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It is disappointing that the Kent Board of Selectmen have not sought to work cooperatively with the Kent Center School Board of Education but have attempted to circumvent our process for addressing matters and adding items to our agenda for consideration.

This is particularly true when the proposal from the Kent Board of Selectmen concerning the possible arming of teachers and staff is in conflict with Kent Center School Board of Education policy and contrary to statutory requirements concerning school security personnel carrying firearms.

The Kent Center School Board of Education is not in support of bringing firearms into Kent Center School and should we, in the future, wish to consider such a proposal we will approach the issue thoughtfully, fully engaging the public, and being sure to follow both the law and best practices. The security of our school and students deserves no less.

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