South Huntington

Proposed Armed Guard Initiative

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Reasons for Armed Security

- Recent events across the nation suggest a greater need for armed security presence around school buildings
- Reduce time for armed response to address issues of violence within a school building involving weapons
- Proactive deterrent
- School community feeling safer within the established learning environment

<u>Timeline of the Proposal Process</u>

- Request from Board of Education to evaluate potential implementation of armed guards
- Request by Board of Education to bid for services from security companies (October 2022)
- Vetting of various companies
- Interview of potential security company by the Board of Education

How Will Armed Guards Be Utilized?

- Monitor and supervise outside perimeter of each school building
- During instructional time, armed security will be stationed outside
- Assist in monitoring visitors when entering the property of a school building
- Physical deterrent of a potential armed threat to a school building
- Will be designated for select after school, evening, and weekend events

Questions Posed During This Process

Will the weapons be concealed?

Yes, all weapons will be concealed.

Are most of the armed guards retired police officers?

 Yes, all guards employed will be current or former law enforcement officers.

What other districts currently have armed security?

 Miller Place, West Babylon, Kings Park, Hauppauge, Mount Sinai

