

The need for effective school security in our nation has never been higher. Security measures that were at once considered unusual or excessive are now becoming standard operating procedure at most venues and facilities where people gather. Parents who in previous years would have reacted negatively to a security checkpoint in their children's school now watch their kids walk through an unprotected vestibule and wonder why it is important for the local stadium or museum to protect fans and patrons, but the school district doesn't seem to invest in the physical security of its students. The world has changed.

Garrett Metal Detectors brought the first commercial walk-through metal detector to market to support the security needs of the 1984 Olympic games in Los Angeles. The handheld security scanner is also a Garrett invention, and decades ago Garrett pioneered the application of metal detection technology to our nation's schools. As security needs have changed, so have Garrett's products and the application of Garrett's technology. We at Garrett feel strongly that reliable, cost-effective metal detection equipment is an essential element of every well-designed school security program. While metal detection alone cannot safeguard our schools, only metal detection technology can provide the comfort of a true last line of defense which ensures weapons are not present in our nation's classrooms.

Please make use of the materials offered here to become better informed of best practices for securing our schools. At Garrett, school security is more than just business. Our role in the field of school security is deeply personal to us, and keeping kids safe is a mission that we are passionate about. Please do not hesitate to reach out if we can be of assistance.

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