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Israel had a problem with terrorists attacking school in her first decades. They hardened their school buildings and trained school staff and volunteers to shoot. Since 1974, they have had only a handful of school shootings because of that policy. We learned yesterday that the Nashville shooter chose their target because it was less secure than their other targeted school. Security matters.

For \$1.7 Billion, Oregon could give each of its 1700 schools a million dollars to harden access points and either train staff in combat shooting or pay security staff to be on site. That is less than half of the projected 2021-23 kicker refund. For \$27 Billion, the US Congress could do the same for all the schools in America.

Criminals who already ignore murder laws will not obey yet another gun law. Why pit our citizens against each other arguing politics when we could protect our schools for so little money?

Thank you.