**Counterclaim example paragraph**

(TS)However, many people believe that random locker searches are not justified at all.

(C #1)One reason is that the majority of students are not violent or suicidal.

(Rebuttal) While this may be true, it only takes one student bringing a weapon to school to cause a major tragedy.

(CD) So far in 2014, there have been 14 school shootings across the country (Last #).

(CM)There was a great need for searches then, but it was too late.

(C #2) Another reason people disagree with locker searches is that they really do not prevent bad elements such as drugs off the campus.

(Rebuttal) What this argument fails to consider is the amount of drugs that have been found on campuses due to locker searches.

(CD) Last year alone over --- was found and confiscated on school campuses (Last #).

(CM)Without those so-called “invasive” searches, those drugs would probably still be in circulation on and off the campus.

(C #3) Lastly, there are those who believe that locker searches are an invasion of the student’s privacy.

(Rebuttal) It may seem this way, but in reality, those lockers don’t really belong to the student; they are the property of the school.

(CD) The students receive a new locker every year until they graduate; then a new student gets it. Basically, the lockers are “on loan” for the year.

(CM)Students don’t even pay rent for them or anything, so how can it be considered private property?

(CS) While some these arguments are valid, they do not show how locker searches are unnecessary. They do actually help to protect our children.

**Essay format:**

However, many people believe that random locker searches are not justified at all. One reason is that the majority of students are not violent or suicidal. While this may be true, it only takes one student bringing a weapon to school to cause a major tragedy. So far in 2014, there have been…shootings across the country in schools (Last #). There was a great need for searches then, but it was too late. Another reason people disagree with locker searches is that they really do not prevent bad elements such as drugs off the campus. What this argument fails to consider is the amount of drugs that have been found on campuses due to locker searches.

Last year alone over --- was found and confiscated on school campuses (Last #). Without those so-called “invasive” searches, those drugs would still be in circulation on and off the campus. Lastly, there are those who believe that locker searches are an invasion of the student’s privacy. It may seem this way, but in reality, those lockers don’t really belong to the student; they are the property of the school. The students receive a new locker every year until they graduate; then a new student gets it. Basically, the lockers are “on loan” for the year. Students don’t even pay rent for them or anything, so how can it be considered private property? Overall, none of these arguments show how locker searches are unnecessary or unjustified. As long as drugs and violence exist in our schools, we must keep doing whatever we must to protect our children.