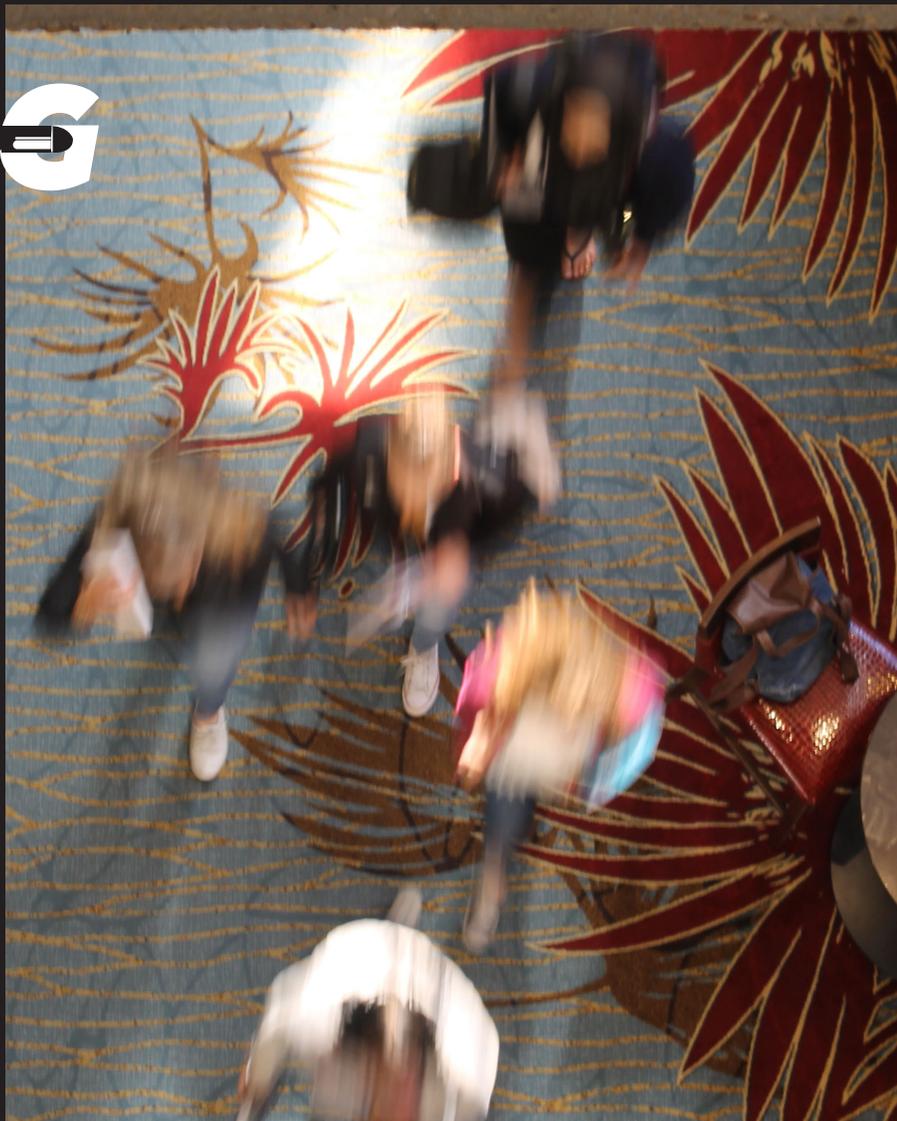
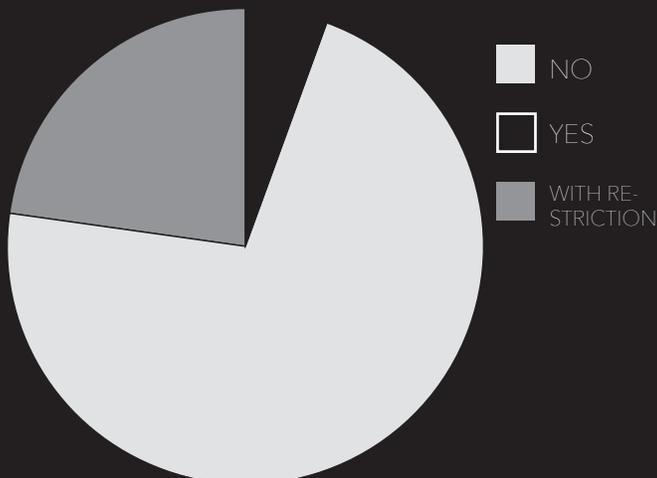


THE SMOKING GUN

17 lives, 6 minutes, 1 future. Students return to school after the recent mass shooting in Parkland, Florida. The shooting only lasted six minutes, but took the lives of 17 students, teachers, and faculty members. The incident instantly sparked debates about what could be done to prevent something like this happening at our school. Local school officials are coming together on what security measures should be taken in our area. The two sides of the media debate are centered around whether teachers should carry concealed firearms or if schools should have stricter regulations. "I understand Trump's idea on ex-military teachers, one on every hallway owning a gun. I do see that, I think that's actually a really good idea. But what I don't see is teachers that can't even get to their job on time, why should we give them a gun?" Patrick, 11, said. This event in particular, students have been using their voices to demand change. I think it's really great that high school students are speaking up and saying something. When the Sandy Hook shooting happened a few years ago, it happened to young children and they didn't have a voice in the whole process of things. Now, unfortunately, there is another high school shooting, but you guys have a voice and perspective that I think is really unique.



SHOULD TEACHERS **CARRY?**



poll out of 120 people

WHAT IS **SECURITY** LIKE AT YOUR SCHOOL?

“Honestly we've been getting a lot of threats and the schools around us have been getting a lot of threats, which is really scary. Teachers have just been telling us that 'if you know anything just come to us' because someone in our school threatened. We only have bus drills and fire drills. We've had one lock down drill, but it was after the shooting had happened in Florida and that was pretty much it. I think we are supposed to have one every month but we never do that, which is crazy”



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Small Girl, Big Issues.

When it comes to activism on gun regulation Alexis West, 9, doesn't hold back on fighting for what she believes in. With help from her grandfather, Gary West, she walks the streets asking people to attend a rally at the state capitol on Mar. 3. The flyers that she handed out highlighted their thoughts on how they think rules on gun security should be amended. Her grandfather believed that teachers should not be armed during school. "I don't know how many of them would really be trained. They aren't trained to handle crisis situations. If you take former military personnel and law enforcement people, they are trained to lay their life on the line. Teachers probably would too, but you've got to vet people and have people to run these metal detectors," West said.

FIRE / STORM / GUN

Every month students at SIPA high school perform a fire drill. That's **10** fire drills per school year.

ONCE every year student participate in a serve weather drill.

Only **1** time during the year do student s perform a lock down drill.

Yet in **2018 alone** there have been **18** gun related incidents in schools around the US.

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18 gun related incident yet student only perform 1 drill per year. 10 fire drills, yet there have been no fires in the history of SIPA High.

“ There is a good amount of security. All of the entrances and exits that aren't locked have someone watching them, especially lately after the recent school shooting. Other than that, we have SROs, which are just school police officers that work at the school and are stationed around the main halls because it's a huge school with 4,000 kids.”



-FRANK JEFFRIES • 10

“ Before everything happened with the school shootings we have SROs, but they just kind of hid in their office and didn't come out much. But after the shooting in Florida, and after the threats going on here and other high schools in the region, they've been a lot more prevalent in our community. They stand outside at lunch, and they come to classrooms every so often to check on everyone.”



-HANNAH SHIMMEL • 11