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Safety Fencing Installed at all CUSD Elementary Schools

After the school shooting at Kelly Elementary in 2010, the district has made it tougher to enter all elementary schools.

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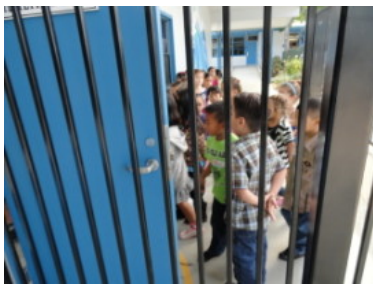
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You need to pass the bar if you want to enter elementary school. At least, elementary schools like [Buena Vista](#) in Carlsbad.

The school is among four others in the [Carlsbad Unified School District](#) that got new fencing this summer.

[Calavera Hills Elementary](#) got new gates while [Pacific Rim](#), [Kelly](#) (where the [2010 shooting](#) took place), and Buena Vista received ornamental fencing.

At Buena Vista, bars encase the school, funneling all visitors through the office. The bars also have what is called "panic hardware" which allows for easy egress from the school in case of an emergency.

According to Assistant Superintendent, Business Services [Devin Vodicka](#), "This now puts fencing around all elementary schools within our district. The other fencing at the other schools is a mixed bag. Some have chain link and others have ornamental iron."

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I personally think this is reactionary and a bad idea. Not only is it frightfull looking to young students. But really all a wacko wouldhave to do know is come withsome chains run them through he doors and start shooting when the bell rings. They'd be like caged animals. It's a hugh amount of money that does nothing to improve test scores. Now we live in beautiful Carlsbad and send our kids into what looks like 'jails' everyday.

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Yes, this was a bad decision by the school district. Every child I speak to says they feel uncomfortable with the gates and fences. Now the bad guy can not only enter the school, but he can have all children in one place and they can't escape because of these prison like fences. Very poor decision.

an unhappy parent,
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