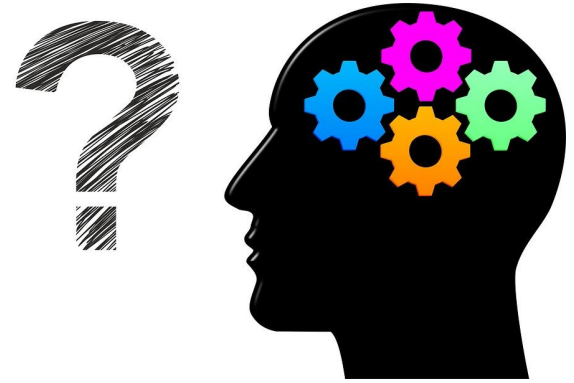
Lots of grief and depression



The students will be traumatized and their lives won't be the same

# We wanted to know:

- What causes people to shoot schools?
- What are some ways to prevent school shootings?
- How can we resolve this problem
- How can we prevent school shooting
- How do people get guns?
- Why does a person choose to shoot at school kids?



# What are some ways to prevent school shootings?

1. What causes students to shoot other students?
2. What are some ways to help other students?
3. Where are students getting guns?

Two focuses:

1. Supports for students
2. Access to guns

\*\*students= preteens and teenagers (11-18)

Why important? Safe school environment, we want to live, and all students to be happy



Our **Vision** Is a community where all people within the school feel safe and are free from gun violence

Our **Mission** is to...

1. Inform the school community that violence is not ok and we need to find other ways of dealing with anger and depression.
2. Have reasonable gun laws and remove guns off the streets



# Our Community

- Principal
- Superintendent
- Students
- Teachers
- School workers
- Lawmakers
- Activist groups



(NB Board of Education)



(NBMS Students)



# 1. Supports for Students

Why might someone want to cause major harm to other students?

- Mental illness
- They are being bullied
- There are problems at home
- Sometimes the person may feel worthless, have no friends, no one to talk too. (Might find no point in their life).

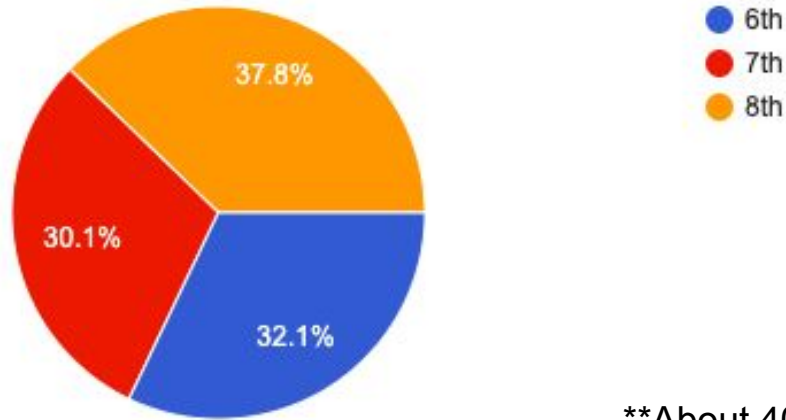
These causes can lead to someone to be depressed.

Depression can be one of the causes towards school shootings. The definition of depression is; a feeling/ emotion of extreme sadness.

# Student Supports Survey Results: 794 Students (66% of NBMS school population)

## Grade level

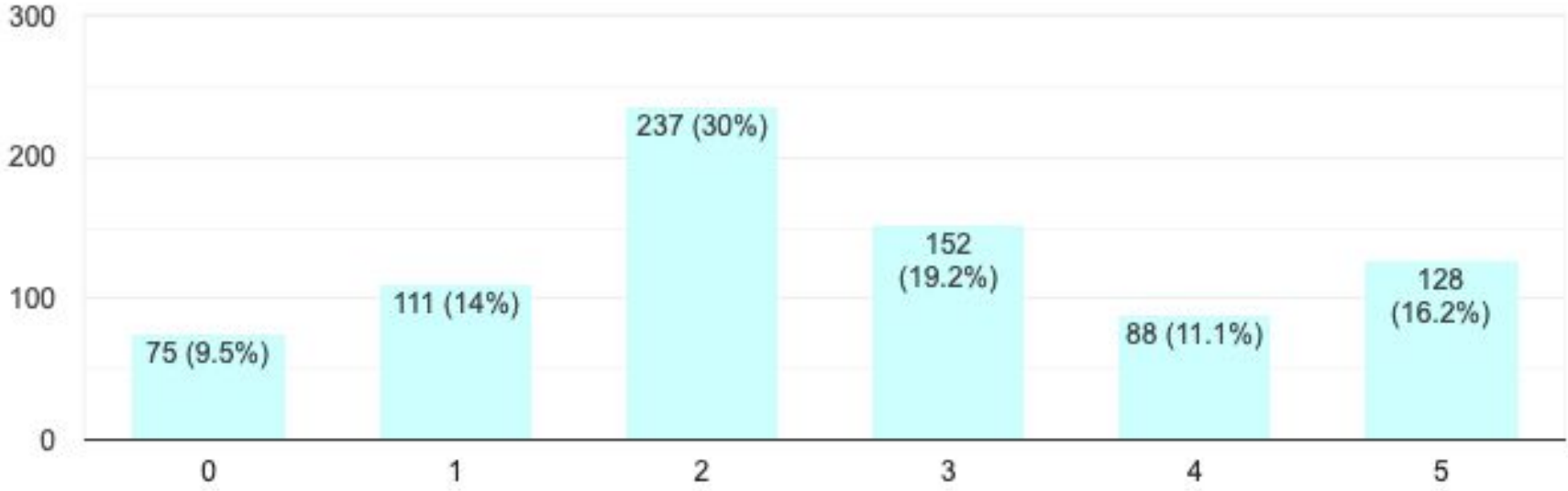
794 responses



\*\*About 400 students did not complete the survey



# How many adults do you trust and turn to at home?

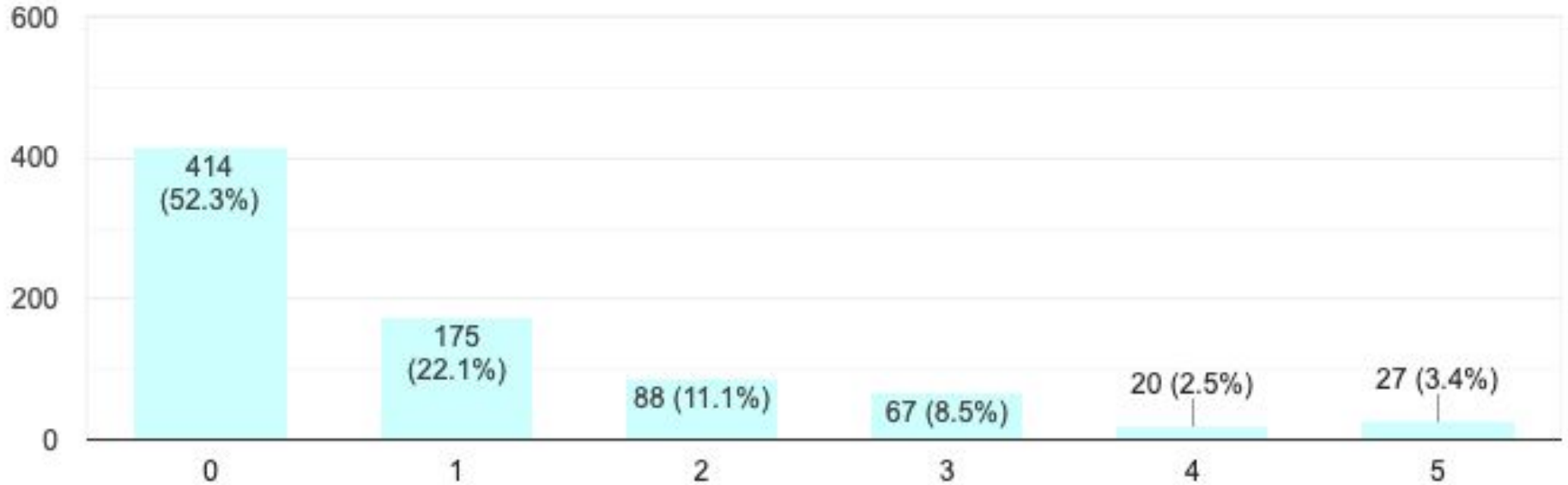


Most common: 2 (30%)

90% have at least 1 adult to turn to

None: 74 students (9.5%)

# How many siblings do you have in the school that you trust and turn to?

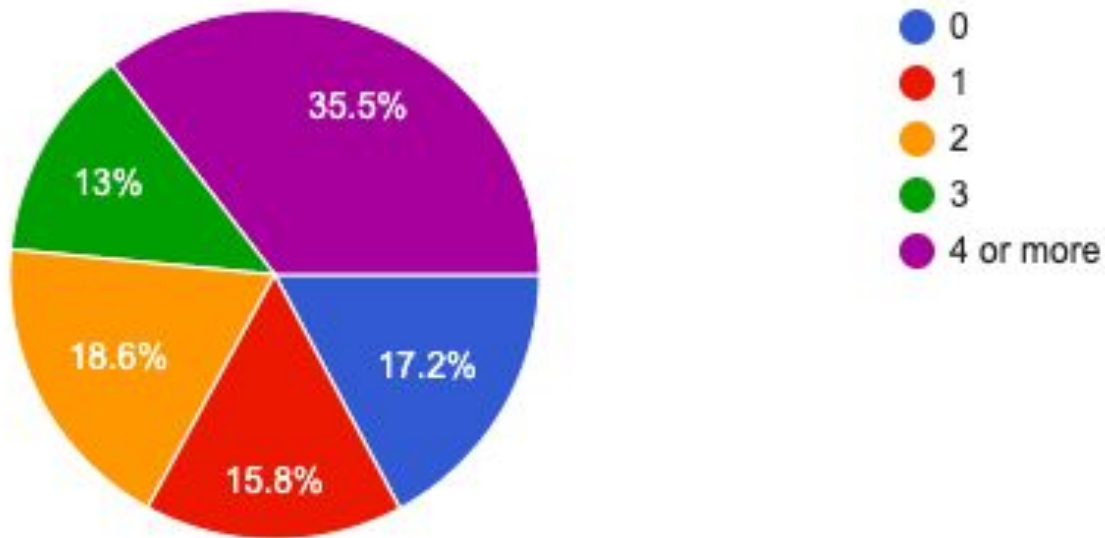


Most common: 0 411(52.3%)

Have at least 1: 52.4%

None: 411(52.3%)

How many adults in this school building can you turn to for help? (teachers, janitors, security guards, social workers, guidance counselors, principal, vice principal, etc.)

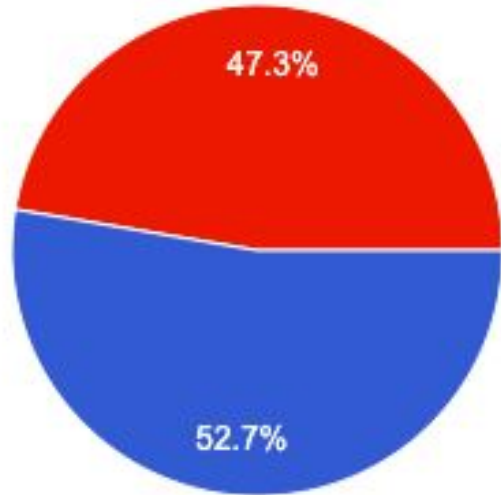


Most common: 4 or more (277 students or 35.5%)

Have at least 1 adult: 82.9%

None: 17.2% 135 students

# Have you ever met with a Vice Principal?



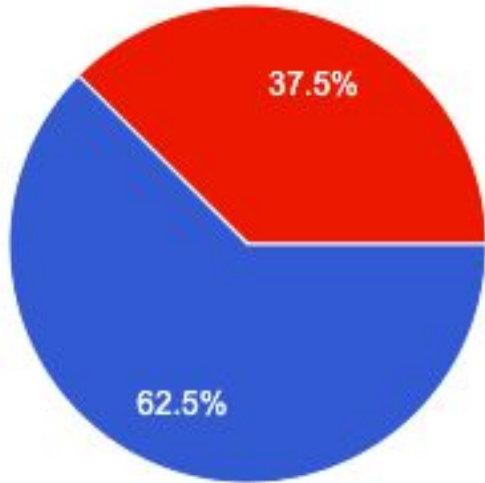
**Yes 52.7% = 410 students**

**No 47.5% = 371 students**

\*\*Students typically meet with Vice principal if they are being bullied or have caused trouble

\*\*Honor role or student of the month students also meet VPs but may not consider it a meeting.

# Have you ever met with Guidance counselor or social worker?



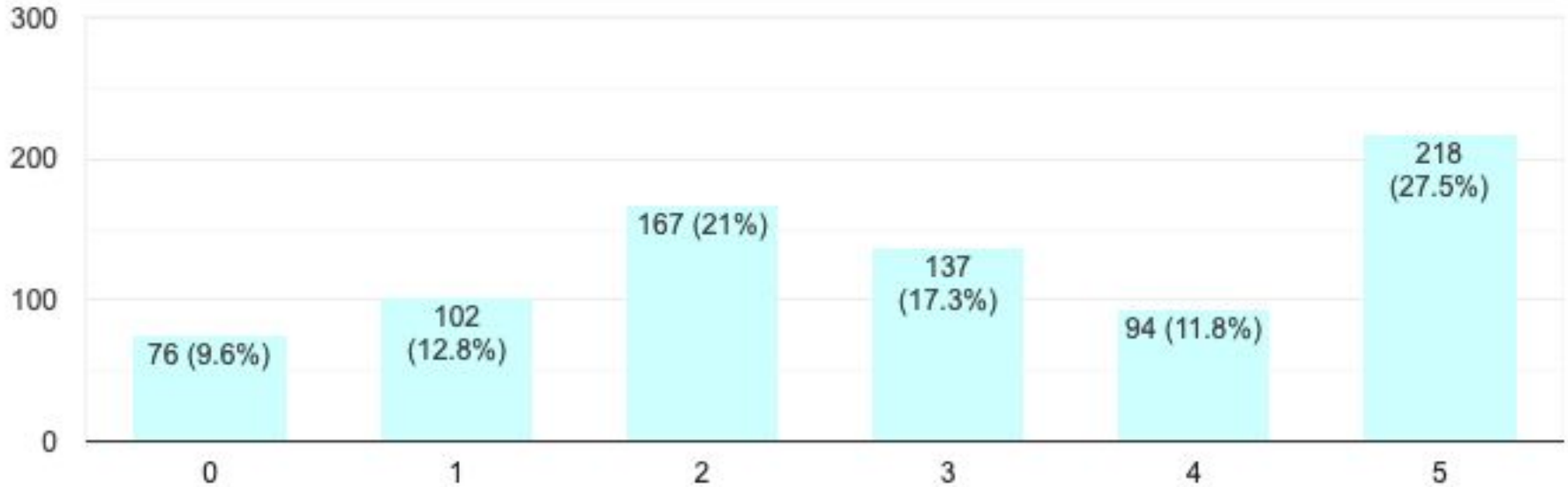
Yes 62.5% = 496 students

No 37.5% = 298 students

Students meet with counselors and social workers for

- Having trouble with school subjects
- Being bullied
- Other issues at school
- Or they have personal issues at home

# How many close friends do you have to talk to when having a problem? These are friends whose advice you trust.



Most common: 5 (27.5%)

Have at least 1: 90.4%

None: 9.6% (75)

# What does this mean?

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3/29/2019 13:50:16	8th	0	0	1	yes	no	0
3/29/2019 13:50:40	7th	0	1	0	yes	yes	0
3/29/2019 13:51:23	8th	0	1	0	no	no	2

Almost all students at the NBMS who took the survey have at least one support to turn to when things are going bad.



785 students or 98.87% of students



9 ( 0.01%) students who took the survey do not have anyone to turn to when things are going bad:

6th grade: 1

7th grade: 3

8th grade: 5

# We were...

Emely : As you grow older there are more people that leave you because they leave school or they leave you for someone else. It happens to all there are a lot of friends that leave you so maybe by 8th grade we all leave so many friends and you grow not to trust anyone

Aracely -Shocked. Mostly my grade seems to have someone but I could be wrong. xd

Surprised because it is less than 1 percent of all 789 students because a lot goes on that people don't know about:Isaac

I smiled because there was just 1 sixth grader and that's great because some students are really sad and depressed all the time-Ashley (◡‿◡)

Surprised because some people don't have anyone and I thought they would have at least 1 person.Jennifer

Jazmin was surprised because people actually said that they had no one to talk to

Shakera I'm surprised because there is more 8th graders that don't have no one to talk to

Nadia-Kids that don't have anyone to talk to and some kids hurt them self and are depressed and don't have anyone to talk to. 😊😞

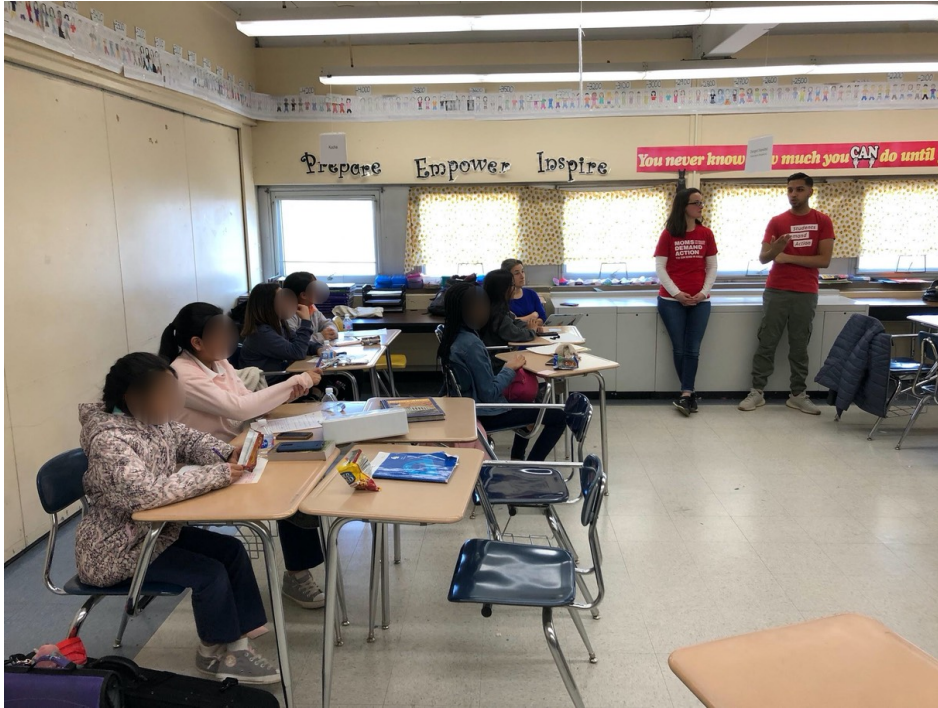
# Ways to assist students:

1. Mandatory lessons for LCCA that focus on building trust between students and staff. Focus on real ways to build trust.
2. To help students gain trust we can have an environment where they can feel safe like lunch outside or activities they can do with the teacher. They can gain trust like that because they might not have friends like creating large collages about bullying, student issues, or positive affirmations
3. They can have free time to calm down or recess
4. Provide stress breaks for students

5. Have time to get to know their counselors and do activities with them
6. Students need more counselors
7. Student guidance counselor to help kids their age.
8. Teacher trainings on teachers dealing with how to take kids feelings. Understand kids emotions.

**We will put some of our ideas to work in May!**

## 2. Access to guns: We need to change the laws!





HR 8 was passed by the House of Representatives February 22, 2019

S42 is the Senate version of the Bill requiring background checks

EVERYTOWN  
FOR GUN SAFETY

## BACKGROUND CHECKS SAVE LIVES

Background checks keep guns out of the hands of people with dangerous histories and they are the foundation of any comprehensive gun violence prevention strategy. Currently, background checks are only required under federal law for sales conducted by licensed dealers. This gap in the law allows felons, domestic abusers, fugitives, and other prohibited purchasers to buy guns from unlicensed sellers without a background check, no questions asked.



BACKGROUND CHECKS HAVE BLOCKED MORE THAN 3.5 MILLION SALES TO PROHIBITED PURCHASERS SINCE 1994...<sup>1</sup>

...BUT CRIMINALS EXPLOIT THE UNLICENSED SALES LOOPHOLE BY BUYING GUNS FROM STRANGERS ONLINE THROUGH SITES LIKE ARMSLIST.COM.<sup>2</sup>

In some states, as many as

**1 IN 10**

people seeking guns in unlicensed sales online have prohibiting criminal records.<sup>3</sup>

**BACKGROUND CHECKS MATTER** When Connecticut passed a law requiring handgun background checks for a purchase permit and at the point of sale the state experienced:

**40%**  
reduction in gun homicide rate<sup>4</sup>

**15%**  
reduction in gun suicide rate<sup>5</sup>



**BACKGROUND CHECKS ARE EASY AND CONVENIENT**  
Nearly 90% of NICS checks are determined immediately.<sup>6</sup>

### 85% OF AMERICAN VOTERS SUPPORT BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR ALL GUN SALES

An October 2018 Pew Research Center poll found that 85% of Americans support requiring a background check on all gun buyers, including 91% of Democrats and 79% of Republicans.<sup>7</sup>

### IN STATES THAT GO BEYOND FEDERAL LAW AND REQUIRE BACKGROUND CHECKS ON POINT-OF-SALE CHECK AND/OR PURCHASE PERMIT:

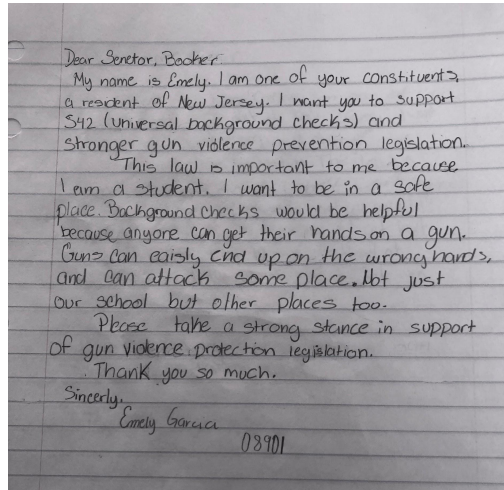
There are lower rates of firearm homicide,<sup>8</sup> firearm suicide,<sup>9</sup> and firearm trafficking.<sup>10</sup>

Democratic Support 91%

Republican Support 79%

# S42 has not been passed yet....

So we wrote letters to our senators, Cory Booker and Robert Mendez to tell them why this bill was important to us and for them to push other members of congress to call for a vote on this bill.



Dear Senator, Booker.

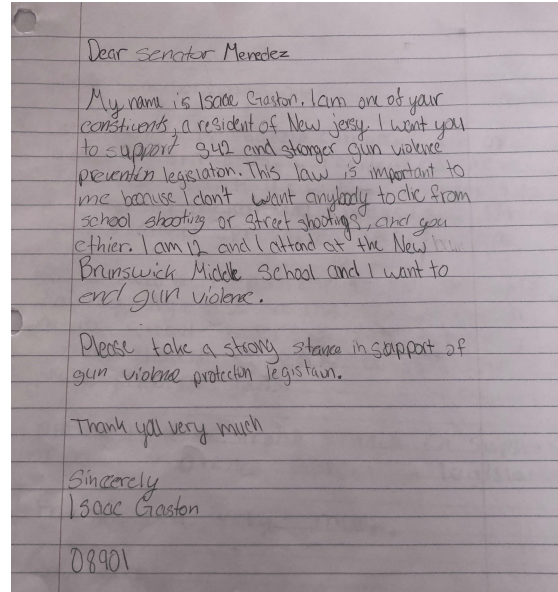
My name is Emily. I am one of your constituents, a resident of New Jersey. I want you to support S42 (universal background checks) and stronger gun violence prevention legislation.

This law is important to me because I am a student. I want to be in a safe place. Background checks would be helpful because anyone can get their hands on a gun. Guns can easily end up on the wrong hands, and can attack some place, not just our school but other places too.

Please take a strong stance in support of gun violence protection legislation.

Thank you so much.

Sincerely,  
Emily Garcia  
08901



Dear Senator Mendez

My name is Isaac Gaston. I am one of your constituents, a resident of New Jersey. I want you to support S42 and stronger gun violence prevention legislation. This law is important to me because I don't want anybody to die from school shooting or street shootings, and gun other. I am 12 and I attend at the New Brunswick Middle School and I want to end gun violence.

Please take a strong stance in support of gun violence protection legislation.

Thank you very much

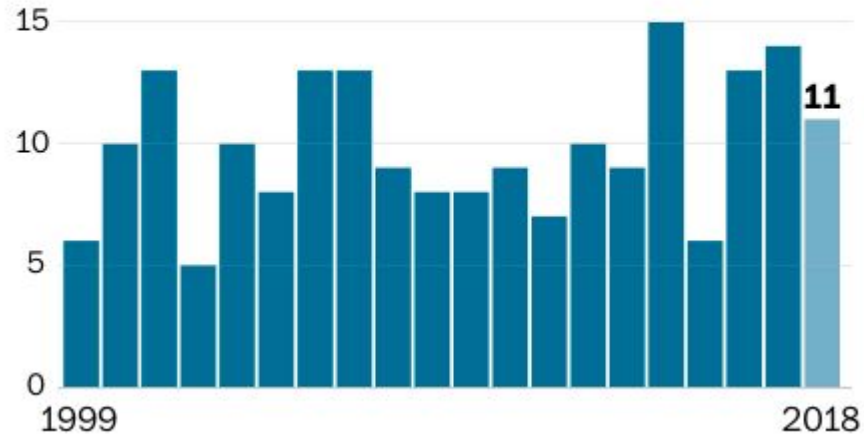
Sincerely  
Isaac Gaston  
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In total, the average for school shootings is **10 school shootings** per year since Columbine, with a low of five in 2002 and a high of 15 in 2014. Less than three months into 2018, there have been **11 shootings**.

[https://www.washingtonpost.com/graphics/2018/local/us-school-shootings-history/?noredirect=on&utm\\_term=.1cc306aae27e](https://www.washingtonpost.com/graphics/2018/local/us-school-shootings-history/?noredirect=on&utm_term=.1cc306aae27e)

### School shootings per year



# Our plan...

## **1. Have student sign postcards with slogans written on them and send them to Senators.**

- a. No more silence End Gun Violence
- b. Enough is Enough
- c. You can put a silencer on a gun... but you can not mute the voices of people

Status: Our principal approved we will do this on June 7th

## **2. Wear Orange events: Orange for National Gun Violence Awareness Day**

- a. Turn your school orange June 7th
- b. Take part in the Wear Orange New Brunswick event on June 9th
- c. Ask our school board to declare the first Friday in June Gun Violence Awareness Day

# Help us!

**1. Wear orange on June 7th and get everyone you know to wear orange as well!**

**a. Orange symbolizes “safety and the value of life”**



**2. Join us at the June 9th event!**

**a. Become a member of Moms Demand Action, Students Demand Action, or Everytown for Gun Control to get updated information**