

Sacramento City Unified School District
Board of Education Meeting

June 24, 2021 Public Comments

Name:	Elizabeth TenPas
Comment:	<p>My name is Elizabeth TenPas and I'm a concerned community member and former volunteer in the district.</p> <p>I support the recommendations outlined in the report, Reimagine School Safety Without SROs, developed by the Black Parallel School Board and partners in the Restorative Justice Collaborative. In particular, I want to lift up the recommendations of the Transformative School Safety Investment Plan described in the report, which urge SCUSD to: * Use the previous SRO budget for school site based behavioral health support for students at the school sites with the highest needs * Establish the role of School Climate Office to address school safety * Hire and provide training for additional behavioral health professionals as well as community based staff such as campus mentors and peacekeepers * Develop clear policy on shifting away from police interactions toward school climate focused strategies, along with clear policy governing how police interactions that do occur are handled * Assure community oversight of this plan by providing data regarding police interactions with students</p>

Speaking as: Community Member

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Name:	Rhonda Rios Kravitz
Comment:	<p>My name is Dr. Rhonda Rios Kravitz and I'm a retired educator and a concerned community member and a parent of a daughter who spent her entire K-12 years in the Sacramento City Unified School District.</p> <p>I support the recommendations outlined in the report, Reimagine School Safety Without SROs, developed by the Black Parallel School Board and partners in the Restorative Justice Collaborative. In particular, I want to lift up the recommendations of the Transformative School Safety Investment Plan described in the report, which urge SCUSD to: Re-allocate previous SRO budget to school site based behavioral health support for students at the school sites with the highest needs Support school sites in transitioning to a relationship-centered approach to school safety by establishing the role of School Climate Officer Hire and provide training for additional behavioral health professionals as well as community based staff such as campus mentors and peacekeepers Develop clear policy on shifting away from police interactions with students; toward school climate focused strategies, along with clear policy governing how police interactions that do occur, are handled Establish community oversight of this plan and provide data regarding police interactions with students</p>

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Name:	Cecilia Flores
Comment:	<p>My name is Cecilia Flores and I'm a Community Organizer with Sacramento ACT.</p> <p>I support the recommendations outlined in the report, Reimagine School Safety Without SROs, developed by the Black Parallel School Board and partners in the Restorative Justice Collaborative. In particular, I want to lift up the recommendations of the Transformative School Safety Investment Plan described in the report, which urge SCUSD to: --Re-allocate previous SRO budget to school site based behavioral health support for students at the school sites with the highest needs -Support school sites in transitioning to a relationship-centered approach to school safety by establishing the role of School Climate Officer -Hire and provide training for additional behavioral health professionals as well as community based staff such as campus mentors and peacekeepers -Develop clear policy on shifting away from police interactions with students; toward school climate focused strategies, along with clear policy governing how police interactions that do occur, are handled -Establish community oversight of this plan and provide data regarding police interactions with students</p>

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Name:	Rebekah Turnbaugh
Comment:	<p>My name is Rebekah Turnbaugh and I'm a community member interested in the well-being of our young people in all aspects of their lives, one of the most significant of which is education. I was delighted last year when you decided to discontinue the use of SRO's on campus and applaud your leadership in taking that bold move. Thank you. Now on to the next step of how we are going to invest in the well-being of our students. That decision wasn't about saving money, but acknowledging that we can do better for our students. I support the recommendations outlined in the report, Reimagine School Safety Without SROs, developed by the Black Parallel School Board and partners in the Restorative Justice Collaborative. In particular, I want to lift up the recommendations of the Transformative School Safety Investment Plan described in the report, which urge SCUSD to: - Re-allocate previous SRO budget to school site based behavioral health support for students at the school sites with the highest needs. - Support school sites in transitioning to a relationship-centered approach to school safety by establishing the role of School Climate Officer. - Hire and provide training for additional behavioral health professionals as well as community based staff such as campus mentors and peacekeepers. - Develop clear policy on shifting away from police interactions with students, toward school climate focused strategies, along with clear policy governing how police interactions that do occur, are handled. - Establish community oversight of this plan and provide data regarding police interactions with students. Thank you!</p>

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Name:	Patricia Wentzel
Comment:	As a concerned community member I support the acceptance of the school safety investment plan proposed by the Parallel Black School Board and others.

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Name:	Tere Flores
Comment:	<p>My name is Tere Flores, I'm an organizer with Sacramento ACT and also a parent of an incoming 6th grader at Leonardo da Vinci.</p> <p>For years, the SacACT Education Committee has been working and calling on the SCUSD Board to disinvest in punitive practices/programs and instead invest in restorative practices that are racially just and relationship-centered. You all should have received the Reimagine School Safety Without SROs Report and I support the recommendations outlined in the report, developed by the Black Parallel School Board and partners in the Restorative Justice Collaborative. In particular, I want to lift up the recommendations of the Transformative School Safety Investment Plan described in the report, which urge SCUSD to: -Re-allocate previous SRO budget to school site based behavioral health support for students at the school sites with the highest needs -Support school sites in transitioning to a relationship-centered approach to school safety by establishing the role of School Climate Officer -Hire and provide training for additional behavioral health professionals as well as community based staff such as campus mentors and peacekeepers -Develop clear policy on shifting away from police interactions with students; toward school climate focused strategies, along with clear policy governing how police interactions that do occur, are handled -Establish community oversight of this plan and provide data regarding police interactions with students</p>

Speaking as: Parent/Guardian

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Name:	Lauren Cronin Wolkov
Comment:	I have over 25 years of experience in working with, and advocating for, children and I urge the SCUSD Board to support the recommendations of the Transformative School Safety Investment Plan developed by the Black Parallel School Board, Sac ACT and other organizations in the Restorative Justice Collaborative. IT IS CRITICAL TO SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS, including providing support at school sites (you can re-allocate previous SRO funds to help pay for these services.) Please also prioritize the following recommendations: - Support schools in implementing a relationship - centered approach to school safety. - Hire more behavioral health professionals, especially BIPOC and people who are multi - lingual. - Partner with community based organizations that have expertise serving youth. - Develop, implement and evaluate evidenced based effective policies regarding police interactions with students. Include community groups in the oversight of these policies and share the data with the public. Thank you for this opportunity to share my comments with you. Lauren Wolkov

Speaking as: Community Member

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Name:	Salena Pryor
Comment:	<p>My name is Salena Pryor, and I am the Greater Sacramento Education Chair. I am very concerned about how discipline is structured and the impact it has on our students - particularly our African American male students.</p> <p>I support the recommendations outlined in the report, Reimagine School Safety Without SROs, developed by the Black Parallel School Board and partners in the Restorative Justice Collaborative. In particular, I want to lift up the recommendations of the Transformative School Safety Investment Plan described in the report, which urge SCUSD to: Re-allocate previous SRO budget to school site based behavioral health support for students at the school sites with the highest needs Support school sites in transitioning to a relationship-centered approach to school safety by establishing the role of School Climate Officer Hire and provide training for additional behavioral health professionals as well as community based staff such as campus mentors and peacekeepers Develop clear policy on shifting away from police interactions with students; toward school climate focused strategies, along with clear policy governing how police interactions that do occur, are handled Establish community oversight of this plan and provide data regarding police interactions with students These recommendations are a step in the right direction to reform and positively impact our most disciplined and criminalized student population. The disproportionate disciplinary actions against our students prevent them from participating in valuable class time and often results in perpetuating the school to prison pipeline. I respectfully urge your support of the Transformative School Safety Investment Plan.</p>

Speaking as: Community Member

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Name:	Kengo Akiyama
Comment:	<p>My name is Kengo Akiyama, and I'm a concerned parent whose daughter attends an SCUSD school.</p> <p>I support the recommendations outlined in the report, Reimagine School Safety Without SROs, developed by the Black Parallel School Board and partners in the Restorative Justice Collaborative. In particular, I want to lift up the recommendations of the Transformative School Safety Investment Plan described in the report, which urge SCUSD to: 1) Re-allocate previous SRO budget to school site based behavioral health support for students at the school sites with the highest needs 2) Support school sites in transitioning to a relationship-centered approach to school safety by establishing the role of School Climate Officer 3) Hire and provide training for additional behavioral health professionals as well as community based staff such as campus mentors and peacekeepers 4) Develop clear policy on shifting away from police interactions with students; toward school climate focused strategies, along with clear policy governing how police interactions that do occur, are handled 5) Establish community oversight of this plan and provide data regarding police interactions with students</p>

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Name:	Laurel Hollis
Comment:	<p>I support the recommendations outlined in the report, Reimagine School Safety Without SROs, developed by the Black Parallel School Board and partners in the Restorative Justice Collaborative.</p> <p>In particular, I want to lift up the recommendations of the Transformative School Safety Investment Plan described in the report, which urge SCUSD to: Re-allocate previous SRO budget to school site based behavioral health support for students at the school sites with the highest needs Support school sites in transitioning to a relationship-centered approach to school safety by establishing the role of School Climate Officer Hire and provide training for additional behavioral health professionals as well as community based staff such as campus mentors and peacekeepers Develop clear policy on shifting away from police interactions with students; toward school climate focused strategies, along with clear policy governing how police interactions that do occur, are handled Establish community oversight of this plan and provide data regarding police interactions with students</p>

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Name:	Alan Saunders
Comment:	<p>My name is Alan Saunders and I'm a concerned community member from the Pocket neighborhood.</p> <p>I support the recommendations outlined in the report, Reimagine School Safety Without SROs, developed by the Black Parallel School Board and partners in the Restorative Justice Collaborative. In particular, I want to lift up the recommendations of the Transformative School Safety Investment Plan described in the report, which urge SCUSD to: 1. Re-allocate previous SRO budget to school site based behavioral health support for students at the school sites with the highest needs 2. Support school sites in transitioning to a relationship-centered approach to school safety by establishing the role of School Climate Officer 3. Hire and provide training for additional behavioral health professionals as well as community-based staff such as campus mentors and peacekeepers 4. Develop clear policy on shifting away from police interactions with students; toward school climate focused strategies, along with clear policy governing how police interactions that do occur, are handled 5. Establish community oversight of this plan and provide data regarding police interactions with students Sincerely, Alan J. Saunders</p>

Speaking as: Community Member

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From: Jo Ann Solov
Sent: Thursday, June 24, 2021 8:00 AM
To: SCUSD Public Comment
Subject: Item 7.0, School Board Meeting reTransformative School Safety Investment Plan

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My name is JoAnn Solov and I'm a concerned Sacramento community member. My husband was a volunteer at Washington Elementary School in the SCUSD, promoting Restorative Justice. The guiding principles of this philosophy are compassion, respect, accountability and fairness.

I want to emphasize the importance of promoting these values in our schools. I urge the district to support school sites in transitioning to a relationship-centered approach to school safety with a School Climate Officer; hiring and training behavioral health professionals, including campus mentors and peacekeepers; shifting away from police interactions with students and re-allocating previous SRO budget to school site based behavioral health support for students at sites with the greatest needs.

Children need positive role models, mentors who walk the walk and skill building to become upstanders in our community. The district must commit to promoting these values both financially and organizationally. As a congregational member of Sacramento ACT, I urge you to follow their recommendations.

Thank you.
JoAnn Solov
Sacramento

From: Dempseys
Sent: Thursday, June 24, 2021 8:01 AM
To: SCUSD Public Comment

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My name is Mark Dempsey and I'm a concerned community member..

I support the recommendations outlined in the report, *Reimagine School Safety Without SROs*, developed by the Black Parallel School Board and partners in the Restorative Justice Collaborative.

In particular, I want to get the recommendations of the Transformative School Safety Investment Plan described in the report, which urge SCUSD to:

1. **Re-allocate previous SRO budget to school site based behavioral health support for students at the school sites with the highest needs**
2. **Support school sites in transitioning to a relationship-centered approach to school safety by establishing the role of School Climate Officer**
3. **Hire and provide training for additional behavioral health professionals as well as community based staff such as campus mentors and peacekeepers**
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--Regards,
--Mark Dempsey

From: Elizabeth Griswold ·
Sent: Thursday, June 24, 2021 9:20 AM
To: SCUSD Public Comment
Subject: Transformative School Safety Investment Plan

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My name is Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Griswold, and I'm a concerned community member.

I support the recommendations outlined in the report, *Reimagine School Safety Without SROs*, developed by the Black Parallel School Board and partners in the Restorative Justice Collaborative.

In particular, I want to lift up the recommendations of the Transformative School Safety Investment Plan described in the report, which urge SCUSD to:

1. **Re-allocate previous SRO budget to school site based behavioral health support for students at the school sites with the highest needs**
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Thank you,
Elizabeth

From: Kate Lenox
Sent: Thursday, June 24, 2021 10:48 AM
To: SCUSD Public Comment
Subject: Recommendations for School Safety

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Dear Board Members;

While the board voted to end its contract with the Sacramento Police for Resource Officers, it has yet to approve a program to replace them.

I support the recommendations outlined in the report, *Reimagine School Safety Without SROs*, developed by the Black Parallel School Board and partners in the Restorative Justice Collaborative:

Re-allocate previous SRO budget to school site based behavioral health support for students at the school sites with the highest needs

Support school sites in transitioning to a relationship-centered approach to school safety by establishing the role of School Climate Officer

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Establish community oversight of this plan and provide data regarding police interactions with students

Thank you,

Kate Lenox

From: Jason Weiner
Sent: Thursday, June 24, 2021 11:18 AM
To: SCUSD Public Comment
Subject: General Public Comment

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Dear Sir or Madam,

I am contributing general public comment for the Board of Trustees meeting this evening, June 24.

My name is Jason Weiner, and I am a parent of three students in the District. I have also been engaged with efforts to improve school climate and change the safety and classroom management conversation from a punitive framework to a restorative one. When the Board made the decision to end the SRO contract, we advocates applauded the decision but also urged the District to thoughtfully consider and rapidly implement the system that should be put in its place. Without clear guidance and resources, site administrators and teachers will not have the tools that they need to support students and families and maintain safe school environments.

I was very pleased to participate in a small way in the development of the Reimagine School Safety Without SROs report, developed by the Black Parallel School Board and partners in the Restorative Justice Collaborative. As you hear the report presentation today, I urge Board members and District administrators to move quickly to integrate its findings into District guidance and implement its recommendations, including:

1. Re-allocate previous SRO budget to school site based behavioral health support for students at the school sites with the highest needs
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Regards,
Jason Weiner