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North Texas school is getting a police station because 'horrific things can happen anywhere'

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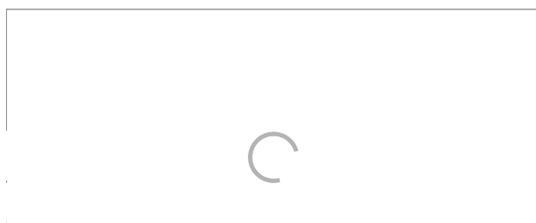
Westlake Academy is getting a police substation by the end of spring because "horrific things can happen anywhere."

A North Texas public charter school is getting a police substation on campus, not because of any specific school shooting incident, but because "horrific things can happen anywhere."

The school board of Westlake Academy worked with the city council of Keller, which is north of Fort Worth, to get the plan for a Keller Police substation on the school's campus, **according to CBS DFW**. The plan was passed one week before the shooting at Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida on Feb. 14, **the news station reports**.

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"There was no one particular incident that prompted this plan. The atrocities that occurred at Sandy Hook, and Columbine before that, confirm that horrific things can happen anywhere," Laura Wheat, the president of the Westlake Academy school board and mayor of Westlake, told the **Fort Worth Star-Telegram**.



The configuration of the campus is unique in that it is more like a corporate campus rather than a traditional school, officials **told the Star-Telegram**.

"Westlake Academy is a very nontraditional campus. It's not built like a Police Chief Michael Wilson **told the newspaper**. "We knew if we were dn't do that with a traditional approach."

The Star-Telegram reports the construction of the substation will begin this month and is expected to be completed by the end of spring.

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