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School Social Worker Don'ts

- 1. Don't say "Fix this kid" cuz we can't.**
- 2. Don't plan on leaving on time the Friday before Christmas break.**
- 3. Don't jinx yourself and say, "Today seems pretty quiet."**
- 4. Don't be judgmental unless you are criticizing everyone else for being judgmental.**
- 5. Don't become a social worker if you have a weak stomach.**
- 6. Don't bring a lunch you can't eat in one bite.**
- 7. Don't expect to get to your destination without being stopped in the hallway at least 5 times about student concerns.**
- 8. Don't put off using the restroom. That chance may not come around for hours, or ever!**
- 9. Don't ever ask, "Can it get any worse?"...The answer is always yes.**
- 10. Don't try to scare me, I'm a social worker.**