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Trump's school safety commission: better mental health, less gun access

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The Trump administration's federal school safety commission laid out nearly 100 wide-ranging policy recommendations for improving school safety in [their final report](#), released Tuesday. Among those recommendations is a call for children to have better access to mental health services and for states to consider implementing provisions to temporarily restrict access to firearms for dangerous individuals.

Calling the commission's work "not pleasant, but necessary," U.S. Education Secretary Betsy DeVos said, "No parent should fear for their child's life when they go to school and no student or teacher should ever have to worry about their safety at school."

DeVos, on a press call, said the commission recognized that "no one size fits all," and state and local officials should work with local school leaders, teachers, parents and students to determine which of the commission's recommendations best address each community's challenges.

The commission, created by President Trump in March after the shooting deaths of 17 students and staff at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Fla., on Feb. 14, spent nearly a year conducting visits and holding listening sessions where they heard from state officials, experts and community members about concerns and solutions to improve school safety.

Education Secretary Betsy DeVos served as chair of the Commission. Other members included former U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions, Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar and Homeland Security Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen.

[The 180-page report](#), posted on the U.S. Department of Education's



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