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Schools Need Metal Detectors

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What if I could tell you a way to feel safer at your school? Too many children are afraid of going to school. School is supposed to be a place to come and learn, not a place of fear. Putting metal detectors in school could help. Metal detectors would make school safer, give students peace of mind, and they are proven helpful.

According to PTIworld.com, "metal detectors not only catch guns but catch other small metals" such as the knives or bombs. Students or others could possibly sneak in small items of harm, but metal detectors could catch even the smallest of items. Some people would say that it would cost a lot of money, but it would be worth it to keep the all kids safe in school. Therefore, metal detectors would add to the safety of our schools.

In addition, they would provide emotional security for students. This means they would be safe and feel safe. Students would be able to focus on learning, rather than feeling that something bad could happen. Some people would say that having metal detectors in the school would create a negative view on the school, but PTIworld.com states that "places such as the mall and Disney World have metal detectors but the amount of people that attend has not decreased." So why would it put a negative view of the school? They would give students a chance at emotional security and not put our school in a negative view.

Last, the metal detectors let people know that they will be checked which may make them more aware of what they bring into school and the consequences that may occur. They know that they cannot get by carrying something dangerous.

Schools often have rules put in place if they do find something dangerous now, with metal detectors, they can find everything without having to search. Some of the consequences for having a weapon at school could be anything from detention to suspension. Having the metal detectors in the school would make it easier for people to find the weapons that people have on them before anything happens. That is my last reason for having the metal detectors in schools.

With so many great reasons such as keeping kids safe, providing emotional support, and proof it is beneficial, I believe that metal detectors would be great. Some people may say that the metal detectors would scare kids, but in the end, they will realize that it keeps them safer. All schools attempt to go to great extents to make it a great learning environment for kids to learn. Metal detectors would only bring a greater safety and peace of mind.

Recycle Today For a Better Tomorrow!

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Keeping our environment clean means a lot. Not just to you, but to the whole world. According to the SOCRRA, we should start recycling more because we do not like using landfills. Landfills produce air and water pollution, just like when you drive your car!

Instead of throwing away things that can be recycled, recycle them! The NW&RA states that recycling helps the economy in many different ways. They stated that "recycling and recycling technology have come a long way in the past decade." However, it is still important to avoid contaminating streams, oceans, and other waterways with things that don't belong there,
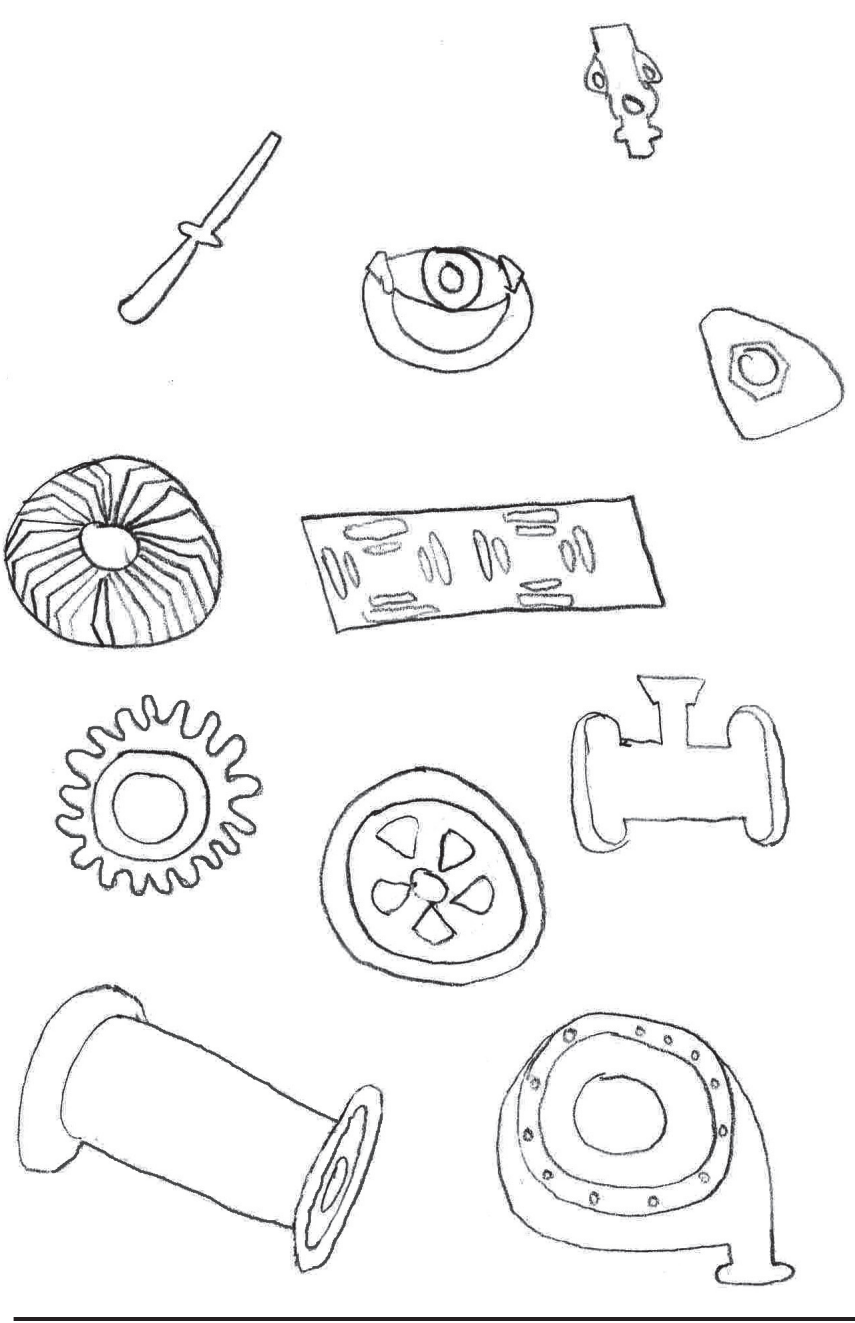
stated the EPA. "If you don't recycle then it could lead to enormous amounts of landfills and no one wants to live next to a landfill." Said Jennifer Jhen, president of KAB.

Research shows that landfills are taking over and that if we do not start to recycle, then they could start to cause a lot more harm to the environment. Why would someone want to live near a smelly and literally trashy place!? Why aren't landfills a healthy thing for the environment? Well, because when food scraps are put into the landfills, they pack it down. Research states that this "leads to the loss of oxygen and causes it to break down in a process, and this usually releases methane. Methane is a greenhouse gas that is 25 times more potent than carbon dioxide." Landfills are very harmful to the environment.

Do you ever think what harm your car can cause to the environment? When you drive your car, the exhaust gets into the air and can cause air pollution. Research shows that the exhaust causes too much harm to our environment. Exhaust is a gas or air expelled from the engine that causes A LOT of damage to the world around you. Car pollution is also one of the major reasons of global warming. "Cars and trucks emit carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases that get trapped in the atmosphere, which causes temperatures to rise," states the PAH.

Recycling is a good idea because it keeps the environment clean, reduces the number of landfills, and produces new items. You should start to recycle because it can cause too much harm to you and everyone around you.

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