



Williamsburg Local Schools

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Williamsburg Board of Education Approves Resolution to Allow Trained Employees to Carry Concealed Firearms on School Premises

After months of discussion, investigation, and collaboration with other officials, the Williamsburg Local School District Board of Education, at their September 2018 business meeting, adopted a public resolution to permit trained staff members to carry firearms on campus.

The Board of Education takes the safety and security of our students and staff very seriously. In addition to an SRO, added security cameras, secure entrances and building security upgrades, panic buttons, ALICE training, a safe school helpline, and mental health support, we feel that school safety can be dramatically enhanced by allowing certain trained individuals, who have passed a psychological assessment, to possess and carry concealed firearms while on duty. This is simply a logical next step for us as we seek to keep our students and staff members safe day in and day out.

Staff members selected and approved to carry concealed firearms undergo comprehensive training well beyond a CCW permit. The comprehensive training includes instruction on safe handling and storage of weapons, marksmanship, mental conditioning for weapon use, medical trauma/casualty care, scenario decision making, and other training elements. Williamsburg becomes one of several school districts in Ohio to include armed staff to protect students and staff in case of an active killer.