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Proactive Behavior Change Interventions

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"The only thing we have to fear is fear itself." -- Franklin Delano Roosevelt, March 4, 1933

"War is a contagion." -- Franklin Delano Roosevelt, October 5, 1937

"Never before have we had so little time in which to do so much." -- Franklin Delano Roosevelt, February 23, 1942

War is a contagion and so is fear. One could argue that too much of what we are doing in this country to prevent attacks on students and teachers in our schools is a rush to security and "zero tolerance" policies that is based in fear and a need to show that "something is being done." Common sense security is reasonable and so is a lack of tolerance for violence, harassment, and other associated behaviors. Safe schools and safe communities require that we have zero tolerance for victimization.

The problem is that when we put our emphasis on security and on inflexible policies that only require reaction, we push any need to think about proactive behavior change interventions to the background. List five things you would be willing to do to help students "peace" the schools and community together.

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