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PRESS RELEASE

North Central Looks to Facilitate Conversation Around Guns in Schools

Concerns arise over new proposals to arm teachers to prevent future school shootings.

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In the wake of yet another school shooting, many are looking for solutions. A familiar one, arm teachers to protect students, has resurfaced during this round of proposals and debates. Naperville area students are not so keen on the idea.

North Central College is working to provide opportunities for education and conversation around these issues. The college offers opportunities such as Active Shooter Training to help students feel safe on campus. North Central realizes that their students are not the only ones impacted by threats of potential violence and is looking to be a leader in the community.



North Central College Students on campus, located in Naperville, IL

The North Central College campus is nestled in a residential neighborhood located in the downtown area of Naperville. This area attracts many visitors, not only for the great downtown atmosphere but also for various events on the school campus. According to NeighborhoodScout.com, Naperville is safer than 55% of cities in the U.S., with 136 violent crimes reported each year. Fostering a community of safety and violence prevention is the aim of North Central on campus and in the city it calls home.

Reports from the Sun Sentinel, a South Fla. newspaper, detail how lawmakers in the state are trying to put guns in the hands of teachers to protect students. The proposed legislation would allow teachers to volunteer to be armed in the schools. This bill is likely to pass despite vocal opposition from students and teachers in the state.

Students in the Naperville area feel much the same as students in Fla., weary of guns in the classroom. Learners value safety but raise many questions on how to achieve that in the best possible way.

When asked about his teachers having firearms in the classroom, Devin Glover, Oswego High School senior said, “the whole concept is kinda ridiculous.” He brought up points such as, “Where are they gonna keep the firearms?” He also said “Teachers are gonna need more pay because they have to be trained to kill a student.”



Devin Glover, Oswego(IL) High School Senior

Important questions like these are being asked by students like Devin Glover all over the country. North Central College seeks to foster conversation around this topic. Through education, conversation and training, with programs like the Active Shooter Training, North Central College seeks to create a safe environment for learners. NCC looks to be a leader in the Naperville area and an advocate for student and teacher voices.

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