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Florida School District Places an AR-15 in Every School

A spokesman for the Indian River County School District in Florida [told a local news outlet](#) last week they had installed enhanced safety measures at the start of the school year:

In addition to the safety measures our local law enforcement agencies have placed on our campuses to ensure the safety and security of each student, teacher, and staff member on campus, we are blessed to have highly trained law enforcement officers assigned to each campus.

One Student Resource Officer/Deputy is at each of our 13 elementary schools and 4 middle schools, and 3 SRO/SRD's are at each of our traditional public high schools.



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The enhanced "safety measures" include providing each school with an AR-15 semi-automatic rifle available instantly in the event of a threat. And the local sheriff warned potential shooters they are prepared to meet any threat. Said Indian River County Sheriff Eric Flowers:

If they're coming at us with an AR-15 we're gonna return with the same or greater firepower....

If something were to happen ... [the resource officers] would have ready access to that AR-15 and their shield to be able to respond immediately....

Our folks are there to protect the kids. Our folks are bringing guns, they're the good guys. When bad guys show up with guns, they're gonna find our guns.

They're gonna find out that we're well prepared and that we're prepared for that threat. Us bringing guns to campuses only keeps the schools safer.

We've seen what's happened in Parkland. We've seen what happened in Uvalde. Our folks are not gonna stand by and wait for something bad to happen to kids in Indian River County....

Our folks are not gonna be running backwards to get a shield, running backwards to get a rifle. They're gonna go directly at the threat and the teams that come in behind them can bring in that additional gear as they're responding.

The National Rifle Association noted, "Our banks, airports, baseball games, office buildings, movie stars, politicians - they're all more protected than children at school," and [applauded](#) the school



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district's move, saying:

Hats off to Indian River County Sheriff Eric Flowers for doing what's right and protecting students!

Parents want to drop off their kids at school and be assured they are safe.

The move by the Indian River County School District, with more than 15,000 enrolled students, has national political implications. First, it burnishes the reputation of the state's governor, Ron DeSantis, who has consistently supported the Second Amendment. And it's a direct challenge to the current anti-gun agenda at the federal level with its recent move to infringe further on Second Amendment rights.

This is to say nothing about dampening any enthusiasm a criminal might have for seeking a school with armed student resource officers and deputies protecting the little ones. Seeking unarmed potential victims, those miscreants will be forced to look elsewhere lest they find armed resistance determined to neutralize their threat.

Hats off to the Indian River County School District for doing the right thing.



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