

I taught in the public schools for 30 years, primarily in Springfield. I am writing to beg for some rational decisions regarding the need to restrict guns in public places, especially in our schools. There are too many incidents where emotional responses can result in tragic consequences when something as volatile as a gun is involved. The need that some people seem to feel, to carry at all times, is creating a very dangerous society. We need to provide a safe, worry free haven for our students, and we need to provide them problem solving skills. Emphasizing the rights to carry arms over the rights to a peaceful learning environment is totally insane.