

Sacramento City Unified School District
Board of Education Meeting

June 25, 2020 Public Comments

Name:	Angie Sutherland, Angel Garcia, Grace Trujillo, and Katy Conner We have a group comment for Coalition for Students with Disabilities
Comment:	<p>Dear President Ryan, Superintendent Aguilar, and Members of the Board, on behalf of the Coalition for Students with Disabilities, We know these are unprecedented times and you have tough decisions to make to ensure the health and safety of students and staff. Please know that we support you. We ask you to continue standing firm to stop the dysfunctionality in our district, such as with the various political pressures that go against what is best for our students and primarily focus on the needs of adults. We will continue to STAND up for equity for students and fight for their needs. Students do not have a union, but they have US, their CAREGIVERS, and YOU, the elected and appointed STEWARDS to ensure equity for them.</p> <p>With regard to removing ALL SROs and replacing them with counselors and social workers, we support this but want to make it clear that teachers are the ones booting kids out of the class. Nothing will change if racism that targets black and brown students in the classroom. One day of Implicit Bias training will not make a difference.</p>

Speaking as: Parent/Guardian

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Name:	Kaitlin McLean
Comment:	<p>As an SCUSD employee, I'd like the board to do the following:</p> <p>Publicly pledge an immediate and permanent end to police contracts.</p> <p>Reinvest safety funds into mental health student supports.</p> <p>Design and implement an alternative safety plan with community input and partnership.</p> <p>Publicly pledge not to take campaign money from police unions.</p>

Speaking as: Employee

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Name:	Summer Hunt
Comment:	<p>My name is Summer and as a community member and former teacher, I stand with students that are negatively impacted by police interactions at their schools and who are leading the effort to denounce institutional racism on our education system. We demand that SCUSD Board of Education:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Adopt a board resolution to permanently end current and future contacts with law enforcement and to work with students, teachers, and community members to develop an alternative safety plan for the 2020-2021 school year2. Reinvest the safety funds in academic and mental health counselors, social workers, bilingual staff, campus monitors, and student supports3. Make a pledge to not accept money from police unions for their political campaigns as a stand against institutional racism <p>As a former teacher I know how necessary mental health and support services are for students and their families. School should be a place where students discover their love for learning, grow their curiosity and humanity, and build important friendships. It should not be an introduction to racialized oppression or a fast track to criminalization. Listen to your students. Listen to your community. Stand with us in doing better for our kids.</p>

Speaking as: Community Member

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Name:	Rebecca Quinonez
Comment:	<p>I stand in solidarity with our students who are being negatively impacted by police presence on school campuses. We are leading the effort to denounce institutional racism in our education system. I demand that the SCUSD Board of Education:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Adopt a board resolution To put a final end to current and future contracts with law-enforcement and institute and alternative safety plan designed with teacher students and parents and the community.2) reinvest the safety funds and academic and mental health counselors, social workers, bilingual staff, campus monitors, and student support- effective immediately.3) make a public pledge to not take any money from police unions for their political campaigns as a stance against institutional racism.

Speaking as: Community Member

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Name:	Angelica Quinonez
Comment:	<p>nd in solidarity with our students who are being negatively impacted by police presence on school campuses. We are leading the effort to denounce institutional racism in our education system. I demand that the SCUSD Board of Education:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Adopt a board resolution To put a final end to current and future contracts with law-enforcement and institute and alternative safety plan designed with teacher students and parents and the community.2) reinvest the safety funds and academic and mental health counselors, social workers, bilingual staff, campus monitors, and student support- effective immediately.3) make a public pledge to not take any money from police unions for their political campaigns as a stance against institutional racism.

Speaking as: Community Member

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Name:	Flor Perez
Comment:	<p>I, Flor Perez, stand shoulder-to-shoulder with our students that are negatively impacted by police interactions in their school campus and who are leading the effort to denounce institutional racism in our education system.</p> <p>I demande that the SCUSD Board of Education;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Adopt a Board Resolution to put a final end to current and future contracts with law enforcement and institute an Alternative Safety Plan designed with students, parents, teachers, and community members for the 2020-2021 school year.2. Reinvest the safety funds in academic and mental health counselors, social workers, nurses, bilingual staff, campus monitors, and student supports.3. Make a public pledge to not take any money from police unions for their political campaigns as a stance against institutional racism.

Speaking as: Community Member

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Comment:	<p>I, Flor Perez, stand shoulder-to-shoulder with our students that are negatively impacted by police interactions in their school campus and who are leading the effort to denounce institutional racism in our education system.</p> <p>I demande that the SCUSD Board of Education;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Adopt a Board Resolution to put a final end to current and future contracts with law enforcement and institute an Alternative Safety Plan designed with students, parents, teachers, and community members for the 2020-2021 school year.2. Reinvest the safety funds in academic and mental health counselors, social workers, nurses, bilingual staff, campus monitors, and student supports.3. Make a public pledge to not take any money from police unions for their political campaigns as a stance against institutional racism.

Speaking as: Community Member

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From: Malcolm Abbey <malcolm.abbey@outlook.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 11:55 AM
To: SCUSD Public Comment
Subject: end the police contract

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Hello SCUSD board members,

My name is Malcolm and I'm a resident of Sacramento. I'm writing submit a public comment on item 8 for today's meeting. I am demanding that you permanently end the contracts with police. The funds should instead be used for mental health and other student support programs.

Over the past few weeks, we have seen Sacramento PD brutalizing protestors. The police have shown time and time again that they are violent and racist and they do not keep our community safe. They have no place in our schools.

You need to listen to your community and push for racial justice by removing police from our schools.

Thank you.

From: Atasi Uppal <auppal@youthlaw.org>
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 11:52 AM
To: SCUSD Public Comment
Cc: Michael Harris
Subject: 6/25/20 Public Comment from National Center for Youth Law
Attachments: NCYL Public Comment to SCUSD Board_062520.pdf

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Please see the below and attached public comment from the National Center for Youth Law, relevant to today's school board meeting.

Dear SCUSD School Board Members:

The National Center for Youth Law (NCYL) stands in solidarity with Sacramento City Unified School District (SCUSD) students who are negatively impacted by police interactions in their schools and who are leading the effort to denounce institutional racism in education. We urge you to (1) adopt a Board Resolution to end current and prospective contracts with law enforcement; (2) implement an Alternative Safety Plan designed with students, parents, teachers and community members for school year 2020-2021; and (3) reinvest safety funds in academic and mental health counselors, social workers, bilingual staff, campus monitors, and student supports.

NCYL is a non-profit organization that works to build a future in which every child thrives and has a full and fair opportunity to grow into the adult they aspire to be. Our work is informed by research on best practices in the education and the juvenile justice systems, with a particular focus on how those systems can address systemic racism. It is clear that this body of research fully supports removing law enforcement from schools. Consider as you vote that:

1. **Early police contact negatively affects all youth, but particularly Black youth.** Youth who have contact with law enforcement at schools experience the greatest levels of emotional distress, social stigma, and post-traumatic stress as compared to youth's experiences with police outside of schools. A recent analysis by the UCLA Center for Civil Rights Remedies found that Black SCUSD students lost almost six times as many days of instruction to disciplinary exclusion as White SCUSD students.
2. **Students with disabilities are overrepresented in the school to prison pipeline, often due to inappropriate disciplinary responses to normal manifestations of the students' disabilities.** Students with disabilities are more likely to be referred to law enforcement, lose significantly more days of instruction, are more likely to be sent to alternative schools after disciplinary exclusion, and are disproportionately incarcerated.
3. **School police funds can be reallocated to fund necessary student support positions.** Counselors are one example of needed support positions. The American School Counselor Association recommends that the ideal ratio for counselors is 250:1; data from the National Center for Education Statistics shows SCUSD currently has more than three times that ratio. A lower counselor-to-student ratio is linked to lower student absenteeism, higher academic testing score, higher graduation rates, and fewer suspensions.

The research supports that school policing is a threat to the wellbeing of students, especially for communities of color. SCUSD must treat its Black students and students with disabilities with care rather than distrust. Heed the call of your community by ending current and prospective contracts with law enforcement. By doing so, you will join school boards and communities nationwide who are eliminating school police and advocating for positive climates for learning. More importantly, you will help to set SCUSD students on a path toward productivity and good health, rather than down the school to prison pipeline.

Sincerely,

Michael Harris
Senior Director
National Center for Youth Law

Atasi Uppal (Pronouns: she / her / hers)
Senior Policy Attorney, Juvenile Justice and Education
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TO THE SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL BOARD
June 25, 2020**

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'MH', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Michael Harris
Senior Director
National Center for Youth Law

From: Miguel Alfaro Ramirez <malfaroramirez@mail.csuchico.edu>
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 11:58 AM
To: SCUSD Public Comment
Subject: Fwd: Public Comment June 25 2020; please read out loud if it's an option

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Public Comment for June 25 2020

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From: Miguel Alfaro Ramirez <malfaroramirez@mail.csuchico.edu>
Date: Thu, Jun 25, 2020 at 11:57 AM
Subject: Public Comment June 25 2020; please read out loud if it's an option
To: <lisa-murawski@scusd.edu>, <leticia-garcia@scusd.edu>, <Christina-Pritchett@scusd.edu>, <michael-minnick@scusd.edu>, <mai-vang-board@scusd.edu>, <darrel-woo@scusd.edu>, <jessie-ryan@scusd.edu>, <olivia-m-ang-olson@scusd.edu>

Hi my name is Alejandro and I am a community member who would like to ask this board, first, adopt a Board Resolution to put a permanent end to current and future contracts with law enforcement AND institute an Alternative Safety Plan designed with students, parents, teachers, and community for the school year 2020-2021. Since the Columbine shooting, schools across the country have filled their campuses with police. Not one of these "resource officers" have stopped a school shooting but have fed over 1 million students into the school to prison pipeline. Because of that, our second demand is that this board reinvest the safety funds that go to police on campuses in academic and mental health counselors, social workers, bilingual staff, campus monitors, and student supports. There are other ways to create safety and community at our schools without the presence of police, who only intimidate, criminalize, and harass Black and Brown students. The third demand is that this board make a public pledge to not take any money from police unions for their political campaigns as a stance against institutional racism. I also demand that the board make all financial transactions involving the hiring of on-campus police officers to be made public, as these transactions cannot be found on the budget published online.

From: V. Gina Diaz <v.ginadiaz@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 12:00 PM
To: Michael Minnick; SCUSD Public Comment
Subject: Public Comment - SCUSD Board of Trustee Meeting - JUNE 25, 2020

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Dear Michael Minnick and SCUSD Board of Trustees,

I am a SCUSD graduate, a researcher of oppression and survivance, an educator and life-long learner, and a parent of a child in our district.

I would love for our Board of Trustees to create schools that are welcoming places in which ALL students are supported and encouraged to thrive even when they are disturbed, frustrated, sad, hungry, stressed, etc.

PLEASE help our local children get the support they need to make it despite their increasingly difficult challenges. Our city and state and country has over and over handed them a really rough deal - it is no surprise they act-out in our schools which are at present not equipped to help them.

To give you a brief example, my son's preschool class while at Bret Harte's Head Start was thrilled one day to come home and tell me they had an army tank on campus and got to talk with some soldiers. I think it's abhorrent that these 3, 4 and 5 year olds didn't have any other "career" role models in the years he was there aside from the teachers. Why not a local business owner? An EMT? A librarian? A CalTrans worker? A firefighter? A nurse - or many more. The ways our schools set poor children up to expect to have to go to serve their country for lack of proper education and ample opportunities to continue their education and career exploration frankly made me sick.

SCUSD schools not only limit the possibilities too early for many of our kids, they also at times have unrealistic expectations of their abilities. Many of our youth are also responsible for helping other family members survive and thrive, often the adults. We cannot expect children who are dealing with the dire consequences of poverty, lack of mental health and other healthcare, and a city that treats them and their families as disposable to come to school of full healthy mind ready to learn each and every day. Some days will be OK and others they are having to manage very difficult emotions and brainstorm/problem-solve things most of us weren't ready to deal with until we were well into adulthood.

But they are not at a deficit - they bring with them generations of knowledge about how to survive the sour deal they've been given. And many make it through despite the system that we've created to try and ensure they don't.

We would better serve them by replacing staff who do not know how to work with our populations and discrimination against them - in & out of the classroom. They will benefit greatly from principals that remove punitive forms of discipline, much better alternatives and successful models exist. Your removal of the police department (School Resource Officers) from our schools will go a very long way in helping students feel valued in our schools. They all need to feel safe and wanted and capable to be in a place to learn the skills they need to promote through the grades and graduate.

PLEASE be brave, be bold, and take swift action. Follow the Oakland Unified School District - if they can do it, so can Sacramento.

PLEASE take a chance on improving the lives of our children and the future of our city!

Virginia Diaz

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Name:	Sarah Jordan
Comment:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Immediate & permanent end to police contracts2. Invest safety funds into mental health student supports3. Implement an alternative safety plan WITH community input4. Publicly pledge not to take campaign money from police unions

Speaking as: Student

Email

Tel:

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Name:	Jose Diaz
Comment:	<p>We demand that the SCUSD Board of Education:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Adopt a Board Resolution to put a final end to current and future contracts with law enforcement AND institute an Alternative Safety Plan designed with students, parents, teachers, and community for the school year 2020-2021.2. Reinvest the safety funds in academic and mental health counselors, social workers, bilingual staff, campus monitors, and student supports.3. Make a public pledge to not take any money from police unions for their political campaigns as a stance against institutional racism.

Speaking as: Community Member

Date/time Stamp: 6/24/2020 2:58:18 PM

From: Acacia Keith
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 11:01 AM
To: Leticia Garcia; Lisa Murawski; SCUSD Public Comment
Subject: I demand ban on SRO's

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Hello SCUSC, Lisa Murawski, and Leticia Garcia,

My name is Acacia Keith, and I am a registered voter in midtown Sacramento. I am writing to demand SCUSC pass a resolution banning SRO's and reinvest funding into social supports to help students grow and learn in a safe and supportive environment.

I am in support of the following:

1. Adopt a Board Resolution to put a final end to current and future contracts with law enforcement AND institute an Alternative Safety Plan designed with students, parents, teachers, and community for the school year 2020-2021.
2. Reinvest the safety funds in academic and mental health counselors, social workers, bilingual staff, campus monitors, and student supports.
3. Make a public pledge to not take any money from police unions for their political campaigns as a stance against institutional racism.

Sincerely,
Acacia Keith

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Name:	Hally Cahssai
Comment:	<p>My name is Hally Cahssai and I am a community member with Sacramento ACT. I wrote to you last week and I write again today asking for a permanent end to contracts with law enforcement on school campuses. Students are being negatively impacted by police interactions on campus and for many, this is the first entry point into the school to prison pipeline. I stand with students who are leading the effort to denounce institutional racism in our education system and ask that the SCUSD Board of Education:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Adopt a Board Resolution to put a final end to current and future contracts with law enforcement AND institute an Alternative Safety Plan designed with students, parents, teachers and community for the 2020-21 school year.2. Reinvest the safety funds into academic and mental health counselors, social workers, bilingual staff, campus monitors, and school supports.3. Make a public pledge to not take any money from police unions for their political campaigns as a stance against institutional racism. <p>Thank you.</p>

Speaking as: Community Member

Date/time Stamp: 6/25/2020 11:48:41 AM

From: Erin Mahoney
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 11:04 AM
To: SCUSD Public Comment
Subject: Public Comment: SCUSD Board meeting - 6/25/20 - Item 8

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Hello,

My name is Erin Mahoney and I'm a Sacramento resident who recognizes the damage and violence inflicted by police, especially against people of color.

I urge you to do the following:

1. Adopt a board resolution to end all contracts with Law Enforcement - police do not belong in our community's schools, criminalizing children. They do not make schools more safe - they do the opposite.
2. Institute an alternate safety plan, using reallocated funds from what has been spent on these contracts. Bring in more counselors, social workers, bilingual staff, etc.
3. Make a public pledge to not take any money from police unions for political campaigns in recognition of the institutional racism that pervades our country's foundations.

The world is waking up to the ways in which American society was built off the labor and lives of Black and Brown people, and the ways in which these traditions persist in the framework of our society. It is our responsibility to dismantle white supremacy. A no-brainer way to do this is to stop policing our children.

Thank you,
Erin Mahoney
District 4

Lisa Allen

From: Sarah Barnes
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 12:03 PM
To: SCUSD Public Comment
Subject: Replace School Resource Officers with Real supportive services and professionals

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Dear SCUSD school board,

My name is Sarah Barnes and I'm a parent of a SCUSD student and a non-profit educator who works with many SCUSD schools. I stand with our students that are negatively impacted by police interactions on their school campus. With the state of distrust between black and brown communities and the police, the presence of these officers does not help the safety of our school communities but instead causes fear and danger to our students. I implore you to:

1. Adopt a Board Resolution to put a final end to current and future contracts with law enforcement AND institute an Alternative Safety Plan designed with students, parents, teachers, and community for the school year 2020-2021.
2. Reinvest the safety funds in academic and mental health counselors, social workers, bilingual staff, campus monitors, and student supports.
3. Make a public pledge to not take any money from police unions for their political campaigns as a stance against institutional racism.

Thank you for considering my requests.

Sincerely,
Sarah Barnes

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Name:	Jon Fleuter
Comment:	<p>Publicly pledge an immediate and permanent end to police contracts.</p> <p>Reinvest safety funds into mental health student supports.</p> <p>Design and implement an alternative safety plan *with* community input and partnership.</p> <p>Publicly pledge not to take campaign money from police unions.</p>

Speaking as: Community Member

Email

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Name:	Marcus Miller Jr
Comment:	<p>Hello. I'm a Black parent who just moved into the As a Black parent of a soon-to-be school age child in the SCUSD district, I am calling on Christina Pritchett specifically, and the SCUSD board as a whole, to NOT renew their contract with the Sacramento Police Department as a part of the Plan to Re-Imagine School Safety. The presence of armed law enforcement in institutions of child learning & development, for any reason, is distracting at best, inappropriate on average and uniquely dangerous and debilitating to the bodies, minds and futures of students of color, poor and disabled students at worst.</p> <p>Trustee Pritchett, do not make the same mistake you did in November again, today, with the backdrop of our nation's reassessment of the very purpose and role of law enforcement currently underway. I ask that you, and the other Trustees, find a different way to ensure the safety & well-being of our children on school grounds than using an institution that was designed specifically for the purpose of exercising state-sanctioned violence and just so happened to be given responsibilities on top of that it should have never been given. There are better, safer ways to keep our kids safe. Now is the time and Sacramento is the place for us to start using them.</p>

Speaking as: Parent/Guardian

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Name:	Robby Ryals
Comment:	<p>Funding is precious, and it needs to go toward supporting our students (mental health services, counselors, disability services, career services, MESA, SESI, etc) instead of SRO's or any partnership with police. I wish it weren't so, but the recent killings of George Floyd and Breonna Taylor- rest in power- are a reminder of the an unsafe levels of police brutality in our country. Very rarely do students feel that they can trust and confide in members outside of their community, especially a stranger showing up with a badge and a gun. That is one of the most terrifying things that could happen to our youth when they are in need of support, someone they don't know showing up with a badge and a gun. It's clear that those who will be most effective in supporting and connecting with students are the people within the campus community who know them the best. It is my understanding that some of the professionals needed to better support our students have not yet been hired. That's okay, let's allocate the funds toward the onboarding of those professionals because I assure you that putting it toward hiring police will only make matters worse. Our community is dedicated to supporting our students' growth. We can't do that if they are terrified of stepping foot on campus.</p>

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Name:	Anna Garzon
Comment:	I urge you to end the contract allow police in schools. Police are not a strategy for managing children, especially in spaces of education. I ask you to pledge a permanent end to policing in schools, with a plan to reinvest those funds into mental health and education support for our youth. Any plan that is implemented should be done so with community input, support, and partnership. Finally, I ask you all to reject campaign funds from police unions - there is no place for police union money in elections, particularly for our local officials here in Sacramento.

Speaking as: Community Member

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Name:	Laura Blosser
Comment:	End the police contract now!

Speaking as: Community Member

Tel:

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Name:	Shanna Atherton-Bauer
Comment:	<p>Schools are no place for police officers. To that end, I call on the board to turn your words into action. I call on you all to:</p> <p>Publicly pledge an immediate and permanent end to police contracts</p> <p>Reinvest safety funds into mental health student support services</p> <p>Design and implement an alternative safety plan with community input and partnership</p> <p>Publicly pledge not to take campaign money from police unions</p> <p>Thank you for your time.</p>

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Name:	jocelyn arboleda
Comment:	END POLICE CONTRACTS ALLOCATE TO MENTAL HEALTH AND HOMELESS OUTREACH

Speaking as: Community Member

Tel:

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Sacramento City Unified School District
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Name:	Petra Lee
Comment:	<p>Hello! My niece is a student at Theodore Judah and I am concerned about police officers in schools. Can you please end the contract and work with students and parents to come up with a less destructive solution than police?</p> <p>Please don't take money from police unions for your campaign either, that's just a lousy thing to do to our kids. I also hope you'll publicly vow to end police in schools forever, and not subject our Black and Brown students to the disproportionate harm.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>

Speaking as: Aunt of child in school district

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8.0 Public Comment

Agenda Item:

9.1 Public Hearing: 2020-2021 Annual Budget Plan and Annual Service Plan

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Name:	Josephine Vander Klay
Comment:	I urge the board members to vote against the use of police officers (or "student resource officers") in all Sacramento district schools, and reallocate their funds towards more counselors, teachers, student resources and equipment, school nurses and therapists, and anti-bullying campaigns that actually work.

Speaking as: Community Member

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Name:	Courtney Poole
Comment:	I am demanding that you publicly pledge an immediate and permanent end to police contracts, reinvest safety funds into mental health student supports, Design and implement an alternative safety plan with community input and partnership, and publicly pledge not to take campaign money from police unions! As a social worker, I see the need for more school social workers and student support staff do address social/emotional needs of our city's more valuable asset: our young people!

Speaking as: Community Member

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Name:	carmen hamann
Comment:	end police contracts, DEFUND POLICE take away budget.

Speaking as: Parent/Guardian

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8.0 Public Comment

Agenda Item:

9.1 Public Hearing: 2020-2021 Annual Budget Plan and Annual Service Plan

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Name:	Susan Solomon
Comment:	Use the money spent on police in our schools for more appropriate social services. Remove money for police contracts from the budget!!!

Speaking as: Community Member

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8.0 Public Comment

Agenda Item:

~~9.1 Public Hearing:~~ 2020-2021 Annual Budget Plan and Annual Service Plan

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Name:	Leanne Morano
Comment:	Please use our school funds for more mental health professionals, not more police officers on campus.

Speaking as: Parent/Guardian

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8.0 Public Comment

Agenda Item:

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Name:	Vanya Swift
Comment:	Hello, as a parent in a district with no librarians and few, if any, counselors, I would appreciate your consideration in removing SACPD from our campuses and utilizing that money for EDUCATIONAL and EMOTIONAL support of our children. This is a critical moment in history, look to cities like Minneapolis, Portland, Oakland, and see that policing our children only adds intimidation and authoritarianism when a learning environment must be inspirational and supportive. Thank you for your time, proceed wisely, V. SWIFT

Speaking as: Parent/Guardian

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Agenda Item:

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Name:	Natalie Graves
Comment:	Turn your words into action and publicly pledge an immediate and permanent end to police contracts, reinvest safety funds into mental health student supports, design and implement an alternative safety plan with community input and partnership, and publicly pledge not to take campaign money from police unions.

Speaking as: Community Member

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Name:	Christina Philip
Comment:	<p>I want SCUSD to 1. publicly pledge an immediate and permanent end to police contracts. 2. Reinvest safety funds into mental health students supports. 3. Design and implement an alternative safety plan with community input and partnership. 4. SCUSD to Publicly pledge not to take campaign money from police unions. Police presence it not What our children need. Police are not trained to deal with compassion or to humanize. Police have tunnel Vision to only see criminals with everyone they encounter. So how do you trust that presence around our children? What good has come out of having police presence with our children and criminalizing them? The school to prison pipe line is real. We need to realize what we are doing isn't working and need to regroup and Restructure how we support our children. Our children need compassion and guidance. They need the presence of those trained in counseling, mentoring, and nonviolent deescalation tactics for youth. We need after school programs, leadership opportunities, etc for these kids! This will guarantee better outcomes for our children, not police presence. Please let go of your contract with the sac poLice department and repurpose those funds for something better for our children! Thank you.</p>

Speaking as: Community Member

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Name:	Alice Walker
Comment:	Turn your words into action! Please publicly pledge an end to police contracts, reinvest safety funds into mental health student supports, and design an implement an alternative safety plan with community input. Please also publicly pledge to not take campaign money from police unions. End the contacts NOW!

Speaking as: Community Member

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Name:	Kaitlyn O'Bryon
Comment:	hello! I'm commenting to urge you all to publicly pledge an immediate and permanent end to police contracts. Instead, I urge you to reinvest safety funds into mental health support for students. Instead of contributing more funds to the historically racist and useless police force, you can design and implement an alternative safety plan *with* community input and partnership. Please do not take money from police unions. You have the opportunity to set an example for the rest of the state, country and world. Please do the right thing, we are watching.

Speaking as: Community Member

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Name:	Noel Leckemby
Comment:	<p>Decrease the police budget and invest in our communities by funding services that strengthen our communities. I demand the funding go towards social services, physical and mental healthcare, accessible public transit, housing, quality education, parks, access to food, and support to underserved communities instead of placing police directly into communities with a majority of BIPOC causing a vulnerability to violence. Nurture your communities and keep those at risk safe instead of targeting them.</p> <p>Defund SacPD.</p>

Speaking as: Community Member

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Name:	johanna Arboleda
Comment:	end police contracts, reform police department funds

Speaking as: Student

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Name:	Joanna Gallagher
Comment:	As I wrote last week, as a teacher in SCUSD I urge you to divest from Sac PD and to invest in counselors, social workers, art, music and restorative justice practices.

Speaking as: Employee

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Name:	Sharon Flicker
Comment:	Investment in SROs is harming our children. End the SRO contract and invest that money instead in mental health support for students. Commit to stop taking campaign money from police unions. Create an alternative safety plan with community input.

Speaking as: Community Member

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Name:	Stephanie Young
Comment:	The police needs to be divested from to fortify any community agencies, professionals and all other forms of systems that provide support to our families and youth. We must end the school to prison pipeline that is perpetrated by the presence of police in our schools and neighborhoods. We must address and counter white supremacy at all levels in our society; it is very present in the educational system as state sanctioned public officers are used to police our children in schools. This needs to stop immediately and is completely unacceptable.

Speaking as: Community Member

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Name:	L Fairman
Comment:	<p>I, along with Sacramento area Congregations Together, stand with our students who are negatively impacted by police interactions in their school campuses, and who are leading the effort to denounce institutional racism in our education system.</p> <p>It is vital that the SCUSD Board of Education:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Adopt a Board Resolution to put a final end to current and future contracts with law enforcement.2. Institute an Alternative Safety Plan designed collaboratively with students, parents, teachers, and community for the school year 2020-2021.3. Reinvest safety funds in academic and mental health counselors, social workers, bilingual staff, campus monitors, and student supports.4. Make a public pledge not to take any money from police unions for their political campaigns, as a stance against their history of institutional racism. <p>Thank you.</p>

Speaking as: Community Member





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Name:	Molly Reagh
Comment:	<p>SCUSD and our community has shown, since the onset of COVID, how they can, in fact, act swiftly in response to crisis. Racism is a crisis and has been in existence for years, decades, centuries. SROs do not lead to safety for students and it is time, in response to the crisis of racism, to respond accordingly and promptly. I believe in your ability to make a comprehensive plan for appropriate, trauma-informed, and responsive mental health and care services for students. Services that actually support and empower students, instead of fearmongering and traumatizing them. You have the power and the tools to make this change happen NOW! You hold the purse strings. I implore you to fully cut the contracts with police departments, remove SROs from all Sac City schools, invest in mental health services, create safety plans collaboratively with students, parents, teachers, and community, and then each of you: publicly take the pledge to not take campaign money from police departments. Thank you.</p>

Speaking as: Community Member

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Name:	Danielle Wordelman
Comment:	End your contract with SPD, divest from SPD, do not hire SROs. Invest in community care and community accountability NOW

Speaking as: Community Member

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Name:	Dannah ODonnell
Comment:	The community calls for ACTION. Police out of schools now- no empty promises. Our students deserve better.

Speaking as: Community Member

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Name:	Kristen Kozlowski
Comment:	Please end the police contract with SCUSD. I do not believe that over-policing keeps our students safe, and I want the funds reinvested into mental health and other services for SCUSD students.

Speaking as: Community Member

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Name:	Robyn Ayres
Comment:	I am writing as a concerned citizen and a social worker who works with families in the Sac City USD. I am asking that in considering the district budget that the board cancel the contract for Sac PD and use any funds intended for them to be used for professionals who will provide nurturing, culturally competent care and concern for the students at each of your schools. As a community we cannot continue to surround our young people with police and criminalize them during this important time of development in their lives. We must support and strengthen our youth and a budget that includes police in our schools does not accomplish that. I am demanding your unconditional support for a student centered budget which will not include a line item for police, but rather build up a robust support system for all SCUSD students.

Speaking as: Community Member

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Name:	Jolene Russell
Comment:	Publicly pledge an immediate and permanent end to police contracts. Reinvest safety funds into mental health student supports. Design and implement an alternative safety plan WITH community input and partnership. Publicly pledge NOT to take campaign money from police unions.

Speaking as: Community Member

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Name:	Matthias Kimball
Comment:	I am urging the school board to remove SROs from our schools and use that funding to provide health and support services to students and their families. I also demand that they stop taking any campaign donations from police unions or other law enforcement organizations.

Speaking as: Community Member

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Name:	Sophia Bamert
Comment:	<p>Last year you agreed to end the Sac USD's contract with the police, but at the last minute did not do so. I am asking that you put your words into action and actually exclude any line item for the police in next year's budget, publicly pledging an immediate and permanent end to police contracts. Follow the lead of what we see many school districts around the country doing and divest from police in order to invest that money instead in mental health support for students. I also ask that you rely on community input and partnership in designing and implementing a police-free school safety plan, and that you publicly pledge not to take campaign money from police unions. As our community's widespread protests and actions over the past weeks have shown, it is not just a segment of the community that wants SROs out of schools. Police officers do not belong in schools, and their presence reinforces the school to prison pipeline.</p>

Speaking as: Community Member

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Name:	Tara Gamboa-Eastman
Comment:	I am asking that you make an unconditional commitment end the district's contract with police and instead invest safety dollars into mental health student supports and implement an alternative safety plan with community input and partnership. I ask that board members publicly pledge not to take campaign money from police unions.

Speaking as: Community Member

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Name:	Amy Ithurburn
Comment:	As a District 4 Sacramento resident and former public school teacher, I am emailing to demand that SCUSD immediately and permanently end its police contracts with local law enforcement. I demand that the funds used for policing in schools be reinvested into mental health and other student supports. With community input and partnership, SCUSD needs to design and implement an alternative safety plan for students and staff. I am also demanding that SCUSD board members and administration publicly pledge not to take any campaign contributions from police unions. Thank you.

Speaking as: Community Member

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Name:	Allison Pullin
Comment:	Dear SCUSD: Please publicly pledge an immediate and permanent end to police contracts. It is crucial to reinvest safety funds into mental health student supports - this should be your priority. Design and implement an alternative safety plan with community input and partnership. Please publicly pledge not to take campaign money from police unions. Invest in our community!

Speaking as: Community Member

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Name:	Dr. Alicia Souza
Comment:	<p>I do not support the presence of law enforcement or "resource officer" personnel in our schools. Schools should be a place where all students feel safe to thrive. We are doing a disservice to our most vulnerable students by placing law enforcement officers in an environment where learning is to happen.</p> <p>Cortisol, the body's stress hormone is known to disrupt the learning process. As such is it not counter productive to our students to place officers in their schools, knowing the tumultuous relationship between LEOs and vulnerable students, particularly Black students.</p> <p>Additionally, it is evident of where this board's priorities lie. We underfund things like restorative justice, and counselors to fund law enforcement in our schools. A budget is a true reflection of our values, and until the money matches what you all claim, we, the parents will continue to voice our concerns with the questionable spending of our funds. The state's intent was for local control and accountability, and now is the time to listen to the people.</p> <p>We have, for years, allowed students to be openly racist, chalking it up to "bullying", but continue to fund the school to prison pipeline. Do better, SCUSD. GET COPS OUT OF OUR SCHOOLS.</p>

Speaking as: Parent/Guardian

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Name:	Taylor Lee
Comment:	<p>We stand shoulder-to-shoulder with our students that are negatively impacted by police interactions in their school campus and who are leading the effort to denounce institutional racism in our education system.</p> <p>We demand that the SCUSD Board of Education:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Adopt a Board Resolution to put a final end to current and future contracts with law enforcement AND institute an Alternative Safety Plan designed with students, parents, teachers, and community for the school year 2020-2021.2. Reinvest the safety funds in academic and mental health counselors, social workers, bilingual staff, campus monitors, and student supports.3. Make a public pledge to not take any money from police unions for their political campaigns as a stance against institutional racism.

Speaking as: Community Member

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Name:	Rebecca Sharad
Comment:	<p>Please act now by publicly pledging:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. An immediate and permanent end to police contracts.2. Reinvest funds into student mental health supports.3. Design and implement an alternative safety plan with community input and partnership.4. Pledge to not take campaign contributions from police. <p>I ask that you do these things publicly, today.</p>

Speaking as: Community Member

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Name:	Amanda Bartell
Comment:	<p>As the parent of a Black child entering middle school in SCUSD this upcoming school year, I demand the district end the contract with SacPD and reinvest the funds into more resources for our students.</p> <p>For several years now, our family has struggled with teachers suggesting that our child has ADHD. The doctors disagree. We have spent a lot of time trying to help tutor him, but have trouble teaching him some of these subjects as well. And although we are considered a middle class family, we cant afford expensive tutoring from professionals that we feel should be present at our schools for additional help for our children right now. If these issues were looked into, you might find that class sizes are too large or teachers aren't afforded enough 1 on 1 time to help those who struggle. So as a result, he continues to struggle academically, sometimes more than others. And he hasn't even hit the "hard part" yet. Next year hes going to be switching multiple classes, making new friends, etc. Instead of intimidating him with the unnecessary presence of people he understands have the power to do a lot of damage by making really bad calls, put that money into nurturing his education and helping him succeed instead.</p>

Speaking as: Parent/Guardian

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Name:	Tiffany Wiriyaphanich
Comment:	<p>Hi, I'm a concerned community member. I was made aware that there are Student Resource Officers (SROs) at schools and I think that I, as well as many others, have a problem with them. We cannot simply impose terror onto students and expect them to succeed. Having SROs to handle problems is like slapping a bandaid on a deep wound. You need to get at the true issue. Students struggle with mental health issues (I, for one struggle with mental health and getting mental health resources). Divesting money from the police and ending their contracts would allow for that money to be reinvested in mental health support for students. As for safety, community-led safety programs have worked and can work if you work with and listen to them. I understand that it can seem hard to change something that people have become accustomed to, but just because something is in place doesn't make it right. As representatives, you have a responsibility to represent your people and be a part of something bigger. It can be hard to stick to your integrity if you take money from police unions, but with the public opinion shifting away from police unions, you would gain support from the actual people that you serve instead of siding with the police who are against the people they are supposed to serve. I hope that you listen to your concerned community members. If not, you will no longer be representing us which is not doing the job you are supposed to be doing. Best, Tiffany.</p>

Speaking as: Community Member

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Name:	LaQuisha Beckum
Comment:	Last week I sat and listened to each and every statement that was read from teachers, parents, and community members. Here we are again. We need an unconditional commitment to DIVEST from police as a strategy for managing children, and INVEST those resources in professionals and trained community members who can provide the nurturing support students need and deserve. Otherwise, you're saying VERY CLEARLY that you're more afraid of the children that this board is supposed to advocate for, than the police that the children are afraid of. Was your plan when police came on campus to ensure children were hurt and terrorized by them? If not, then you didn't have a plan in place then, and you don't need an alternative plan now. You can create your alternative plan AFTER you vote to get rid of police!

Speaking as: Community Member

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Name:	Christine Mellon
Comment:	There is no reason to have police at schools. It does not keep students safer and uses too many resources. If we care about those vulnerable in our community, especially BIPOC, we need to abolish these contracts and redistribute resources to better serve our children and community!

Speaking as: Community Member

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Name:	Sara Collins
Comment:	Get rid of school resource officers for the coming school year! SROs make schools less safe. Our schools are community hubs - for many families, their school is the only community resource they readily have access to. Instead of putting armed police officers in schools, trust that our extensively trained educators who spend years building relationships with our students know how to interact with them in healthy and productive ways. Schools DO NOT need SROs under the current system. In the long term, I urge the board to reinvest this money into more school social workers, community outreach, and resources for teachers. However, even without those changes being made, our schools are already safe and SROs need to be removed immediately.

Speaking as: Community Member

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Name:	Ellen Coughlin
Comment:	Pledge an immediate and permanent end to police contracts! Reinvest safety funds to student health and support LIKE NURSES AND COUNSELORS. Pledge not to take campaign donations from police unions.

Speaking as: Community Member

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Name:	Alyssa Phillips
Comment:	<p>Please turn your words into action and remove police from schools. I ask you (1) please publicly pledge an immediate and permanent end to police contracts,</p> <p>(2) reinvest safety funds into mental health student supports, (3) design and implement an alternative safety plan with community input and partnership, and (4) publicly pledge not to take campaign money from police unions. Please end police contracts.</p>

Speaking as: Community Member

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Name:	Vivienne Finche
Comment:	Now is the time to publicly pledge an immediate and permanent end to police contracts. Reinvest safety funds into real support for students including trained mental health professionals. Design and implement an alternative safety plan with community input. Finally, publicly pledge to not accept campaign donations from police unions. Thank you.

Speaking as: Community Member

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Name:	Marilyn Price
Comment:	As a parent of a Black child in Kindergarten I am frightened that my child has a lifetime of being in schools with police on staff. Police are the wrong staff for the needs of our children. The Black and Brown children of Sacramento deserve better then to be treated as criminals in the space where they are sent to on a daily basis to learn. Counselors, therapists and other mental health professionals are better equipped to handle the needs of our children. Consistent with your mission, end your contract with police department and instead invest those funds in staff that support the growth and learning of our students: mental health staff.

Speaking as: Parent/Guardian

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Name:	Kerry Enright
Comment:	<p>I have three children in Sac City schools. I absolutely want our schools to invest in youth wellness, not youth surveillance and policing. I am White, and am especially concerned about the school-to-prison pipeline for youth of color that is encouraged by police presence in schools. I want my children to attend schools where their Black and Brown classmates are as supported and nurtured as they are.</p> <p>Please end all police contracts related to schools immediately and permanently, and redirect those funds to personnel and programs that support the wellness of youth of color. Publicly pledge not take campaign donations from police unions. And especially, bring deep community involvement and partnership into the design of alternative safety plans-- especially the communities of youth who have been more harmed by police presence in our schools.</p>

Speaking as: Parent/Guardian

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Name:	Megan Simien
Comment:	We need to remove SRO's from our public schools and replace them with more counselors and trained therapists. Our children do not need to be policed!

Speaking as: Parent/Guardian

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Name:	Rebekah Turnbaugh
Comment:	<p>At Sacramento ACT, we stand shoulder-to-shoulder with students that are negatively impacted by police interactions in their school campus and who are leading the effort to denounce institutional racism in our education system.</p> <p>We are grateful that you hear hours of public comment from the community last week during your board meeting. Thank you. And thank you for calling for a budget that doesn't include a line item for SROs. We look forward to how you choose to reinvest that money. We also want to ensure that this becomes that policy that this school district is committed to from here on out, and not just representative of one budget for one year. To that end, please see our demands below.</p> <p>We demand that the SCUSD Board of Education:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Adopt a Board Resolution to put a final end to current and future contracts with law enforcement AND institute an Alternative Safety Plan designed with students, parents, teachers, and community for the school year 2020-2021.2. Reinvest the safety funds in academic and mental health counselors, social workers, bilingual staff, campus monitors, and student supports.3. Make a public pledge to not take any money from police unions for their political campaigns as a stance against institutional racism.

Speaking as: Community Member

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Name:	Hillary Lopez
Comment:	Hello, I am writing to demand that SCUSD publicly pledge an immediate and permanent end to police contracts. SCUSD should reinvest safety funds into mental health students supports, design and implement an alternative safety plan with community partnership and input. In addition, SCUSD should pledge to not take campaign money from police unions.

Speaking as: Community Member

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Name:	Mal Almeida
Comment:	<p>As a member of the Sacramento community, I am asking for an end to police being present in schools all across our district. I'm calling for funds to be allocated to better avenues of service to the community including mental health services instead of being met with police force.</p> <p>There should be community input for the safety of our citizens and children in schools, rather than trusted in the hands of police who have shown time and time again that they only know violence to solve problems.</p> <p>There also should not be a single dollar taken from police unions as support. The board's interests should lie with their students and the community members, not with police.</p>

Speaking as: Community Member

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Name:	Megan Ozeran
Comment:	I encourage the Board to officially end the contract with the police. There needs to be work with the community to determine how to ensure safety in schools, because police aren't it. We need an unconditional commitment to divest from police as a strategy for managing children, and invest those resources in professionals and trained community members who can provide the nurturing support students need and deserve.

Speaking as: Community Member

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Name:	Alicia Edmunds
Comment:	I am a resident in Natomas, and I am calling on this School District to turn your words into action, and end police contracts immediately and permanently. Safety funds need to be reinvested into mental health supports. An alternative safety plan should be developed with input from the community. And finally, do not take campaign money from police unions.

Speaking as: Community Member

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Name:	Donielle Prince
Comment:	<p>We need the Sac City School board to abandon policing as a strategy for child care. Instead, the board needs to invest all safety dollars into whole-child focused, developmentally appropriate and evidence based strategies for nurturing our community's children while they are in the district's care.</p> <p>Many of us are returning to comment at this meeting, because we want to urge the board to follow through on the verbal agreement discussed at the 6/18 board meeting, to not include any contract with police in the 2020-2021 SCUSD budget.</p> <p>Last week, board member Minnick suggested that his agreement is due to the extreme budget challenges, making the police contract a lower and expendable priority. But these safety dollars are still needed: They are needed to invest in student supports. Board members Murawski and Pritchett each suggested that their support of ending the police contract is contingent on the development of an alternative safety plan, noting that this same plan failed last year, resulting in renewing the police contract.</p> <p>These comments concern me, because they reveal a lack of knowledge about core components of a healthy school climate, which is what real safety at school is rooted in. By this accurate and research supported definition, police do not contribute to school safety at all. In fact, the presence and utilization of police in school affairs actually endangers students, and consequently reduces school safety.</p> <p>In order to demonstrate the board's understanding of how harmful police are to student well being, the board needs to pledge not to contract with police in any school year; and to not accept campaign contributions from police unions.</p> <p>And in order to demonstrate an understanding of what does build school safety, the board needs to invest the school safety budget allocation into student supports, particularly mental health professionals who can help cultivate a healthy, responsive school climate. You have many community members who can hold workshops for the board on how to do this. You even have staff who have this knowledge, and simply need the direction to integrate this knowledge into practice.</p>

Speaking as: Community Member

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Name:	Alexis Thomas
Comment:	<p>Speaking a past student in Sacramento City Unified School District, I want support demands being made to end the contract with police on campuses. We once had our school officer talk to us in the classroom, and although he stated descolation was their job and goal, they would use their weapons if meed be, and if they used live ammunition, they would shoot do kill or put down someone they were using it against.</p> <p>Thinking of all the reasons for why students may act out in the class room, I believe funding and resources would best be used on trauma informed school counselors/therapists. Individuals trained to deal with possibly stressors in students lives causing them to act out, such as mental health, homelessness, food/income insecurity, domestic abuse, trauma ect would be a radical solution to tackle the roots of the issues in our school communities, and would hopefully address our school to prison pipeline. The district needs to ask itself who is being left behind, what students make up the classrooms with barely any resources to function. Why do we only fund and praise our gifted, advanced, and heightened academic programs and classes? How is this leaving those less fortunate, those who may not have home lives, resources, or time due to needing to work to survive behind? How is having cops on campus profiling for drugs, being called for disturbances fixing the generational inequities being reflected in the behaviors of individuals?</p> <p>The solution will not be found overnight, but as a highschool student in Sacramento, to a university student in the UC, I have seen the use of police on campuses to profile amd increase tension where they are. Take this climate and the information now being seen by millions of Americans since the first time Black Lives Matter was said years ago to do the right thing and begin taking the steps in the right direction. As the district of the Capitol of California, it is your responsibility to be the roll models for the community. Set the precedent, and begin the move towards supporting community health and safety, rather than the school to prison pipeline.</p>

Speaking as: Community Member

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10.3 Adopted Budget

Agenda Item:

~~9.1 Public Hearing:~~ 2020-2021 Annual Budget Plan and Annual Service Plan

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Name:	Victoria Thompson
Comment:	I am taking action on reference to the funding for Police and Highway Patrol and Sheriff's Department. Our resources need to be distributed to less aggressive means to serve our Communities. Councillor's and Medical Professionals would better serve our Communities on Wellness Checks and a lot of Civil disputes.

Speaking as: California State Delegate CD 7 and Union Member NALC

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10.3 Adopted Budget +

9.1 Public Hearing: 2020-2021 Annual Budget Plan and Annual Service Plan

Agenda Item:

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Name:	Emily Kachorek
Comment:	I would like to see an immediate and permanent end to police contacts. I would like to see that money invested in community services, mental health, education. I would like to see an alternative community safety plan with community input and true partnership. I would like to see a public pledge not to take campaign money from police unions!

Speaking as: Community Member

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Name:	Junior Goris
Comment:	<p>Good Evening Esteem Board and Superintendent Aguilar,</p> <p>My name is Junior Goris and I am a parent with a child at Martin Luther King K-8 school. I am writing today about the proposed cuts to our middle school program at our school. I am deeply concerned about the children in my neighborhood who are full time students with part time teachers. Statistically, black and brown students underperform their fellow other students. Our school's demographics are high in black and brown students and I feel the cuts is not setting up our kids for success. In addition, I do understand that we at the district are one family. I understand the approach of trying to stop the financial hemorrhaging but are cuts happening equally with our neighboring schools? I would like to think that my daughter's school isn't bearing the brunt of the financial troubles. I respectfully request any information on this. Please feel free to contact me to discuss. Thank you for your attention.</p> <p>Regards,</p> <p>Junior Goris</p> <p>email: juniorgoris@me.com</p>

Speaking as: Parent/Guardian

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Name:	Ellen Ercolini
Comment:	I'm asking you to publicly end police contracts. Reinvest those funds into the safety of students. Police have no role in a children's education and do not create a sense of emotional well-being and actively work against their physical safety.

Speaking as: Community Member

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Name:	Karen Hall-Sandlund
Comment:	Put an end to contracts with the police department and institute an alternative safety plan with help of the community and all stakeholders. Reinvest money saved from not renewing contract with the police in student support services, like nurses, counselors, social workers, and psychologists.

Speaking as: Parent & employee

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Name:	Angelina Woodberry
Comment:	Reinvest the safety funds in academic and mental health counselors, social workers, bilingual staff, campus monitors, and student supports.

Speaking as: Community Member

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Name:	Sergio Rocha
Comment:	<p>I am a Sacramento resident and would like to request that the Board commit to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Permanently end all contracts with police for Student Resource Officers• Invest in an alternative safety plan designed with community input• Pledge to NOT accept campaign support from police unions <p>Thank you for your consideration,</p> <p>Sergio Rocha</p>

Speaking as: Community Member

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Name:	Juan Rangel
Comment:	Yes

Speaking as: Community Member

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Name:	Emi Miller
Comment:	Publicly pledge an immediate and permanent end to police contracts (or at the bare minimum defund police departments), reinvest funds into mental health student and community support, design and implement an alternative safety plan with community input and partnership, publicly pledge not to take any campaign money from police unions.

Speaking as: Student

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Name:	Preston Walker
Comment:	Police should not be on campus until there is a legitimate emergency. End police contracts, and use the funds for counseling, mental health and other student support initiatives. Stop the school-to-prison pipeline!

Speaking as: Parent/Guardian

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Name:	Jessica Windhaus
Comment:	SCUSD must pledge an immediate and permanent end to all police contracts for the protection of our Black and Brown students and staff, and reinvest those funds into student welfare (mental health services, etc.).

Speaking as: Community Member

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Name:	Jessica Windhaus
Comment:	SCUSD must pledge an immediate and permanent end to all police contracts for the protection of our Black and Brown students and staff, and reinvest those funds into student welfare (mental health services, etc.).

Speaking as: Community Member

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Name:	Khaalid Muttaqi
Comment:	Please consider ending the contract with the police department and repurpose these funds to expand the the SCUSD school safety positions.

Speaking as: Parent/Guardian

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Name:	Christopher MacDonald
Comment:	Police don't belong in schools. Not once in my time as a student did I feel safer with police present. They are a key player in the school to prison pipeline and represent a violent and racist state police.

Speaking as: Community Member

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Name:	Audrey Shinn
Comment:	Publicly pledge to end police contracts with our schools, and reinvest those funds into mental health and other community resources. We do not need police in our schools. Our students deserve to learn and grow in an environment free from policing and threats of imprisonment. Please do not contribute to the issue of our school to prison pipeline. Students are our future. Do not allow the police state to sabotage our future.

Speaking as: Community Member

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Name:	Francesca Lopez
Comment:	There has been too many negative interactions with students on school campuses with police that could of been avoided if those in power actually listened to us. It's time that we start to treat this generation as what they are, our future instead of creating more of a school to prison pipeline which will just end up backfiring. If this cycle continues we will continue to have this generation and the next in a cell instead of a classroom. The school already feels like a prison with police walking on campus or roaming around the schools we don't need children to go through the actual thing because they committed one mistake in school that ended in a bad interaction with a police that could end children lives, either they end up dead or in jail. I'd rather not have both but instead children with degrees.

Speaking as: Student

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Name:	Ginger Styrsky
Comment:	No police on campus

Speaking as: Grandma

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Name:	Sabrina Gunn
Comment:	I am writing to demand that Sacramento City Unified School District turn your words into action. We demand that SCUSD pledge an immediate and permanent end to police contracts. We demand that you reinvest safety funds into mental health student support. We demand that you design and implement an alternative safety plan WITH community input and partnership. We demand that you publicly pledge not to take campaign money from police unions. We in the City of Sacramento have the opportunity to challenge the status quo and racist school to prison pipeline by divesting funds away from police as a strategy for managing children and invest those resources in professionals and trained community members who can provide the nurturing support students need and deserve. Let's not waste this chance.

Speaking as: Community Member

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Name:	Carl Pinkston
Comment:	Last week, the Board Chair Jessie Ryan requested Superintendent Jorge Aguilar to remove \$600,000 from the budget related to the contract with the Sacramento Police Department. In this week budget report, there appears to be no reference to the removal of the \$600,000 SPD contract in 2020-21. It's clear that the District has a history of not honoring its commitments. Therefore, the Black Parallel School Board demand that the Board proposed and adopt a Resolution to put a final end to future contracts with law enforcement and institute an Alternative Safety Plan designed with students, parents, teachers, and community for the school year 2020-2021. Lastly, the District should immediately reinvest the safety funds in academic and mental health counselors, social workers, bilingual staff, peacekeepers, campus monitors, and student supports

Speaking as: Community Member

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Name:	Wes Ingram
Comment:	I fully support replacing the police presence in schools with people trained and experienced at providing the interventions that will prevent the acting out that police only react to ex post facto.

Speaking as: Ex-parent (grown children)

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Name:	Lauren Alvarez
Comment:	Counselors should be in schools. Not cops.

Speaking as: Community Member

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Name:	Katherine Buse
Comment:	I would like to see the board pledge to permanently end police contracts immediately, and use the money to invest in mental health resources for students. I think the community should have input on what an alternative safety plan will be and how it will work. I'd also like to see a public pledge that you will not take campaign money from police unions. Students need support, not to be criminalized, and if we keep waiting until alternative plans are already in place, we may never make this change happen! I want to see this budget exclude any line item for a contract with police.

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Name:	Lacy Bennett
Comment:	Do not renew contracts for police at schools

Speaking as: Community Member

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Name:	Jillian hall
Comment:	Use the education FOR EDUCATION!!!! If you invested in children and teachers you wouldn't NEED police all over campuses. Police should not be taking ONE CENT from our children. Do something right FOR ONCE and invest in classrooms and after school programs. EDUCATE YOURSELF!

Speaking as: Community Member

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Name:	John Musick
Comment:	<p>I am writing to you as a concerned parent of a SCUSD student and as a community member.</p> <p>I ask:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">-That you publicly pledge and immediate and permanent end to police contracts with the district.-That you reinvest safety funds into mental health student supports.-That you design and implement an alternative safety plan with community input and partnership.-That members of the board and the district pledge not to take campaign donations from police unions. <p>In a district that is already having budget issues the money used for school "policing" could much better serve our students by providing counseling services and after school programs. Police in schools do not promote a safe and healthy learning environment, but rather sow fear and distrust among students. Please make SCUSD police free.</p>

Speaking as: Parent/Guardian

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Name:	Blake Aboueljoud
Comment:	Cops have no place in a center of learning. They don't protect us, they just punish kids who could be going to school to educate and become better. Counselors could do so much more to nudge kids in the right direction in the first place. Counselors not cops.

Speaking as: Student

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Name:	christa holder
Comment:	<p>I am writing to you as a concerned community member of SCUSD. I love students that attend SCUSD and want them to learn and grow in all ways. I trust you with their education and safety.</p> <p>I ask:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">-That you publicly pledge and immediate and permanent end to police contracts with the district.-That you reinvest safety funds into mental health student supports.-That you design and implement and alternative safety plan with community input and partnership.-That members of the board and the district pledge not to take campaign donations from police unions. <p>In a district that is already having budget issues the money used for school "policing" could much better serve our students by providing counseling services and after school programs. Police in schools do not promote a safe and healthy learning environment, but rather sow fear and distrust among students. Please make SCUSD police free.</p>

Speaking as: Community Member

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Name:	Grace Auringer
Comment:	<p>As we all recognize the need to restructure our society, please take the lead, SCUISD:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Publicly pledge to end police contract immediately and permanently.2. Design & implement an improved safety plan. Partner with & prioritize design input from the actual community.3. Reinvest safety funds into student support with a focus on mental health.4. Publicly pledge that you will not accept campaign funds from police unions.

Speaking as: Community Member

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Name:	Angie Sutherland, Angel Garcia, Grace Trujillo, Katy Conner Group comment for Coalition for Students with Disabilities
Comment:	<p>Dear President Ryan, Superintendent Aguilar, and Members of the Board, on behalf of the Coalition for Students with Disabilities, We have been waiting, now for many years for initiatives around inclusive practices, social justice, and MTSS to come to fruition in SCUSD. Our students and families have been treading water a long time as SCTA leadership has held inclusive practices and social justice initiatives hostage while insisting to dictate them -- or not have them at all. We have recently found out that the MTSS training for teachers has not happened as was originally planned and we are beyond disappointed. How long will it take SCUSD to support the whole child? What has SCUSD learned from effective charter programs that holistically serve all students like the inclusive charter, CHIME? Charters were created so districts can learn from them. Should parents continue looking outside of the district or begin building their own inclusive charter schools so our kids will be included? SCUSD needs to commit to researching evidence based practices and then implementing them in our schools because WE ARE TIRED of the waiting game. Our kids should not have to be pushed out of the district because of the lack of commitment to students first and meaningful actions to support our students learning!</p>

Speaking as: Parent/Guardian

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Name:	Leslie Ingram
Comment:	There should be an immediate and permanent end to police contracts. The school district should reinvest safety funds into student help and support groups. The district should pledge not to take donations from police unions and police should not be in schools. Instead there should be more psychologists and social workers reaching out to students.

Speaking as: Community Member

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Agenda Item:

~~10.4~~ Revised Board Policy (BP) 3100: Business and Noninstructional Operations (Budget Reserves and Use of One-Time Funds)

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Name:	Leana Sanchez
Comment:	<p>I am a neighbor of Leticia Garcia in Area 2 and a teacher at California Middle School. I stand shoulder-to-shoulder with our students leading the effort to denounce institutional racism in our education system. We demand that the SCUSD Board of Education:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Make a public pledge to put a final end to future contracts with law enforcement and institute an Alternative Safety Plan.2) Reinvest the safety funds in academic and mental health counselors, social workers, bilingual staff, and student supports.3) Make a public pledge to not take any money from police unions for their political campaigns as a stance against institutional racism.

Speaking as: Employee

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Name:	Tanya Taiwo
Comment:	<p>Recent events have clarified the urgency of addressing equity across this country.</p> <p>It is evident that steps that the SCUSD Board of Education can talk towards equity for black student include: adopting a Board Resolution to put a final end to current and future contracts with law enforcement AND institute an Alternative Safety Plan designed with students, parents, teachers, and community for the school year 2020-2021; and reinvesting the safety funds in academic and mental health counselors and student supports.</p>

Speaking as: Community Member

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Name:	Kristian Cardenas
Comment:	Hello, Please Divest from Police departments and instead invest that money in support services. Our students shouldn't be criminalized, they should be supported and encouraged to dream big. Treating students like criminals is counterproductive to helping them achieve success.

Speaking as: Community Member

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Name:	Bridget Alexander
Comment:	It is time to remove Sacramento PD and Student Resource Officers from our schools. Our students deserve far better solutions to addressing violence, truancy, wellness crisis, and school code enforcement. Well trained social workers and counselors are far more versatile- and have earned far more trust. Diverting the funds to wellness programs, reduces class size, extracurricular activities and such will have far more impact.

Speaking as: Parent/Guardian

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Name:	Ann Clark
Comment:	I am a parent of a teen boy attending high school in SCUSD. I am also a psychotherapist well versed in the mental health needs of teens and adults. I am strongly urging that the school board commit to divesting from police as a strategy for managing children and INVEST those financial resources in professionals and trained community members who provide the nurturing support that students need and deserve. This budget needs to exclude any line item for contract with police. INVEST in mental health NOT police in our schools.

Speaking as: Parent/Guardian

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Name:	Rey Allen
Comment:	<p>This comment is in support of ENDING POLICE CONTRACTS in schools.</p> <p>The school to prison pipeline is racist and punitive. Divest in police contracts for schools, and invest in community-driven mental health and support measures for safer, healthier schools.</p> <p>-Dr. Rey Allen, PhD</p>

Speaking as: Community Member

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Name:	Erin Keating
Comment:	<p>Board President Ryan gave many people hope last week when she verbally committed to ending the district's contract with SROs. Now it's time for the Board of Education to follow with a vote and a plan to show this won't turn into another empty promise.</p> <p>With the only three Board members upfront in their support for ending the contract, I'd like to address a frequent point I keep hearing on why the district should keep SROs, one that Vice President Pritchett even voiced herself-- That SROs are there to be friends with students.</p> <p>As a former K-12 SCUSD student and daughter of a SCUSD teacher, I grew up spending an inordinate time at school. Many days, all I wanted was for my mom to finish grading papers so we could go home. Let me tell you, I learned the hard way-- teachers always have just a couple more papers to grade. In all my years and time spent at school, I do not once recall any friend or classmate looking for guidance from a school resource officer.</p> <p>It is the school community of teachers, counselors, librarians, and nurses that offers students a safe haven, and as much as the district has pushed for it, the police department is not part of this community, nor should it be. Everyone deserves to feel safe in their place of learning, but when Black students only make up 15% of the student population yet represent 35% of all campus arrests, it is clear that SROs are only there to be "friends" with specific students.</p> <p>The district is already facing a \$27 million deficit. Instead of using money from the budget to keep SROs in schools, allocate the funds to hiring staff students can trust, not fear. With a vote and a written plan, the community will know you are as invested in the future of our students as we are.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>

Speaking as: Community Member

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Name:	Maryann Estrada
Comment:	As the Board of Education y'all need to publicly pledge an immediate and permanent end to police contracts, we need policing out of our schools. Those safety funds can be reinvested into mental health student supports instead of policing. I know y'all take money for your campaigns from police unions, that needs to stop it is inappropriate. We need a better alternative to policing, this can be reached through community input! Listen to your constituents.

Speaking as: Community Member

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Name:	Kathy Strickley
Comment:	Publicly pledge an immediate and permanent end to police contracts -Reinvest into mental health student support -Design and implement an alternative safety plan with community input and partnership -Publicly pledge not to take mine from police unions

Speaking as: Community Member

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Name:	Victoria Thompson
Comment:	I believe that we need to discontinue all Police Contracts to better serve our Students and Communities. Councillor's and Medical Professionals would better serve our Students and Communities.

Speaking as: California Delegate District 7 and Union Member

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Name:	Emi Miller
Comment:	Publicly pledge an immediate and permanent end to police contracts (or at the bare minimum defund police departments), reinvest funds into mental health student and community support, design and implement an alternative safety plan with community input and partnership, publicly pledge not to take any campaign money from police unions.

Speaking as: Student

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Name:	Elise Robins
Comment:	Police do not belong in schools. Counselors, nurses, and teachers belong in schools. Turn your words into action by: immediately and permanently ending police contracts, reinvest funds into mental health students supports, design and implement a safety plan WITH community input and partnership, and publicly pledge not to take campaign money from police unions. There should never have been a school to prison pipeline in the first place.

Speaking as: Community Member

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Name:	BRUCE ESPENSHADE
Comment:	We are asking for the immediate end to police presence in all schools and to end all contracts with the police. We are asking for funds to be reinvested in mental health and support services for students. We request that you design and implement a plan that truly protects students and that allows for public input and participation. We demand that you stop receiving campaign funds from the police.

Speaking as: Community Member

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Name:	Kevin Dowd
Comment:	Please so NOT renew police contracts for schools. We NEED nurses and counselors.

Speaking as: Community Member

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Name:	Ava Chatterson
Comment:	End the SCUSD contract with the Sacramento Police! Police in schools cause more harm than good, and often target BIPOC students. Follow the lead of school districts across the country and do what's right for our students. Defund the police and invest in education!

Speaking as: Community Member

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Name:	Dawn Cunningham
Comment:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Publicly pledge an immediate and permanent end to police contracts -Reinvest into mental health student support -Design and implement an alternative safety plan with community input and partnership -Publicly pledge not to take mine from police unions

Speaking as: Parent/Guardian

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Name:	Margaret Brown
Comment:	<p>I want to urge the school board to not renew the SRO contract in future years, and to establish a more effective and comprehensive safety plan. There are many good examples out there. Data show with SROs there are more youth arrests and the largest percentage are African American. Money can be more effectively spent on counselors, social workers and mental health professionals. It is time to make this change and other changes that deal with implicit racial bias and social inequities. It's time to quit studying and implement recommendations already made in studies such as the African American Achievement Task Force.</p> <p>I've been an active participant in or observer of this school district for 50 years as a teacher as well as having served on or chaired numerous WASC accreditation teams . During my 50 years there have been numerous studies related to various inequities. The studies are always well meaning, but they wind up being a delay or postponement to act on real change. We need to act on positive change, not delay.</p>

Speaking as: Community Member

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Name:	Mo Kashmiri
Comment:	<p>My name is Mo Kashmiri, and I'm a parent of a 3rd grader at William Land and I'm a part of SacACT. I want to thank the Board for the removal of the \$600,000 allocation to the SacPD contract. This is an important first step. However, I want to see the Board go further and implement long-term systemic change in the District regarding school safety and discipline.</p> <p>I ask the Board to adopt SacACTs recommendations to :</p> <p>1) Adopt a Board Resolution to put a final end to current and future contracts with law enforcement AND institute an Alternative Safety plan for the 20-21 school year.</p> <p>2) Reinvest the safety funds in academic and mental health counselors, social workers, bilingual staff, campus monitors, and student supports &</p> <p>3) Make a public pledge not to take any money from police unions for their political campaigns as a stance against institutional racism.</p>

Speaking as: Parent/Guardian

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Name:	Alejandro Fisher
Comment:	When My fellow students and I tell people that we attend the Sacramento City United School District their response is "I'm so sorry" or "good luck with that". It seems as if most students and other community members know how unprofessional, unproductive, and unethical of a job the school board and district has done over the past years. With everything that is going on today we are looking forward to making progress in our community and working with leadership that will be responsive to our needs. Counselors NOT COPS!

Speaking as: Student

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Name:	Cori Pryor
Comment:	<p>Hi there! As a concerned community and future parent myself, I'd like to urge the district to publicly pledge an immediate & permanent end to police contracts. I demand a reinvestment of those safety funds into mental health support for students and that the district collaborate with the community to design and implement an alternative safety plan. Additionally, please publicly pledge to not take campaign money from police unions. Research shows that having school police on campus leads to disproportionate arrests of Black students and perpetuates the school to prison pipeline. It also decreases bonds to schools and increases dropout rates. And this makes sense; How can students be at their best, trust their school, and feel comfortable enough to learn when they have an officer there who threatens physical harm to them? It is a signal from the school that "we don't trust you, and we will punish you if you get out of line." And that happens all of the time. We've all seen the videos of school police slamming young Black girls to the ground on school property. Let's not let that happen to the kids in our district. Our district should invest in the wellbeing of students. Not the criminalization of them.</p>

Speaking as: Community Member

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Name:	Anna Scodel
Comment:	Please do not renew the contract for SROs in Sacramento schools. Now is a critical opportunity to rethink public safety. I urge you to divert funding from SROs and reinvest it in community-based services to support our students.

Speaking as: Community Member

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Name:	Elise Stokes
Comment:	I am a community member and parent in Sacramento. Please do not contract with Sacramento police to have cops in schools. School Resource Officers arrest Black students at a disproportionate rate, which is unacceptable. Please invest in resources that will actually help our students.

Speaking as: Community Member

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Name:	Anna Perantoni
Comment:	I am writing as a community member to demand that the USD ends its contract with Sac PD. I also want a commitment from the USD to never again enter into such a contract. Our students deserve resources from our educational institutions, not a pipeline to prison. In the short term, invest the money allocated for student safety into mental health resources and counselors. Longterm, partner with the communities you SERVE to come up with a sustainable safety plan that does not involve the police. I also demand a commitment from the USD to refuse campaign money from corrupt police unions - accepting it only perpetuates they cycle of corruption and violence that plague our city. We must do better for Sacramento's children.

Speaking as: Community Member

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Name:	Crystal Pryor
Comment:	Hello! I am urging the district for the district to publicly pledge an immediate and permanent end to police contracts. Reinvest that money into mental health programs for our students and trauma-informed education training for teachers. The district should work with the community to create an alternative safety plan for our schools. Finally, district leadership must publicly pledge to not take campaign money from police unions.

Speaking as: Community Member

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Name:	Liz Guillen
Comment:	Public Advocates supports the community in Sacramento and across the state in opposition to spending public funds on law enforcement in schools. Please adopt a Board Resolution to end the contract with Sacramento police department and commit to designing, funding and implementing an Alternative Safety Plan with the input of students, parents, teachers, and community stakeholders. Reinvest the law enforcement dollars on academic and mental health counselors, social workers, bilingual staff, campus monitors, and student supports. Please pledge to take no money from police unions for your political campaigns as a demonstration of your commitment to racial justice. Thank you.

Speaking as: Community Member

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Name:	Stephanie Kugler
Comment:	It is time to end the police presence at all our schools. As a teacher in a neighboring district, a resident of Sacramento, and a mother of a future SCUSD Studebt, I urge you to invest in the well being of all our students. Our kids deserve schools where social services, school nurses, outreach specialists, and caring teachers and administrators work together. Law enforcement should not and does not need to be part of a child's life. Children deserve to be treated as humans, not threats, not at risk. We can be leaders in the region. Lead. It's time to break up with the Sac PD.

Speaking as: Community Member

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Name:	Jenan Ozeir
Comment:	You are a school district. Your job is to make sure your schools are functioning at the best capacity. When looking at the money being poured into contracts with the police, all I can think of is the condition of our classrooms. I think of how so many kids don't feel their education matters, how they feel their school isn't there to support them. I think of how, at CKM, there are five school counselors for almost 3,000 kids. That is just not acceptable. SROs are not the sole cause for all of these problems, but the fact we still have them on campus reflects many other issues within this whole system. The community does not need more cops, we need more counselors.

Speaking as: Student

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Name:	Finnegan Warfield
Comment:	<p>I attended C.K. McClatchy High School from 2010-2013, and my time there was constantly met with falling standards that were detrimental to the learning environment and sometimes even inhumane. There were four guidance counselors for 2400 kids as well as only 2 custodians. Many days, only one or two restrooms were open as the limited staff couldn't keep up with the cleaning demands of such a large campus. Meanwhile, there was a robust staff of campus security employees as well as a campus police officer. The fact that several things that made our school great became more and more scaled back each year, while the rules became more and more strict, made it feel like the only possibility at school was to get in trouble. This doesn't create a positive learning environment for anyone. It only appeases the wealthy residents of the schools' neighborhoods to make it feel as though their kids are safe. Meanwhile parents of students of color or other marginalized backgrounds live in fear that a single missed step could result in serious consequences or even death. These are consequences that white students do not have to deal with, and that is a non disputable fact. For these reasons, I'm asking the district to immediately end all police contracts and to redesign campus safety protocol with community and student input. I also would like the district to stop accepting funds from police unions and reallocate funds into other student services. Thank you.</p>

Speaking as: Community Member

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Name:	Angela Marie Lopes
Comment:	<p>I would like to see the police contracts ended in public schools and instead see the money funneled into mental health counseling and designing a safety plan for the kids and community.</p> <p>I am a friend of a farmer Mass shooter, rest his soul, and the soles of my friends he shot. Though most people see the shooter as the enemy and the people shot as victims unfortunately we inevitably see that most of the mass shooters have been victims themselves. They have mental health problems and have things build up that made them snap. Many of the kids and people around realize that something is going to happen before it happen but nobody is trained or given the skills to deal with the situation before it gets out of hand it is my belief that if we had more funding for mental health counseling and counseling and support in general for both the schools in the communities so that they knew how to handle these situations or any situations before they get out of hand we could save a lot of kids, not just physically but mentally and emotionally as well. We all know school can be tough on kids and it's even tougher if the home life is ruff. Often the child has nowhere else to turn and end up acting out. Whether we are losing these kids too emotional and mental breakdowns or gang membership we need more adult support and counseling so that we do not fail them. furthermore, when police are trained to shoot to kill and are not trained to shoot to disarm I do not believe they have any place on our campuses with children.</p>

Speaking as: Community Member

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Name:	Kevin Menager
Comment:	<p>I am submitting this comment to address the District’s consideration of funding law enforcement officers on campus either as a “resource officer” or any other presence. I want to relate my story of how one such officer put my daughter in danger.</p> <p>I am a parent of an autistic child with learning disabilities. A lifetime of feeling unworthy and less-than from various schools have done nothing for her self-esteem and has induced clinical depression on top of everything else. This plus her autism causes her to interpret seemingly neutral actions as slights and insults against her. One day she became upset in her special ed. class over something—most likely inconsequential to anyone else but not to her—and was sent to the vice principal’s office. A resource officer stayed with her while she waited for the vice principal to be free. During this time it seems she went into her standard monologue about how everybody hates her and wishes she was dead and how “they” would want her to hurt herself. She suggested she should put her and between open binder rings and snap them shut because everyone wants her to feel pain.</p> <p>Now to anyone with even the barest minimum of psychological training or social work experience would recognize such projections as an expression of shame, embarrassments, and perhaps self-loathing. But our overzealous resource officer with a badge is a hammer who sees every problem as a nail and decides he has to 5150 her. For threatening to put her hand in a three ring binder she is to be taken to the Sac Mental Health facility? I should point out that she had just turned 18 about a week or two earlier so when I, her father, arrived to take her home, she could not even tell me if she was in there! This scared, depressed, and hurt autistic young woman who could barely comprehend what was going on was now surrounded by some very sad and disturbed individuals while being cut off from her parents.</p> <p>Law enforcement should be the recourse of absolute last resort. Psychologists and counselors and conflict mediators would benefit the students far more not just in the moment of crisis but beyond as well. Utilizing law enforcement is an inappropriate and heavy handed tool to maintain peace and order in our schools. In the end, it ends up furthering a distrust of law enforcement overall because the earliest experience our children have is witnessing Authority creating an Us and Them mentality and every kid is “them”.</p>

Speaking as: Parent/Guardian

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Name:	Veronica Thompson
Comment:	As a member of the community I urge you to end current and future contracts that place law enforcement officials in schools or at school-sponsored events. In place of law enforcement officials I urge you to work with the community including parents, teachers, and members of the social work and counseling community to build resources to SUPPORT students, not intimidate and punish them. These resources MUST be built with community input and include mental health resources that are designed to help students from all backgrounds. I also call on members of the board to not accept campaign contributions from police unions. It is your job to represent all children in your schools and members of your constituency. Partnering with law enforcement is a danger to children of color.

Speaking as: Community Member

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Name:	William Sles
Comment:	SCUSD must commit to dismantling systems of oppression within its schools and create spaces which are safe for Black, Indigenous, and other students of color. This means ending police contracts, reinvesting policing funds into mental health and other resources for students, and refusing to take campaign contributions from police unions. Our students deserve better.

Speaking as: Community Member

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Name:	Petra Lee
Comment:	<p>Hello,</p> <p>I'm writing as the concerned aunt of a student at Theodore Judah. I'm concerned that there are police officers in underfunded schools and am asking you to immediately cancel the contract with Sac PD. I would also hope that the money would be put to better use after talking to parents and students. My understanding is that there has been input about alternatives to policing from students and parents and that their suggestions have been ignore.</p> <p>Lastly, I'd hope that you would have the integrity to not accept money from police unions as that seems really awful.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>

Speaking as: Aunt

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Name:	Aurora Woodson-Reynolds
Comment:	As a student of color, I understand that police in schools has a negative impact on black and brown students, and is unnecessary. There are alternative ways to ensure safety within a school.

Speaking as: Student

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Name:	Robert Fry
Comment:	Police officers can have a positive impact on student's lives and, as a public service to the district, should be invited to interact with students regarding specific topics of law enforcement and the consequences of certain high risk behaviors. On the other hand, police are being asked to address social problems in the community for which they are not trained. Please use funds spent on police presence to support professionals trained to deal with health and social concerns.

Speaking as: Community Member

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Name:	Susan Lindner
Comment:	Reinvest safety funds in academic and mental health counselors, social workers, bilingual staff, campus monitors, and student supports.

Speaking as: Community Member

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Name:	Bill Westerfield
Comment:	As a parent of a child in a district school, I am requesting that the district revised police contracts to require disclosure of all complaints and disciplinary actions about the school police force. School police are different from other District employees because District police have the authority and Power to physically coerce our children. Therefore typical privacy concerns of police employees are subordinate to the safety of our children. Simply put, the safety of our children takes precedence over police rights.

Speaking as: Parent/Guardian

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Name:	Naomi Patterson
Comment:	<p>Once again I ask you to end the contract with the Sac PD and remove SRO's from our schools. It is one small step towards making our schools more equitable for our diverse population.</p> <p>To this end, I encourage you to adopt a Board Resolution to put an end to current and future contracts with law enforcement AND institute an Alternative Safety Plan designed with students, parents, teachers, and community for the school year 2020-2021.</p> <p>Also, reinvest these police funds in academic and mental health counselors, social workers, bilingual staff, campus monitors, and student supports.</p> <p>In addition, please join Mai Vang in rejecting campaign contributions from Law Enforcement. https://www.sactakethepledge.com/</p>

Speaking as: Parent/Guardian

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Name:	Michelle Labi-Klonecke
Comment:	<p>I've been a high school teacher for 12 years, so my experiences add a more personal note to the articles I've been reading and podcasts I've been listening to re: the relationship between schools and police. SCUSD needs to divest money from policing and invest money in mental health experts and resources.</p> <p>One interview that stood out to me from NPR a couple of days ago was with the former president of the National Association of School Resource Officers. He explained that in his many years training SROs he knows he developed strong and positive relationships with students. I don't doubt that. But the example he gave was that he was riding around and was stopped by one of these former students (now 38) who told him he was grateful for his advice when he was younger because when he came to be surrounded by cops in some situation as an adult, he was able to comport himself in such a way that things didn't escalate. This seems like a problematic explanation in and of itself, but when we zoom out, we see that SROs are still police officers and they're still a part of upholding or acculturating students to systemic racism.</p> <p>Given that SROs are at almost 90% of American schools at least part time (NPR), I'm positive that they have had positive interactions and therefore positive influences on some young people. But they also contribute to disproportionately over-criminalizing people of color, especially Black students.</p> <p>And those positive interactions? They can also come from counselors, teachers, the security team, admin, etc. I've never had a student tell me how much an SRO has impacted them (compared with many telling me as much about counselors, teachers, admin, security).</p> <p>Put the money on the front end, where it's likely to do the most good (helping students navigate loss, cope with depression, combat rampant anxiety, cultivate resilience, practice mindfulness, etc.) not on the back end of things.</p>

Speaking as: Community Member

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Name:	Lamaia Coleman
Comment:	<p>Change is hard. We are in a period of change – some forced on us by the pandemic and some opened to us by the pandemic and the social upheaval that is helping the scales fall from our eyes.</p> <p>Last year SCUSD made some change to our SRO model. There were many other important and pressing things going on at the board and district levels, but a full re-imagining of school safety didn't happen and an alternative wasn't built out. Last year was bumpy. There were many subs for a long time due to the "right sizing" layoffs done without the paired closing of specialty programs. This instability creates a climate ripe for problems and conflict. Along with that, an alternative safety plan didn't appear to be well implemented. So, of course there were problems. Even in better circumstances change rarely is smooth.</p> <p>The Civil Rights era brought major change. It was certainly bumpy and things didn't always implement as easily or with the desired outcomes immediately apparent.</p> <p>Completely and permanently eliminating any contract between SCUSD and law enforcement is one of our changes for our time. It's not easy, it is complicated and some things will be worse until we build out and fine tune different systems to fill the roles that SRO's have played over the last many years. Yet, we need to take the momentum of this moment to follow our leaders of color in deconstructing the current system of using SRO's AND in building the new system of safety in concert with those effected - students, parents, staff (classified, certificated and admin) and community. Money needs to be re-directed to academic and mental health counselors, social workers, bilingual staff, campus monitors, and student supports. As my neighbor, who is a social worker at the Connect Center says, it will take time to build these systems out.</p> <p>But will we make the change if we don't do it now? Will we make the necessary investments to have successful change if we don't jump in and be forced into it?</p> <p>These are the right things to do now, for the future of our kids, our staff and our community.</p>

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Speaking as: Parent, district sub, member of SacACT

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Name:	kwongsam7492@gmail.com kwongsam7492@gmail.com
Comment:	I am angry and disappointed in how it has been only recently that students like me are only now aware and active on how well-connected our school district is with the police department. The fact that we as a community have given the board and police more than enough opportunities to fix themselves is only showing of their callousness to positive reform and loyalty to the status quo. All of the points made by Alejandro Fisher's call to action are valid and necessary. They lead to my belief that the severing of ties to the police department and the creation of connections to actually helpful resources is the only choice the board can do to follow their own objectives and that they must be held accountable if they too are deviating from that.

Speaking as: Student

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Name:	Eleanor Love
Comment:	<p>In light of the recent events surrounding police brutality and law enforcement practices that have occurred across the nation, I'm asking the SCUSD Board of Education to re-evaluate its relationship with the police department and SRO's. I attend C.K. McClatchy, SCUSD's largest school site, where we only have 7 counselors (listed on the school site, not including a substitute counselor) that oversees nearly 2400 students. Our counselors work hard but are overwhelmed by the amount of students at our school, and the lack of support for and the low number of counselors at McClatchy hinders student-counselor relationships. Meanwhile, 2-3 (or more) officers regularly patrol our campus. Why is it that SCUSD pours money into disciplinary forces instead of providing better support for counselors and other support staff? The money distributed to campus officers could instead be reallocated to provide more counselors who are better equipped to support students. If students had more access to more resources and help, little to no discipline would be needed in the first place. Please examine SCUSD's relationship with the police. I pose this question: is it more important to prevent and solve students' problems, or is it more important to crack down after the problem has occurred?</p>

Speaking as: Student

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Name:	Amy Kiene
Comment:	Please protect our students by immediately ending the contract with police. Instead use funds for mental health support for students.

Speaking as: Parent/Guardian

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Name:	Ellen McCallin
Comment:	SCUSD does not need cops in schools. I have not heard more than one good comment about the counselors in our schools during my three years at McClatchy. With close to 3,000 students, five counselors does not cut it. We need more counselors, both academic and for mental health at schools in SCUSD instead of funding police to be on campuses.

Speaking as: Student

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Name:	Rebecca Quinonez
Comment:	<p>I stand in solidarity with our students who are being negatively impacted by police presence on school campuses. We are leading the effort to denounce institutional racism in our education system. I demand that the SCUSD Board of Education:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Adopt a board resolution To put a final end to current and future contracts with law-enforcement and institute and alternative safety plan designed with teacher students and parents and the community.2) reinvest the safety funds and academic and mental health counselors, social workers, bilingual staff, campus monitors, and student support- effective immediately.3) make a public pledge to not take any money from police unions for their political campaigns as a stance against institutional racism.

Speaking as: Community Member

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Name:	Teresa Flores
Comment:	<p>My name is Teresa Flores and I'm a parent of an incoming 5th grader at John Cabrillo and also the Director of Organizing for Sacramento ACT. Last week, I was shocked to hear that the District had already allocated over half a million dollars for the 20/21 SRO contract even though last year the Board had decided that this would be a one year contract with no automatic renewal and the Board had not discussed a new contract. We have seen this before, and this is one of the reasons why we demand that the board pass a resolution ending the current contract and prohibiting future contracts. This cannot be a budget decision only for this year, instead we need long-term institutional change in how we deal with school safety and student discipline.</p> <p>We stand shoulder-to-shoulder with our students that are negatively impacted by police interactions in their school campus and who are leading the effort to denounce institutional racism in our education system.</p> <p>We demand that the SCUSD Board of Education:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Adopt a Board Resolution to put a final end to current and future contracts with law enforcement AND institute an Alternative Safety Plan designed with students, parents, teachers, and community for the school year 2020-2021.2. Reinvest the safety funds in academic and mental health counselors, social workers, bilingual staff, campus monitors, and student supports.3. Make a public pledge to not take any money from police unions for their political campaigns as a stance against institutional racism. <p>Law enforcement already receives more than 50% of the City's budget, and as a parent and taxpayer, it doesn't make any sense to pay them again for supposedly keeping our students safe. For years, our community and students have been telling the Board that police have no place on our schools or our budgets it's time they listen.</p>

Speaking as: Parent/Guardian

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Name:	Carrie Meyers
Comment:	Publicly pledge an immediate and permanent end to police contracts - Reinvest safety funds into mental health student supports - Design and implement an alternative safety plan with community input and partnership - Publicly pledge not to take campaign money from police unions

Speaking as: Community Member

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Name:	Ciarra Jones
Comment:	I support the EGUSD defunding the police and investing in other important campus social services. As a former EGUSD Student I know firsthand that campus police are often undertrained in how to deal with issues that arise on campus. Instead of policing students, I believe we should engage them meaningful through a multi-pronged praxis if care. Define the police reinvest in our students.

Speaking as: Former student

Email

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Sacramento City Unified School District
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June 25, 2020 Public Comments

Name:	Sarah Sawyer
Comment:	Please end all formal relationships with the Police Department immediately. At op policing children and start teaching them to be good neighbors. Start teaching them the history of policing in our country so that those with privilege can use it to change the system for the better. Please invest in the emotional and mental health of our students and stop reinforcing in schools a pipeline into the (unjust) justice system for less privileged students. End school-police connections now.

Speaking as: Parent/Guardian

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Sacramento City Unified School District
Board of Education Meeting
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Name:	Heather Wong
Comment:	Please end the contract between SCUSD and the police department. It is essential that we do so to address the serious systemic racism that pervades law enforcement and to help keep our students of color safer, especially in a place of learning.

Speaking as: Parent/Guardian

Email

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Sacramento City Unified School District
Board of Education Meeting

June 25, 2020 Public Comments

Name:	Tami Hackbarth
Comment:	Please remove the police from our schools. Please use that budget money to hire mental health professionals to help struggling students. Please hire conflict resolution facilitators to help students, staff and faculty work together. Please hire social and emotional skills trainers to help students, faculty and staff.

Speaking as: Parent/Guardian

Email

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Sacramento City Unified School District
Board of Education Meeting
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Name:	Alicia Herrera
Comment:	Please remove SROs from schools in the district and invest in an evidence-based antiracist safety model that does not contribute to the school to prison pipeline.

Speaking as: Parent/Guardian

Email

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Sacramento City Unified School District
Board of Education Meeting

June 25, 2020 Public Comments

Name:	Carla Saporta Cheng
Comment:	Our students need mental health supports, not SROs. Please consider publicly supporting an immediate and permanent end to police contracts. Use the funds saved from ending the contracts to reinvest into mental health supports for students. I also encourage the district to put together a committee, with community, teacher, and parent involvement, to design and implement an alternative safety plan. Thank you.

Speaking as: Parent/Guardian

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Sacramento City Unified School District
Board of Education Meeting
June 25, 2020 Public Comments

Name:	Adrienne Baker
Comment:	Students require additional supports via healthcare professionals both for assessment via SPED department but also as access for general educations i the form of counselors, MFT's, and Clinical Psychologists. This funding can be found in lieu of what is used on unnecessary Police involvement at our schools.

Speaking as: Employee and Parent

Email

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Sacramento City Unified School District
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Name:	Jamee Villa
Comment:	Please remove the police and to use that budget money toward hiring mental health professionals to help with conflict, train staff and faculty in conflict resolution and to fund training and implementation of social emotional learning for students, faculty and staff.

Speaking as: Parent/Guardian

Email

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Sacramento City Unified School District
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Name:	Jay Kurtzman
Comment:	End police on campus bring in mental health experts

Speaking as: Employee

Email

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Sacramento City Unified School District
Board of Education Meeting
June 25, 2020 Public Comments

Name:	Amy Kuo
Comment:	<p>My name is Amy and I am a Sacramento resident. I am writing to urge SCUSD to fully and permanently divest from police officers in schools.</p> <p>According to the ACLU, Native Americans are 3.4 times more likely, Black students are 2.7 times more likely, and Hawaiian and Pacific Islander students are 1.4 times more likely to be referred to an SRO. Students with disabilities comprise 12 percent of the nation's student population, but make up a quarter of police referrals and a quarter of police arrests. In Sacramento, Black students represent 15 percent of the student population but represent 35 percent of all student arrests [Black Parallel School Board]. Students at schools where more than 80 percent of students are from low-income households are seven times more likely to be arrested than students at schools where less than 20 percent of students are low-income [U.S. DOE for Civil Rights].</p> <p>SCUSD champions "equity" as a core value. Police in schools makes neither the students nor community safer; SROs contribute to the school-to-prison pipeline. Put Children First by committing to permanently divest police officers in schools and providing greater supportive services to students who need it most.</p>

Speaking as: Community Member

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Sacramento City Unified School District
Board of Education Meeting
June 25, 2020 Public Comments

Name:	Christine De Guzman
Comment:	Remove police presence from all SCUSD schools. They do not make students feel safer. In fact, police presence causes anxiety which harms our students and inhibits their learning. Stop patrolling our children!

Speaking as: Parent/Guardian

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Sacramento City Unified School District
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Name:	Emily Cox
Comment:	RE: Police in schools Please remove the police and to use that budget money toward hiring mental health professionals to help with conflict, train staff and faculty in conflict resolution and to fund training and implementation of social emotional learning for students, faculty and staff. Give back the arts, physical education and music. Stimulate the children's minds.

Speaking as: Community Member

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Sacramento City Unified School District
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June 25, 2020 Public Comments

Name:	Sheri Patrick
Comment:	As a grandparent of SCUSD student who attended J.W. Harkness from kindergarten through 5 grade, I wholeheartedly support and demand the end of the contract with SPD for SROs in SCUSD schools. The board needs to work with a different and new definition of safety. Students will feel safe at school where a licensed and training individual is available to support their mental health which in turn will ensure their safety. In this manner all children can learn and have a better educational experience. By using the monies for the contract for more social, emotional learning and training along with mental health services, all students will be safe and do better in school.

Speaking as: Community Member

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Sacramento City Unified School District
Board of Education Meeting

June 25, 2020 Public Comments

Name:	Stacey Greer
Comment:	Please defund and remove SROs and other police officers on SCUSD campuses. These officers lead towards the criminalization of minor offenses and increase the school to prison pipeline particularly of Black children and other children of color. The funding would be better spent investing in counseling and other wellness and support services to the increase student health, school engagement, and success.

Speaking as: Community Member

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Sacramento City Unified School District
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Name:	Toni Newman
Comment:	<p>Adopt a Board Resolution to put a final end to current and future contracts with law enforcement AND institute an Alternative Safety Plan designed with students, parents, teachers, and community for the school year 2020-2021.</p> <p>Reinvest the safety funds in academic and mental health counselors, social workers, bilingual staff, campus monitors, and student supports.</p> <p>Make a public pledge to not take any money from police unions for their political campaigns as a stance against institutional racism.</p> <p>Our students need support not police. Mental health counselors, LCSWs, and caring adults are needed to support our students.</p> <p>Just ask yourself what would you want for your child, niece or nephew. We can do better. Thank you for doing better by our children.</p>

Speaking as: Community Member

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Sacramento City Unified School District
Board of Education Meeting
June 25, 2020 Public Comments

Name:	Courtney King
Comment:	End police contracts, reinvest in mental health support, don't take money from police unions

Speaking as: Community Member

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Sacramento City Unified School District
Board of Education Meeting
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Name:	Mirjana Kneprath
Comment:	<p>We demand that SCUSD Board of Education:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Adopt a board resolution to put a final end to current and future contracts with law enforcement AND institute an Alternative Safety Plan designed with students, parents, teachers, and community members for the school year 2020-2021.2. Reinvest the funds into academic and mental health counselors, social workers, bilingual staff, campus monitors, and student support.

Speaking as: Student

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Sacramento City Unified School District
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June 25, 2020 Public Comments

Name:	Melissa Parker
Comment:	Remove the police and to use that budget money toward hiring mental health professionals to help with conflict, train staff and faculty in conflict resolution and to fund training and implementation of social emotional learning for students, faculty and staff.

Speaking as: Parent/Guardian

Email

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Name:	Victoria Cacciatore
Comment:	Please end SCUSD contracts with PD. Reinvest funds that would have been diverted to school resource officers to 1. mental health for students, 2. designing a safety program with parents and the communities that raise our children, 3. implementing that program with the support it needs to succeed. To each board member, I ask that you publicly commit to not accepting campaign money from police unions.

Speaking as: Parent/Guardian

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Sacramento City Unified School District
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Name:	Khyra Blackman
Comment:	I request immediate discontinuation of funding to campus police and an astrategic plan to fund mental health and social service support in schools.

Speaking as: Community Member

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Sacramento City Unified School District
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Name:	Nicole Oehmke
Comment:	<p>Though it is extremely hard to tell from the posted agenda, I think this is the item about the contract between SCUSD and the Sacramento police department.</p> <p>I am a parent of five children in the distract and I strongly oppose police presence at our schools. I am a white woman who grew up in schools with police and it created a culture of fear that was a distraction to learning. I can't imagine the emotional impact on Black children whose communities are already traumatized by over policing.</p> <p>Cancelling this contract will show your students and teachers respect, it will show that your priorities are with teachers and the emotional health of your students and it is the right thing to do.</p> <p>You are my elected representative and cancelling the contact will represent my policy choice.</p>

Speaking as: Parent/Guardian

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Sacramento City Unified School District
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Name:	Tori White
Comment:	My daughter is starting kindergarten at Mark Twain in the fall, so we're just getting started on our journey with SCUSD. Please understand that throughout my daughter's public education and her baby sister's too, I will be demanding that SCSUD end its contract with the police department. SRO's don't make kids safer. Access to counselors and nurses and free meals and community services make kids safer.

Speaking as: Parent/Guardian

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Sacramento City Unified School District
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Name:	Priscilla Sandoval
Comment:	It is only right that Sacramento do what the people are demanding is best for our community. We demand you end your contracts with police, and instead reallocate those economic resources to the more pressing needs of the student community. Needs like exceptional and accessible mental health resources on campus, affordable housing and anti-racist/ethnic studies education in schools and for the community at large. You need to design and implement safety plans with community input and partnership. Plans that are transformative not reformative. Do not take campaign funds from police unions, end the your collusion with a racist system. THIS HAS TO END.

Speaking as: Community Member

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Sacramento City Unified School District
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Name:	Kristine Strohbin
Comment:	Please consider removing police officers from our school campuses. Divert this half a million dollars budget to after school youth programs, social workers, mental health providers and curriculum that addresses systemic racism in our community. This money would be much better served addressing the root causes of our school problems rather than trying to put a bandaid on them.

Speaking as: Parent/Guardian

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Sacramento City Unified School District
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Name:	Laura Lopez
Comment:	<p>Sac City Unified has the opportunity to be on the right side of history. For years, your constituents-youth, families, community- has been calling for an end to the contract with sac PD and investment into youth.</p> <p>You worry about "safety", however as a social worker who works in education I can't attest to the work social workers and counselors do around school culture and climate, safety, and mental health support. The investment that Sac City needs to be making is in prevention services from mental health professionals- not reactive policing and criminalization of our youth.</p> <p>Tell me, how are we helping youth who are using drugs or alcohol on campus by citing and arresting them? How are we helping youth who fight on campus by making them appear in court, and their families pay a fine? What is needed is on campus support and connection to services- services law enforcement is not equipped to do not has historically been known to do.</p> <p>Invest in youth. The only way this can be done is if you end the contract with Sacramento PD and put that money, well over \$500,000, into prevention and intervention services that mental health professionals can provide.</p>

Speaking as: Community Member

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Sacramento City Unified School District
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Name:	Stefani Danch
Comment:	The police department does not belong in our schools. They create a climate of fear and do not prevent school shootings as intended. We need use those funds to provide our children with mental health services.

Speaking as: Parent/Guardian

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Sacramento City Unified School District
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Name:	Lori Jablonski
Comment:	<p>Last week's verbal commitment by Board President Ryan to remove funding for continued police presence in Sac City schools in the final budget to be adopted tonight was both welcome and insufficient. I have been on the record as a teacher, advisor to my school's Brown Issues group, and interested community member with my opposition to SROs in our schools. That is why I welcomed Board President Ryan's statement after the remarkable outpouring from the community last week. However, at this time, we still only have Board members Vang, Garcia, and Ang-Olson with an actual vote forever attached to their names in support of ending SROs in Sac City schools. Thank you to all three, for your courageous leadership. Verbal commitments are slippery things. On the record votes are the instrument of true accountability for elected representatives. That and actual budget line item commitments that demonstrate a reallocation of the money spent on police to real student support services at our school sites. You need to vote directly on ending police in our schools/patrolling our schools once and for all and likewise you need an actual plan in writing and incorporated in the budget with your names attached in the form of a vote. Thank you.</p>

Speaking as: Employee

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Sacramento City Unified School District
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Name:	Kelly Inglett
Comment:	<p>Please publicly pledge an immediate and permanent end to police contracts. Reinvest money into student mental health support. Please design and implement an alternative safety plan with community input and partnership. Please publicly pledge to NOT take campaign money from police unions.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>

Speaking as: Community Member

Email

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Sacramento City Unified School District
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Name:	John Downs
Comment:	I'm asking you to end all contracts with the police for the school district. Please divest from police as a strategy for managing out children. Please invest in counselors and nurses and other trained professionals who can nurture her children. Can't believe I even have to ask this.

Speaking as: Parent/Guardian

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Sacramento City Unified School District
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Name:	Olivia Alexander
Comment:	I am writing into this Board of Education meeting to demand an end to police contracts in the district. I demand that you not take campaign money from police unions. The students of Sacramento need your support in the form of mental health services, educational resources, and other basic needs. What they don't need is more policing. Policing in schools disproportionately affects Black and Brown students, and that is unacceptable. Please follow the lead of school districts such as Seattle Public, and end your contracts with local police.

Speaking as: Community Member

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Sacramento City Unified School District
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Name:	Mona Tawatao
Comment:	<p>The Equal Justice Society joins the Black Parallel School Board and their partner organizations seeking to end institutional racism at SCUSD. EJS particularly stands with Black students, students with disabilities, and all students who are disproportionately impacted by harmful police interactions at SCUSD.</p> <p>District leaders have expressed their grief over the killing of George Floyd and have decried the plague of racism in our schools and education system. The SCUSD Board must heed the community's demands and transform that grief into meaningful action. We demand that the SCUSD Board:</p> <p>1) Adopt a Board Resolution to end all current and future contracts with law enforcement and institute an Alternative Safety Plan designed with students, parents, teachers, and the community for the 2020-2021 school year, and</p> <p>2) Reinvest the safety funds in academic and mental health counselors, social workers, bilingual staff and staff of color, campus monitors, and student services and supports.</p>

Speaking as: Advocate for students; community member

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Sacramento City Unified School District
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Name:	Chad Stockdale
Comment:	You are too immediately and permanently end police contracts. Use those funds instead for more mental health programs and stronger mental health programs. Do not accept any money from police unions. You work for the people, don't forget it. Do your job or find another one. We are watching.

Speaking as: Community Member

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Sacramento City Unified School District
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Name:	Pattie Shaw
Comment:	I am asking that you use the money set aside for the police department for a better way of keeping the students at SCUSD schools safe from the racism and abuse of the police department.

Speaking as: Community Member

Email

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Sacramento City Unified School District
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Name:	Balele Shoka
Comment:	Please defund and or kill the concept of police in schools. Put the money toward Mental Health Professionals, and more opportunities to learn for the students outside of STEM curriculum.

Speaking as: Parent/Guardian

Email

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Sacramento City Unified School District
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Name:	Amanda Aldeghi
Comment:	We need more mental health professionals in school. Period. Not the police.

Speaking as: Community Member

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Sacramento City Unified School District
Board of Education Meeting

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Name:	Rach Pitts
Comment:	Black students are disproportionately targeted for arrests and disciplinary action by police. They do not keep our students safe. Rather they instill a culture of fear and anger. Instead use the \$600,000 set aside for the police contract and invest in mental health and social services. Oakland school district has already done this. We can too.

Speaking as: Community Member

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Sacramento City Unified School District
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Name:	Zachary Pasillas
Comment:	If the union and district were in good professional standing with each other we'd have more options. RP will be the eventual direction, SCUSD needs to be at the front of this wave, but I fully expect a lazy, status quo response. More of the same, I'm so ashamed of my district. A diversion program, been done I Oakland and elsewhere successfully. Why not SCUSD, I don't think we're good enough to pull that off, look at how online learning turned out. This was a waste, why would you even read this? You've already made a choice. The easy way, Ganas!!

Speaking as: Teacher (not just an employee)

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Sacramento City Unified School District
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Name:	Carly Huston
Comment:	I ask that the district to dramatically decrease the policing budget and reallocate this funds to services for the students - mental health services, faculty/staff training in conflict resolution & implicit bias and social/emotional wellness for students. Thank you.

Speaking as: Parent/Guardian

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Sacramento City Unified School District
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June 25, 2020 Public Comments

Name:	Corinna Fish
Comment:	Please end the police contract today, and publicly pledge: (1) a permanent end to police contracts and (2) to not take any campaign money from police unions. Sacramento needs an unconditional commitment from you to divest from police as a strategy for managing children, and instead put those resources toward professionals and trained community members who can provide the support that students deserve.

Speaking as: Community Member

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Sacramento City Unified School District
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Name:	Breanna Myres
Comment:	We do not need Sac PD in our schools policing our children. Do you not think the same rhetoric that is used for adult Black men wont be used for Black children? Studies show that Black children are arrested more often than white students. First, school should be a safe place for children to learn, make mistakes and gain tools to be functioning and responsible adults in society. We need more resources on campuses to provide coaching and mental services to aid our young people. The money saved on a police contract could fund these much needed programs.

Speaking as: Parent/Guardian

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Sacramento City Unified School District
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Name:	Sylvia Nola
Comment:	<p>Hello board members, here we are again. In the last meeting we demonstrated how important the elimination of this contract was. Through our countless stories and demands bringing about over 300 comments. Today, I am writing this to show my support in bringing an end to such SRO contract. I believe these funds could be better utilized. For example, when it comes to the books, laptops, nurses, bilingual individuals ,counselors, mentors, social workers we lack, it is clear there is no room to be spending our money on unnecessary/helpless resources. I ask that you make a public pledge to put an end to future contracts with law enforcement. That you institute an Alternative Safety Plan built with students, parents, teachers, and other school faculty for the 2020-2021 school year. How can we make our children feel safe and decide on what's best for them if all inputs are not heard and thought about. Just because police are suppose to protect our community's it does not mean they actually do. The fact that these same police officers could be the ones going out committing all these brutality's today to our black and brown communities is frightening and not ok. We as well ask that you make a public pledge to not take any money from police unions for their political campaigns as a stance against institutional racism. We must protect our children!Be the back bone and please do what's right! I believe in you, our children are our future as a nation. ☐ 🖐 ☐ 🗣 ☐</p>

Speaking as: Student

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Sacramento City Unified School District
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June 25, 2020 Public Comments

Name:	Morrigan McLean Haas
Comment:	I am requesting that you publicly pledge an immediate and permanent end to police contracts in SCUSD schools. By ending police contracts, you would free up funds for more useful student resources, such as mental health professionals and trained community members who can better support and nurture students. We, the SCUSD community, need an unconditional commitment from the SCUSD board to immediately divest from police as a strategy for managing children. Further, I am requesting that all board members publicly pledge to refuse campaign money from police unions, as well as all other law enforcement-related entities. Police have no place in the school system.

Speaking as: Community Member

Email

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Sacramento City Unified School District
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Name:	Jessica McKeon
Comment:	Our schools need more counselors, not cops! Reinvest safety funds into mental health support for students. We need a permanent end to police contacts. Absolutely no campaign money from police unions. Design and implement an alternative safety plan with community input and partnership.

Speaking as: Community Member

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Sacramento City Unified School District
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Name:	Garrett Shields
Comment:	<p>As a community member who hopes to send my child to a school in this district in the future, I urge that SCUSD Board of Education adopt a resolution to end current and future contracts that would place police within our schools. Policing in schools is not proven to have safety benefits, but is proven to negatively impact students who are thrust into the criminal justice system by being introduced to the school-to-prison pipeline.</p> <p>Develop an alternate safety plan for the 2020-2021 school year, and redistribute funds that would be spent on policing to counselors, social workers, more bilingual staff, and other student services.</p> <p>Further, I urge Board Members to make a public pledge, if they have not already, to not accept any money from police unions for their political campaigns as a step to dismantling the affects of institutionalized racism. Thank you for your consideration.</p>

Speaking as: Community Member

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Name:	Ana Manzano Fairbairn
Comment:	Remove armed police from our public schools and reallocate the exorbitant amount of funds towards hiring mental health professionals with a background in working with adolescents. They are better equipped to advocate for our children's health and welfare.

Speaking as: Parent/Guardian

Email

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Sacramento City Unified School District
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Name:	Stormie Lew
Comment:	<p>Hello, I am commenting as a community member and former student of the school district, calling for the immediate termination of any and all relationship between the district and police.</p> <p>I would like to voice my support for the following calls to action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">-publicly pledge an immediate and permanent end to police contracts-reinvest safety funds into mental health student supports-design and implement an alternative safety plan with community input and partnership-a public pledge not to take campaign money from police unions-unconditional commitment to divest from police and use that money to hire specially trained professionals who can provide a range of support to ALL students served by the district <p>Thank you for your time.</p>

Speaking as: Community Member

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Sacramento City Unified School District
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June 25, 2020 Public Comments

Name:	Jane O'Neil
Comment:	Please remove the police from San Juan Unified Schools. Reinvest these funds into mental health student supports. This is what we need in our schools and communities.

Speaking as: Community Member

Email

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Date/time Stamp: 6/25/2020 10:08:31 AM

Sacramento City Unified School District
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June 25, 2020 Public Comments

Name:	Kate Washington
Comment:	I am writing to urge SCUSD to remove the police from our public schools and to redirect the funding used for security to more useful and necessary budget items that increase the safety of students, including hiring of adequate mental health professionals, conflict resolution training for staff and faculty, and the implementation of social-emotional learning. Thank you!

Speaking as: Parent/Guardian

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Sacramento City Unified School District
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June 25, 2020 Public Comments

Name:	Christine Bailey
Comment:	<p>As a leader with Sacramento Area Congregations, I stand shoulder-to-shoulder with our students that are negatively impacted by police interactions in their school campus and who are leading the effort to denounce institutional racism in our education system.</p> <p>We demand that the SCUSD Board of Education:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Adopt a Board Resolution to put a final end to current and future contracts with law enforcement AND institute an Alternative Safety Plan designed with students, parents, teachers, and community for the school year 2020-2021.2. Reinvest the safety funds in academic and mental health counselors, social workers, bilingual staff, campus monitors, and student supports.3. Make a public pledge to not take any money from police unions for their political campaigns as a stance against institutional racism.

Speaking as: Community Member

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Sacramento City Unified School District
Board of Education Meeting

June 25, 2020 Public Comments

Name:	Lauren Morelli
Comment:	As a community member of the Sac City Unified area, I urge SCUSD to cut ties with the police and end contracts with SROs.

Speaking as: Community Member

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Sacramento City Unified School District
Board of Education Meeting

June 25, 2020 Public Comments

Name:	Jimena Loza-Naveja
Comment:	<p>We stand shoulder to shoulder with our students that are negatively impacted by police interactions in their school campus and who are leading the effort to denounce institutional racism in our education system.</p> <p>We demand the SCUSD Board of Education to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Adopt a Board Resolution to our a final end to current and future contracts with law enforcement AND institute an Alternative Safety Plan designed with students, parents, teachers, and community for the school year 2020-2021.2. Reinvest the safety funds in academic and mental health counselors, social workers, bilingual staff, campus monitors, and student supports.3. Make a public pledge to not take any money from police unions for their political campaigns as a stance against institutional racism.

Speaking as: Student

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Sacramento City Unified School District
Board of Education Meeting

June 25, 2020 Public Comments

Name:	Steven Boykin
Comment:	Based on current events and the absence of transparency and accountability by the Police, Please do not renew the contract with the police for officers in the schools. Thank you.

Speaking as: Community Member

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Sacramento City Unified School District
Board of Education Meeting

June 25, 2020 Public Comments

Name:	Nailah El-Amin Johnson
Comment:	<p>I'm really pleased that we are moving in the direction of removing SROs from schools. However, I'm uneasy about the level of commitment, especially being that there is not yet a concrete plan in place to provide the evidence-based, high quality social, emotional, and mental health support services that are needed. I urge you to prioritize creating such a plan, including engaging community in its development. But don't let the absence of an ideal plan tempt you into renegeing on your commitment. Understand this, the presence of SROs is not and has NEVER been a reasonable, adequate, or even economical alternative to the services we're demanding. We've failed our students by operating under such a grossly flawed assumption, and we must do better NOW. Please, ELIMINATE any line-item in the budget for SROs, and let's get cracking on a plan for real support.</p>

Speaking as: Sacramento ACT

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Sacramento City Unified School District
Board of Education Meeting
June 25, 2020 Public Comments

Name:	Elyse Doyle-Martinez
Comment:	<p>I stand shoulder-to-shoulder with our students that are negatively impacted by police interactions in their school campus and who are leading the effort to denounce institutional racism in our education system.</p> <p>We demand that the SCUSD Board of Education:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Make a public pledge to put a final end to future contracts with law enforcement and institute an Alternative Safety Plan designed with students, parents, teachers, and community for the school year 2020-2021.2. Reinvest the safety funds in academic and mental health counselors, social workers, bilingual staff, campus monitors, and student supports.3. Make a public pledge to not take any money from police unions for their political campaigns as a stance against institutional racism.

Speaking as: Community Member

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Sacramento City Unified School District
Board of Education Meeting
June 25, 2020 Public Comments

Name:	Emma Thatcher
Comment:	counselors not cops

Speaking as: Student

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Sacramento City Unified School District
Board of Education Meeting
June 25, 2020 Public Comments

Name:	Valerie Keeranan
Comment:	<p>I stand shoulder-to-shoulder with our students that are negatively impacted by police interactions in their school campus and who are leading the effort to denounce institutional racism in our education system.</p> <p>We demand that the SCUSD Board of Education:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Make a public pledge to put a final end to future contracts with law enforcement and institute an Alternative Safety Plan designed with students, parents, teachers, and community for the school year 2020-2021.2. Reinvest the safety funds in academic and mental health counselors, social workers, bilingual staff, campus monitors, and student supports.3. Make a public pledge to not take any money from police unions for their political campaigns as a stance against institutional racism.

Speaking as: Community Member

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Sacramento City Unified School District
Board of Education Meeting

June 25, 2020 Public Comments

Name:	Nicole Schedler
Comment:	As a community member, I demand that the Sacramento City Unified School District immediately end the contract with the Sacramento City Police Department and reinvest safety funds into mental health and student support. I ask that the district design and implement an alternative safety plan with community input and partnership.

Speaking as: Community Member

Email

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Sacramento City Unified School District
Board of Education Meeting

June 25, 2020 Public Comments

Name:	Daniel Neeland
Comment:	We need to not renew the police contract with the school district and instead use those funds for increased counseling and nursing services.

Speaking as: Parent/Guardian

Email

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Date/time Stamp: 6/25/2020 10:25:45 AM

Sacramento City Unified School District
Board of Education Meeting

June 25, 2020 Public Comments

Name:	Courtney King
Comment:	End police contracts, reinvest in mental health support, don't take money from police unions

Speaking as: Community Member

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Date/time Stamp: 6/25/2020 10:26:26 AM

Sacramento City Unified School District
Board of Education Meeting

June 25, 2020 Public Comments

Name:	Amreet Sandhu
Comment:	<p>As a former teacher and an attendee of of Title I school myself, I have personally witnessed the disparity between students who have the emotional support they needed and those who do not. My memory's list of moments students have been disruptive and used their limited communication skills (e.g., kindergarten) to ask for support around issues they weren't completely aware of themselves. In these moments, it is so important for youth to be able to process their feelings with someone they trust. The someone they trust *must* be a school counselor, not a police officer.</p> <p>Of course, students have limited to knowledge of how the information they share with law enforcement may adversely impact their entire life trajectories. As they learn about the world around them, our children deserve care, not cops. For this reason, I ask that the Sacramento County Unified School District (SCUSD/District) terminate its contract with law enforcement and institutes an Alternative Safety Plan.</p> <p>Fortunately, the contract between SCUSD and the Sacramento Police Department ends this month. The use of education funds to pay law enforcement to police our children and our schools is a racist policy and must. I ask that the District implement anti-racist policies that increase racial equity for students to thrive personally, emotionally, and academically.</p> <p>Please end the contract with law enforcement and reinvest the safety funds in academic and mental health counselors, social workers, bilingual staff, and student supports--not police.</p> <p>Thank you,</p> <p>Amreet Sandhu, J.D.</p>

Speaking as: Former Teacher

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Sacramento City Unified School District
Board of Education Meeting

June 25, 2020 Public Comments

Name:	Michelle Groft
Comment:	remove the police and use that budget money toward hiring mental health professionals to help with conflict, train staff and faculty in conflict resolution and to fund training and implementation of social emotional learning for students, faculty and staff.

Speaking as: Parent/Guardian

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Date/time Stamp: 6/25/2020 10:32:51 AM

Sacramento City Unified School District
Board of Education Meeting

June 25, 2020 Public Comments

Name:	Cierra Ramirez
Comment:	<p>As a citizen of Sacramento and a product of scusd I demand that the school district publicly and immediately announce an end to police contracts. Keep police out of our schools. Instead, reinvest into mental health support for students. Also we demand that you no longer accept campaign money from the police unions. End the corruption. Take accountability. We demand that with the community, you create an alternative safety plan for schools.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>

Speaking as: Community Member

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Sacramento City Unified School District
Board of Education Meeting
June 25, 2020 Public Comments

Name:	Emi Miller
Comment:	Publicly pledge an immediate and permanent end to police contracts (or at the bare minimum defund police departments), reinvest funds into mental health student and community support, design and implement an alternative safety plan with community input and partnership, publicly pledge not to take any campaign money from police unions.

Speaking as: Student

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Sacramento City Unified School District
Board of Education Meeting

June 25, 2020 Public Comments

Name:	Hannah Snyder
Comment:	As a concerned citizen and educator in Sacramento, I am urging the Board to terminate their contracts with Sacramento police/sheriff departments. Students do not feel safe with the presence of police on campus, and officers do little to nothing at preventing negative situations from arising. On the other hand, mental health counselors are qualified to help students navigate the complexities of student life, and are able to address the root of issues to prevent conflict. Investing in mental health services for students is much more costly than investing in campus police. Removing the police force from schools would mean alleviating anxiety and trauma many students have from police, and would ultimately create a more safe and conducive learning environment for all.

Speaking as: Community Member

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Sacramento City Unified School District
Board of Education Meeting
June 25, 2020 Public Comments

Name:	Alison Kwok
Comment:	<p>Sac Unified School District</p> <p>1) fulfill their promise not to contract with Sac City PD AND 2) invest the allocation already set aside for that contract, \$600,000, into REAL safety: mental and emotional support services for students.</p> <p>Black students are arrested at twice their population in the district, and note that the majority of arrests were concentrated in just 4 schools. Sac City Unified is not only the Capital of Suspensions; it's the Capital of Arrests.</p> <p>Black Children's Lives Matter</p>

Speaking as: Community Member

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Sacramento City Unified School District
Board of Education Meeting

June 25, 2020 Public Comments

Name:	Todd Urick
Comment:	I would like to encourage SCUSD to (1) Publicly pledge an immediate & permanent end to police contracts (2) Reinvest into mental health student support (3) Design and implement an alternative safety plan with community input and partnership, and (4) Publicly pledge not to take money from police unions.

Speaking as: Community Member

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Sacramento City Unified School District
Board of Education Meeting

June 25, 2020 Public Comments

Name:	Kaitlin Powers
Comment:	I am writing as a community member to demand the Board remove SROs, end all contracts with law enforcement, and reinvest those funds to help students. Investing funds into proactive resources such as school counselors, social workers, and other student supports will lead to better outcomes for students, SCUSD, and communities. I work in child welfare and see personally that interactions with law enforcement harm youth in our community. Students need support, not police.

Speaking as: Community Member

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Sacramento City Unified School District
Board of Education Meeting
June 25, 2020 Public Comments

Name:	Amreet Sandhu
Comment:	<p>(PLEASE ACCEPT AS AMENDED)</p> <p>Distinguished School Board Members:</p> <p>As a former teacher and attendee of a Title I school, I have personally witnessed the disparity between students who have the emotional support they need and those who do not. My memory's list of moments students have been disruptive and used their limited communication skills (e.g., kindergarten) to ask for support around issues they weren't completely aware of themselves, is longer than I wish it were. In those moments, it crucial for youth to process their feelings with someone they trust. The someone they trust must be a school counselor, not a police officer.</p> <p>Of course, students have limited knowledge of how the information they share with law enforcement may adversely impact their entire life trajectories. As they learn about the world around them, our children deserve care, not cops. For this reason, I ask that the Sacramento County Unified School District (SCUSD/District) indefinitely terminate its contract with law enforcement and institute an Alternative Safety Plan.</p> <p>Fortunately, the contract between SCUSD and the Sacramento Police Department ends this month. The use of education funds to pay law enforcement to police our children and our schools is a racist policy that must not continue. I ask that instead, the District implement anti-racist policies that increase racial equity for students to thrive personally, emotionally, and academically.</p> <p>Please end the contract with law enforcement and reinvest the safety funds in academic and mental health counselors, social workers, bilingual staff, and student supports--not police.</p> <p>Thank you,</p> <p>Amreet Sandhu, J.D.</p>

Speaking as: Former Teacher

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Sacramento City Unified School District
Board of Education Meeting

June 25, 2020 Public Comments

Name:	Melanie Haage
Comment:	Publicly pledge an immediate and permanent end to police contracts in favor of reinvesting in mental health student support; design and implement an alternative safety plan with community partnership and input; pledge not to take money from police unions. Schools need nurses and counselors not cops!

Speaking as: Parent/Guardian

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Sacramento City Unified School District
Board of Education Meeting

June 25, 2020 Public Comments

Name:	Lauren Wolkov
Comment:	I urge you to adopt a Board Resolution to permanently end the contract with Sacramento police department and commit to developing , funding and implementing an Alternative Safety Plan with the input of students, parents, teachers, administrators and community members. This plan needs to be operating for the 2020-2021 school year. The funds currently used for SROs need to be reinvested to support counselors, social workers, bilingual staff, campus monitors, and student supports. Thank you.

Speaking as: Community Member

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Sacramento City Unified School District
Board of Education Meeting

June 25, 2020 Public Comments

Name:	Sarah Taylor
Comment:	<p>I, Sarah Taylor, wish to submit public comment (to be read during the meeting) to call for ending the relationship with School Resource Officers and our SCUSD schools. As a parent and an educator in our district I have serious concerns about the role SRO's have in our schools, particularly for our black and brown students. This concern is amplified by SCUSD's horrendous record on suspension rates for our students of color, where the Sacramento City Unified School District has suspended more black boys than any other district in the state. In addition, many schools in our district have SROs but lack adequate numbers of nurses of school psychologists. What message does this send to our students, especially our students of color who are criminalized by the same people who are supposedly there to protect them? Significant evidence shows that SROs do not make schools safer, and instead lead to a school to prison pipeline for our black and brown students. This is unacceptable. Therefore, I am calling for the school board to end the relationship and \$900,000 contract with Sac PD ending June 30th, and instead collaborate with educators, parents, and students to create a safety plan involving restorative justice, as well as putting this money towards resources at schools for well-trained counselors and support staff that can help navigate conflicts at schools without continuing the discrimination and hyper-criminalization of our students of color. SCUSD cannot call for social justice in our community, and take an anti-racist public stance while it continues these practices of SROs in our schools. Superintendent Aguilar stated, "Racism is part of the current design of our systems, from our schools to our prisons to our neighborhoods. And each of us is responsible for breaking down this injustice against our black community. Today we grieve, protest, demand change – tomorrow we take appropriate and unrelenting action to bring justice." Words mean nothing without actions. The first action should and MUST be to remove SRO's from our schools. Thank you.</p>

Speaking as: Parent and Employee (teacher)

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Sacramento City Unified School District
Board of Education Meeting

June 25, 2020 Public Comments

Name:	Kevin Holmes
Comment:	Please use the budget to hire more counselors and nurses before hiring police.

Speaking as: Community Member

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Sacramento City Unified School District
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June 25, 2020 Public Comments

Name:	Alma Lopez
Comment:	<p>Board, your decisions about investing in needed resources for our students, such academic and mental health counselors, social workers, bilingual staff, Not Cops is no longer about data or research - all that has been presented to you. This is moral and ethical decision.</p> <p>This is an issue of structural racism and the community is ready to tackle it; are you with us?</p> <p>We demand that the SCUSD Board of Education:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Adopt a Board Resolution to put a final end to current and future contracts with law enforcement AND institute an Alternative Safety Plan designed with students, parents, teachers, and community for the school year 2020-2021.2. Reinvest the safety funds in academic and mental health counselors, social workers, bilingual staff, campus monitors, and student supports - effective immediately.3. Make a public pledge to not take any money from police unions for their political campaigns as a stance against institutional racism. <p>Call a meeting with students, parents, teachers, community, principals, Sac PD, and district staff - it should not take this long for us to move forward effectively. Lead with courage.</p>

Speaking as: Community Member

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Sacramento City Unified School District
Board of Education Meeting

June 25, 2020 Public Comments

Name:	Nicole Gustafson
Comment:	I support not renewing the Sac PD contract for SRO and using that money in other ways that support our students of color. We must take action as this has been a discussion for a while yet the board still hasn't been able to finish the change that is needed. Please take a true stand as a board member and vote to end the full contract with the Police department.

Speaking as: Parent/Guardian

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Sacramento City Unified School District
Board of Education Meeting

June 25, 2020 Public Comments

Name:	Nicholas McConnell
Comment:	The SCUSD Board needs to put action to their promises to end police contracts. Not next year, not in 5 years, NOW is the time to fully divest from police in schools, and reinvest safety funds into mental health support for students. SCUSD needs to design and implement an alternative safety plan with community input and partnership. In the meantime, no police in schools! Furthermore, I call on Board members to publicly pledge not to take campaign contributions from police unions.

Speaking as: Community Member

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Sacramento City Unified School District
Board of Education Meeting

June 25, 2020 Public Comments

Name:	Kristina Edwards
Comment:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Publicly pledge an immediate and permanent end to police contracts -Reinvest into mental health student support -Design and implement an alternative safety plan with community input and partnership -Publicly pledge not to take mine from police unions

Speaking as: Parent/Guardian

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Sacramento City Unified School District
Board of Education Meeting

June 25, 2020 Public Comments

Name:	Jen Spotnitz
Comment:	<p>I am pleased to see SCUSD's partnership with the county health department to make schools "wellness centers" for their communities. This is imperative to address student mental health, as students need direct mental health services, and integrated social-emotional learning and relationship building strategies for the entire school community.</p> <p>To fully support trauma-informed education, mental health services, and racial equity, please 1) fulfill your promise not to contract with Sac City PD and 2) invest the allocation already set aside for that contract, \$600,000, into further mental and emotional support services for students.</p>

Speaking as: Community Member

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Sacramento City Unified School District
Board of Education Meeting

June 25, 2020 Public Comments

Name:	yasmeeen rezaishad
Comment:	As a Sacramento community member I am demanding a reinvestment into mental health student support services and an end to the police contracts permanently. I also want to hear a public pledge to refuse campaign money from police unions and to start seeing an alternative safety plan with community contributions.

Speaking as: Community Member

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Sacramento City Unified School District
Board of Education Meeting
June 25, 2020 Public Comments

Name:	Rachel Darling
Comment:	<p>Data show that schools with cops are more likely to refer children to law enforcement, including for non-serious violent behaviors. In 43 states and the District of Columbia, Black students are more likely to be arrested than other students while at school, according to an analysis by the Education Week Research Center.</p> <p>Federal data analyzed by the American Civil Liberties Union shows millions of students, especially students of color, attend schools that have police officers, but no nurse or school psychologist.</p> <p>Instead of figuring out how to help the students who are having a difficult time by having counselors, we meet these kids with force.</p> <p>Research doesn't definitively show SROs are effective at improving school safety. There are evidence-based alternatives. These include restorative justice programs, a program called Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports, and having mental health counselors and other support staff available when students are acting out.</p> <p>Research by the U.S. Secret Service shows these interventions — designed to build trust between students and adults — can also prevent gun violence and mass shootings by making "bystander" students more likely to speak up if a classmate is making threats to others, or is suicidal.</p> <p>These alternative strategies can make schools safer and more welcoming for all students, without police.</p>

Speaking as: Parent/Guardian

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Sacramento City Unified School District
Board of Education Meeting
June 25, 2020 Public Comments

Name:	Teryn Heckers
Comment:	SCUSD needs to support students by immediately and permanently ending the police contract and reinvesting that money into student support services.

Speaking as: Community Member

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Sacramento City Unified School District
Board of Education Meeting
June 25, 2020 Public Comments

Name:	Pamela Dwyer-Hendricks
Comment:	Remove police from schools .designate those funds for mental health professionals in schools

Speaking as: Community Member

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Date/time Stamp: 6/25/2020 11:01:50 AM

Sacramento City Unified School District
Board of Education Meeting
June 25, 2020 Public Comments

Name:	Carly Huston
Comment:	I ask that the district to dramatically decrease the policing budget and reallocate this funds to services for the students - mental health services, faculty/staff training in conflict resolution & implicit bias and social/emotional wellness for students. Thank you.

Speaking as: Parent/Guardian

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Date/time Stamp: 6/25/2020 11:02:03 AM

Sacramento City Unified School District
Board of Education Meeting

June 25, 2020 Public Comments

Name:	Kate Lenox
Comment:	I support ending the contract with the Sacramento City Police Department. The district should develop a safety plan with in concert with students, parents, teachers and the community. I believe we can keep kids safe without involving the criminal justice system. Put the resources into the classroom instead. Now is the time to rethink our society. That begins with how we treat our children in our public schools.

Speaking as: Community Member

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Sacramento City Unified School District
Board of Education Meeting
June 25, 2020 Public Comments

Name:	Theresa petty
Comment:	<p>I suggest the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">-Publicly pledge an immediate and permanent end to police contracts-Reinvest into mental health student support-Design and implement an alternative safety plan with community input and partnership-Publicly pledge not to take money from police unions <p>Please make a change for student support, counseling and mental health services instead of renewing contracts with police.</p>

Speaking as: Community Member

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Sacramento City Unified School District
Board of Education Meeting

June 25, 2020 Public Comments

Name:	Carole Bartell
Comment:	As the grandmother of a Black student attending SCUSD I demand that the district cancel all contracts with police and board members commit to not accepting money from police.

Speaking as: Grandparent

Email

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Date/time Stamp: 6/25/2020 11:03:29 AM

Sacramento City Unified School District
Board of Education Meeting

June 25, 2020 Public Comments

Name:	Natalie Miller
Comment:	Please remove police from all SCUSD and provide mental health therapists/counselors. Our children deserve well trained and educated people helping them deal with conflict and resolution.

Speaking as: Parent/Guardian

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Date/time Stamp: 6/25/2020 11:05:05 AM

Sacramento City Unified School District
Board of Education Meeting

June 25, 2020 Public Comments

Name:	Jennifer Teykaerts
Comment:	<p>Sacramento friends - please submit your PUBLIC COMMENT-item 8 - about police in schools.</p> <p>I ask that you remove police from all SCUSD schools, and divert those funds toward hiring mental health professionals to help with conflict, training staff and faculty in conflict resolution, and fund training and implementation of social emotional learning for students, faculty and staff.</p>

Speaking as: Community Member

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Date/time Stamp: 6/25/2020 11:07:10 AM

Sacramento City Unified School District
Board of Education Meeting
June 25, 2020 Public Comments

Name:	Morgan Cotton
Comment:	Please remove the police from our schools. Please cut ties with SacPD. Our schools need that money to go to other programs.

Speaking as: Parent/Guardian

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Date/time Stamp: 6/25/2020 11:08:10 AM

Sacramento City Unified School District
Board of Education Meeting

June 25, 2020 Public Comments

Name:	Phi Ngo
Comment:	Please replace contracted police officers in schools with counselors, mentors, and nurses. We need you to publicly pledge an immediate and permanent end to police contracts. Reinvest into mental health and guidance of students, they are the future. Also, design and implement an alternative safety plan with community engagement and partnership. Finally, a publicly pledge not to take money from police unions.

Speaking as: Community Member

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Sacramento City Unified School District
Board of Education Meeting

June 25, 2020 Public Comments

Name:	Monica Hoyos
Comment:	<p>As a teacher, youth advocate, Brown Issue advisor and former SCUSD staff member, I am sickened that our youth and community members are still fighting this fight. Listen to our youth an the professionals in the schools. SRO's are the biggest threat to our students. Those continuing to support SRO's should be ashamed at the fact that 3 MILLION DOLLARS are continuously being used in policing, 3 MILLION!! Where are the mental health counselors??? Nurses? Social Workers? Supportive staff? What evidence do you have that policing makes a campus safer? What evidence do you have that policing makes a campus and community thrive? Be the adults. Stop criminalizing our Black and Brown youth, they deserve better.</p> <p>As a teacher and advocate for young warriors, I fully support and back up the following demands:</p> <p>1- That the school board adopts a board resolution to sever all contracts (current and future) with law enforcement, and institutes a community-created "Alternative Safety Plan".</p> <p>2- REINVEST the almost three million dollars spent on policing into our communities via academic and mental health counselors, social workers, bilingual staff, campus monitors, and student supports.</p> <p>3-Make a public pledge to reject campaign contributions from police unions and law enforcement as a stance against institutional racism.</p>

Speaking as: Community Member

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Sacramento City Unified School District
Board of Education Meeting

June 25, 2020 Public Comments

Name:	Renee Webster-Hawkins
Comment:	<p>The Sacramento City Teachers Association is one of the most transparent stakeholder groups in our District. Based on their words, their actions, their obstructionist tactics at the bargaining table, it is plain to see that the union exists solely to increase its list of paying dues members without regard to the members' skills or responsibility to deliver high quality education and equitable outcomes for ALL students in the classroom, particularly the most vulnerable students in our high poverty District.</p> <p>If the SCTA cared about student outcomes, it wouldn't be resisting the ability of the District to mandate professional development for all teachers and require the use of the evidenced-based instructional methods in classrooms.</p> <p>If the SCTA cared about student outcomes, it wouldn't be filing grievances every time the District or site administrators attempt to evaluate or improve the effectiveness of instruction in classrooms.</p> <p>If the SCTA cared about student outcomes, it would support and applaud the accomplishments of the leadership of the LCAP PAC, the Community Advisory Committee for Special Education, Parents United to Restore our Schools, and the Coalition for Students with Disabilities -- not attempt to coopt and corrupt these groups by packing the membership with SCTA members.</p> <p>The SCTA's repeated demand for more teachers, psychologists and nurses while feverishly resisting accountability for outcomes in the classroom plainly reveals their selfish agenda.</p> <p>For every parent that demands accountability from this District, please turn to your child's teacher and demand that their lobbying organization stop obstructing the District's rightful role in designing, supporting and overseeing the quality of instruction in every single classroom.</p>

Speaking as: Parent/Guardian

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Sacramento City Unified School District
Board of Education Meeting

June 25, 2020 Public Comments

Name:	Lee OBrien
Comment:	I'm writing to urge the board to pledge an immediate and permanent end to police contracts, and to reinvest these funds into mental health and student resources. We need an unconditional commitment to DIVEST from police as a strategy for managing children, and INVEST those resources in professionals and trained community members who can provide the nurturing support students need and deserve.

Speaking as: Community Member

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Board of Education Meeting

June 25, 2020 Public Comments

Name:	Melissa S
Comment:	I believe there needs to be more counselors and nurses at these schools instead of adding more law enforcement officials. With all that is going on today, we don't need to be afraid for our kid's safety at school from the police, who are meant to protect them. Children today have too much to deal with and need counselors to guide them through these troubling times. Helping our kids mentally will improve the way they think, feel, and react to situations which in turn will create upstanding citizens, who can make their future significantly. Our children should grow up obtaining the skills and knowledge to diffuse a situation that's non threatening, discuss matters with intellect and the Mighty Pen rather than repeat our dark past and continue down this never changing spiral we call normal. Counsel our kids, change their future for the better .

Speaking as: Community Member

Email

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Sacramento City Unified School District
Board of Education Meeting

June 25, 2020 Public Comments

Name:	Josh Greetan
Comment:	As a resident of the community, I encourage SCUSD to not renew their contract with SacPD and reallocate that funding to mental health, physical well-being, and emotional support services for students.

Speaking as: Community Member

Email

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Date/time Stamp: 6/25/2020 11:17:57 AM

Sacramento City Unified School District
Board of Education Meeting
June 25, 2020 Public Comments

Name:	Keyon Aceves Mitchell
Comment:	<p>We stand shoulder-to-shoulder with our students that are negatively impacted by police interactions in their school campus and who are leading the effort to denounce institutional racism in our education system.</p> <p>We demand that the SCUSD Board of Education:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Adopt a Board Resolution to put a final end to current and future contracts with law enforcement AND institute an Alternative Safety Plan designed with students, parents, teachers, and community for the school year 2020-2021.2. Reinvest the safety funds in academic and mental health counselors, social workers, bilingual staff, campus monitors, and student supports.3. Make a public pledge to not take any money from police unions for their political campaigns as a stance against institutional racism.

Speaking as: Community Member

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Sacramento City Unified School District
Board of Education Meeting

June 25, 2020 Public Comments

Name:	Allegra Taylor
Comment:	<p>During this time of unrest In our city and the nation, we do not want to lose sight of the fact that the most vulnerable group of youth being affected by systemic racism is black youth. It is a fact that our black youth are being stymied and disillusioned by the ongoing oppressed environment of policing our schools. It is inherently impossible for our children not to feel and experience fear, anxiety and relived trauma when in their presence; thus being one of the reasons they run when approached by the police.</p> <p>What our black youth need to heal, mature, and learn are counselors not cops. The same system that has failed them cannot suddenly present themselves as though they now have understanding & interest in helping them to deal with the challenges they face on the daily basis. Let the credentialed, experienced entities, along with community collaboration implement the necessary change they need. As a community elders our perspective of them comes from a different space, that only we can bring to our black youth.</p>

Speaking as: Community Leader

Email

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Sacramento City Unified School District
Board of Education Meeting

June 25, 2020 Public Comments

Name:	Tyler Stokes
Comment:	As a concerned community member who with a daughter who will soon enter the SCUSD school district, I am urging you to uphold your promise to not contract with Sac City PD. In addition, I want to see that money put toward mental and emotional support services for all our students.

Speaking as: Community Member

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Sacramento City Unified School District
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June 25, 2020 Public Comments

Name:	Caspian Hamric
Comment:	Publicly pledge not to take campaign money from police unions.

Speaking as: Parent/Guardian

Email

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Sacramento City Unified School District
Board of Education Meeting

June 25, 2020 Public Comments

Name:	Giselle Jones
Comment:	End police contract and use those funds for social workers to help end institutionalized racism.

Speaking as: Community Member

Email

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Sacramento City Unified School District
Board of Education Meeting

June 25, 2020 Public Comments

Name:	Angela Marie Lopes
Comment:this is in addition to my previous comment I would also like to see military recruitment ended in public schools as they tend to target children of color and low-income kids who cannot afford college. Although military is necessary glorifying it to children is not.

Speaking as: Community Member

Email

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Sacramento City Unified School District
Board of Education Meeting

June 25, 2020 Public Comments

Name:	Jen Olden
Comment:	No police in school!!!!

Speaking as: Parent/Guardian

Date/time Stamp: 6/25/2020 11:52:49 AM

Sacramento City Unified School District
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June 25, 2020 Public Comments

Name:	David Sobon
Comment:	Publicly pledge an immediate and permanent end to police contracts -Reinvest into mental health student support -Design and implement an alternative safety plan with community input and partnership -Publicly pledge not to take mine from police unions

Speaking as: Community Member

Email

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Date/time Stamp: 6/25/2020 11:41:41 AM

Sacramento City Unified School District
Board of Education Meeting

June 25, 2020 Public Comments

Name:	Alejandro Alfaro Ramirez
Comment:	<p>Hi my name is Alejandro and I am a community member who would like to ask that this board, first. adopt a Board Resolution to put a permanent end to current and future contracts with law enforcement AND institute an Alternative Safety Plan designed with students, parents, teachers, and community for the school year 2020-2021. Since the Columbine shooting, schools across the country have filled their campuses with police. Not one of these “resource officers” have stopped a school shooting but have fed over 1 million students into the school to prison pipeline. Because of that, our second demand is that this board reinvest the safety funds that goes to police on campuses in academic and mental health counselors, social workers, bilingual staff, campus monitors, and student supports. There are other ways to create safety and community at our schools without the presence of police, who only intimidate, criminalize, and harass Black and Brown students.</p> <p>The third demand is that this board make a public pledge to not take any money from police unions for their political campaigns as a stance against institutional racism. I also demand that the board make all financial transactions involving the hiring of on-campus police officers to be made public, as these transactions cannot be found on the budget published online.</p>

Speaking as: Community Member

Date/time Stamp: 6/25/2020 11:53:54 AM

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Board of Education Meeting

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Name:	Rochelle Reed
Comment:	<p>I am requesting that SCUSD adopt a Board Resolution to put a final end to current and future contracts with law enforcement AND institute an Alternative Safety Plan designed with students, parents, teachers, and community for the school year 2020-2021. I also ask that SCUSD reinvest the safety funds in academic and mental health counselors, social workers, bilingual staff, campus monitors, and student supports.</p> <p>On behalf of our all SCUSD children and their families, please make a public pledge to not take any money from police unions for their political campaigns as a stance against institutional racism.</p>

Speaking as: Parent & Teacher

Date/time Stamp: 6/25/2020 11:54:04 AM

Sacramento City Unified School District
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Name:	Alison Silack
Comment:	<p>Please read the following comment aloud during the meeting on Thursday, June 25, 2020:</p> <p>I am a citizen of Sacramento County and a mother of two children attending the Sacramento City Unified School District. I am writing to you today to demand that the district end its contract with Sac PD and reinvest those safety funds in academic and mental health counselors, social workers, bilingual staff, and student supports. In other words, put the money towards actually helping our children, rather than intimidating them with armed authority figures. Despite the fact that my children go to low-income schools with racially and ethnically diverse populations (Sequoia Elementary, Einstein Middle School, and Rosemont High School), as a white mother with white children, statistically I am much less likely to be directly affected by the practice of having police in schools. However, I cannot stand idly by while Black and Brown children and their families are continuously, negatively impacted and literally traumatized by police interactions on school campuses. Having police on school campuses does not cultivate an environment conducive to learning and growth. The use of education funds to pay law enforcement to police our children and our schools is a racist policy that needs to end irrevocably. YOU have the power to create real change for the most vulnerable children in our community. Take a stand and support our efforts to denounce institutional racism in our education system by meeting the following demands:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Make a public pledge to put a final end to future contracts with law enforcement and institute an Alternative Safety Plan designed with students, parents, teachers, and community for the school year 2020-2021.2) Reinvest the safety funds in academic and mental health counselors, social workers, bilingual staff, campus monitors, and student supports.3) Make a public pledge to not take any money from police unions for their political campaigns as a stance against institutional racism. <p>The world is waking up to the horrors of institutionalized racism that BIPOC have been suffering under for literal CENTURIES. Claiming innocence is no longer an option. Do not look away. The time for change is now and YOU have the power to create it. Do the right thing.</p>

Speaking as: Parent/Guardian

Sacramento City Unified School District
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Name:	Malcolm Abbey
Comment:	<p>Hello SCUSD board members,</p> <p>My name is Malcolm and I'm a resident of Sacramento. I'm writing submit a public comment on item 8 for today's meeting. I am demanding that you permanently end the contracts with police. The funds should instead be used for mental health and other student support programs.</p> <p>Over the past few weeks, we have seen Sacramento PD brutalizing protestors. The police have shown time and time again that they are violent and racist and they do not keep our community safe. They have no place in our schools.</p> <p>You need to listen to your community and push for racial justice by removing police from our schools.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>

Speaking as: Community Member

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Sacramento City Unified School District
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Name:	Maija Beattie
Comment:	<p>My name is Maija Beattie and I am a community member with Sacramento ACT. I wrote to you last week and I write again today asking for a permanent end to contracts with law enforcement on school campuses. Students are being negatively impacted by police interactions on campus and for many, this is the first entry point into the school to prison pipeline. I stand with students who are leading the effort to denounce institutional racism in our education system and ask that the SCUSD Board of Education:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Adopt a Board Resolution to put a final end to current and future contracts with law enforcement AND institute an Alternative Safety Plan designed with students, parents, teachers and community for the 2020-21 school year.2. Reinvest the safety funds into academic and mental health counselors, social workers, bilingual staff, campus monitors, and school supports.3. Make a public pledge to not take any money from police unions for their political campaigns as a stance against institutional racism. <p>Thank you.</p>

Speaking as: Community Member

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Name:	Pam Edington
Comment:	Please reconsider your decision to Defund the parent participation preschool!

Speaking as: Grandma

Date/time Stamp: 6/25/2020 11:57:52 AM

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Name:	Ursula Yisrael
Comment:	SCUSD will you stand with the people and end the SRO contract shielding racism white supremacy in your schools? I have seen it time and time again across Sacramento County where Black student rights are violated because of profiling and an unwillingness of teachers and administrators to participate in a process of justice. Will help to end oppression today? Will take some of the stress and worry off Black mothers who wonder everyday whether their child is next?

Speaking as: Parent/Guardian

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Name:	Jason Weiner
Comment:	<p>Chair Ryan, Board Members, and Superintendent Aguilar,</p> <p>Thank you to those Board members who spoke out against renewing the contract between the District and Sacramento Police Department for School Resource Officers. You have shown a willingness to listen to the needs of your students and parents and change the way that the District has operated. I hope and expect that you will follow through to not sign a new contract a few months down the road.</p> <p>At the same time, this step must only be the beginning. Removing SROs from schools must mean that those resources - and any more funding it is possible to find - are reallocated to counselors, campus monitors, social workers, bilingual staff, and other hires who have the skills and training to support student and family needs. Moreover, the District must focus immediately on providing school administrators, teachers, and families with the guidance they will need to create and implement a new model for school safety. This has to include a clear policy on when and why law enforcement should and should not be called in to a school, model school safety plans and processes, and the actual implementation of training on restorative practices and effective classroom management.</p> <p>We at Sacramento ACT and the Counselors Not Cops Coalition are ready to support and advise the District on all of these steps, but they must be clearly prioritized by the Board and Superintendent for immediate action. We cannot start another school year without this clear guidance for school sites.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>

Speaking as: Parent/Guardian

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Name:	Holly Kleinman
Comment:	It's time to end the contract with police in schools. There is absolutely no need to have police presence on school campuses. Let's kids learn and take rehabilitation practices rather than reactive punitive punishment

Speaking as: Community Member

Email

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Name:	Trina Whitney
Comment:	<p>I am a resident, tax payer and Auntie in the Sacramento City Unified School District. The time to permanently end the district's contract with the police is NOW! Let's not delay the inevitable another day! Cops in schools are bad for our kids, particularly Black, Indigenous and Children of Color. It's time for SCUSD to get creative and to harness the insight, knowledge, and experience of the community to create sustainable and effective alternatives to police in our schools. The funds currently allocated for policing must be wholly reinvested into these alternatives, including mental health, school counselors, and student enrichment! Police in schools is a failing public policy. Nearly anything would be better than the status quo though I am fully confident highly effective and better alternative will be created, if only the Board and District would do its due diligence and work cooperatively within community to make positive alternatives a reality. Let us all do our part, to forever eradicate the school to prison pipeline in Sacramento.</p>

Speaking as: Community Member

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Name:	Cha Vang
Comment:	<p>Good Evening Superintendent and members of the board. My name is Cha Vang. I stand with our students, parents and community member to demand the end of the SRO contract with SacPD. We have seen true and bold leadership in school districts across the country and in California. My hope is for SCUSD will show us that we also have true and bold leaders supporting our students. We can not claim to be a safe haven district when we are contributor to the School to Prison to Deportation pipeline. We can not be proud of our Ethnic Studies implementation if we continue to fund a system built on white supremacy.</p> <p>Therefore, we demand that the SCUSD Board of Education:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Adopt a Board Resolution to put a final end to current and future contracts with law enforcement AND institute an Alternative Safety Plan designed with students, parents, teachers, and community for the school year 2020-2021.2. Reinvest the safety funds in academic and mental health counselors, social workers, bilingual staff, campus monitors, and student supports. <p>Thank you for your time. I look forward to your leadership.</p>

Speaking as: Community Member

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Name:	Virginia Diaz
Comment:	<p>I am a SCUSD graduate, a researcher of oppression and survivance, an educator and life-long learner, and a parent of a child in our district. I would love for our Board of Trustees to create schools that are welcoming places in which ALL students are supported and encouraged to thrive even when they are disturbed, frustrated, sad, hungry, stressed, etc.</p> <p>PLEASE help our local children get the support they need to make it despite their increasingly difficult challenges. Our city and state and country has over and over handed them a really rough deal - it is no surprise they act-out in our schools which are at present not equipped to help them and have perhaps unrealistic expectations of their abilities. Many of our youth are also responsible for helping other family members survive and thrive, often the adults.</p> <p>We would better serve them by replacing staff who do not know how to work with our populations and discrimination against them - in & out of the classroom. They will benefit greatly from principals that remove punitive forms of discipline, much better alternatives and successful models exist. Your removal of the police department (School Resource Officers) from our schools will go a very long way in helping students feel valued in our schools. They all need to feel safe and wanted and capable to be in a place to learn the skills they need to promote through the grades and graduate.</p> <p>PLEASE be brave, be bold, and take swift action. Follow the Oakland Unified School District - if they can do it, so can Sacramento. PLEASE take a chance on improving the lives of our children and the future of our city!</p>

Speaking as: Parent/Guardian

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Sacramento City Unified School District
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June 25, 2020 Public Comments

Name:	Emmy Aceves Mitchell
Comment:	<p>We stand shoulder-to-shoulder with our students that are negatively impacted by police interactions in their school campus and who are leading the effort to denounce institutional racism in our education system.</p> <p>We demand that the SCUSD Board of Education:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Adopt a Board Resolution to put a final end to current and future contracts with law enforcement AND institute an Alternative Safety Plan designed with students, parents, teachers, and community for the school year 2020-2021.2. Reinvest the safety funds in academic and mental health counselors, social workers, bilingual staff, campus monitors, and student supports.3. Make a public pledge to not take any money from police unions for their political campaigns as a stance against institutional racism.

Speaking as: Community Member

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Name:	Raphaela Floreani Buzbee
Comment:	I am writing to demand that the SCUSD board take measures to remove the police presence from public schools. Schools are institutions for learning and growth not policing and there is no evidence that campus police make schools safer or make learning more accessible. Instead, funds that currently go to an unnecessary and bloated police budgets would be better spent on education and programs that have proven positive outcomes for students and teachers such as libraries, tutoring programs in STEM, after school sports and arts education.

Speaking as: Community Member

Email

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Date/time Stamp: 6/25/2020 11:47:27 AM

Sacramento City Unified School District
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June 25, 2020 Public Comments

Name:	Eva Roethler
Comment:	Police have no place in our schools. They only further enforce the school to prison pipeline.

Speaking as: Community Member

Date/time Stamp: 6/25/2020 12:00:00 PM

From: Deborah Franklin
Sent: Saturday, June 20, 2020 8:25 PM
To: SCUSD Public Comment
Subject: End Contract with Sacramento City Police Department

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Public Comment for June 25, 2020, Meeting

It is time for the Sacramento City Unified School District (SCUSD) to end its contract with the Sacramento City Police Department.

The students in SCUSD need counselors, school nurses, social workers, and programs to address their social, health, and mental health needs, in addition to meeting their educational needs. The teachers need support for teaching students who are affected by trauma associated with COVID-19, a city in crisis related to police violence, and the loss of learning due to schools being closed for their health.

With limited resources, it is important to prioritize students' immediate needs as plans are made for the 2020-21 school year. It will be a difficult year to plan with so many unknowns about how to safely return students to classrooms, but one thing that is definitely known is that our children will need more support, more resources, and more targeted interventions than in previous years.

Please do not continue to waste precious resources on the contract with the Sacramento City Police Department. Spend those resources on real safety measures, the ones that make it safe for every child to come to school such as counselors and social workers fully trained in working with traumatized children, school nurses, academic intervention, and anti-bullying and suicide prevention programs.

The school-to-prison pipeline must be disrupted and eliminating the contract with the Sacramento City Police Department is an important step in that direction.

Deborah Franklin

Sacramento, CA 95816

From: Brittany Michael
Sent: Monday, June 22, 2020 11:54 AM
To: SCUSD Public Comment
Cc: Lisa Murawski; Leticia Garcia; Christina Pritchett; Michael Minnick; Mai Vang Board; Darrel Woo; Jessie Ryan; Olivia M. Ang-Olson
Subject: Defund Sac School Police

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To All Sacramento School Board Representatives,

I am emailing to ask you to deeply consider our call to defund and ultimately abolish Sacramento School Police. I grew up and spent 22 years outside of Sacramento and obtained my bachelor degree from Sacramento State. I am currently a School Psychologist Intern in Southern California; therefore, I feel strongly about this cause.

Studies have shown that Black, Brown and Indigenous students across the nation are more likely to be suspended from school, starting as early as preschool. When suspended, constantly placed in detention, or even incarcerated (for the same, child like behaviors that other, mostly White, students display) from school, these students fall behind drastically in school and lose motivation to perform well in school or even lose all drive to continue education. This creates lasting effects in students' lives, often leading to teenage pregnancy, drug abuse, unemployment/poverty, and incarceration (School-to-Prison Pipeline).

School police are criminalizing Black, Brown, and Indigenous students, rather than protecting them. Studies show that police actually make students feel LESS safe when they are on their campus. BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, People of Color) are harassed, racially profiled and searched, sexualized (girl students), and have force used on them by school police. School police have been known to pepper spray, taser, and shoot students (who are CHILDREN) with a stun gun. Studies show that 70% of students involved in school-based arrests or referred to law enforcement are Black and Latinx. Keep in mind that Black and Latinx students make up about 42% of the school population. Having more police than counselors, psychologists, nurses, social workers, etc. creates a hostile environment that feels more like a prison than a place to learn. The effects that this presence has on students is very impactful to their learning. In order to create a more positive school climate, police need to be abolished from campuses and restorative justice practices need to be implemented district wide.

Punishment causes more harm to students. As I stated previously, taking students out of class to punish them causes more harm than good. Using restorative justice practices, which focus on using control (I.e. limit-setting, discipline) as well as support (I.e. encouragement, nurture), increases the chance for positive outcomes. The outcomes include decreases in behavior and increases in positive relationships. Examples of restorative justice practices include talking circles, check-ins, and self care agreements. These practices empower students to resolve conflicts on their own and in small groups, creating lasting, life-long skills that students will be able to use.

I am demanding the you, the district, end the contract with Sac PD and reinvest the safety funds in academic and mental health counselors, social workers, nurses, bilingual staff, more diverse (Black/Brown/Indigenous) staff, and student support systems, restorative justice practices, NOT cops.

I am demanding that the SCUSD Board of Education lead with courage and stand up to institutional racism and PRIORITIZE our students.

Thank you for your time,

Brittany Michael

School Psychologist Intern

California State University, Northridge

From: Rene Nitz
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 4:58 PM
To: SCUSD Public Comment
Subject: Divest police from schools

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Immediately and permanently end police contracts

Reinvest safety funds into mental health resources in schools

Design and implement alternative safety plan with community input and partnership

Publicly pledge not to accept campaign Money from police unions

Rene Nitz

From: Tiffany Wiriaphanich
Sent: Wednesday, June 24, 2020 10:51 AM
To: SCUSD Public Comment
Subject: SCUSD Board of Education Meeting, Public Comment, June 25, 2020: Issues Re: Police/SROs

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Hi,

I'm a concerned community member. I was made aware that there are Student Resource Officers (SROs) at schools and I think that I, as well as many others, have a problem with them. We cannot simply impose terror onto students and expect them to succeed. Having SROs to handle problems is like slapping a bandaid on a deep wound. You need to get at the true issue. Students struggle with mental health issues (I, for one struggle with mental health and getting mental health resources). Divesting money from the police and ending their contracts would allow for that money to be reinvested in mental health support for students. As for safety, community-led safety programs have worked and can work if you work with and listen to them. I understand that it can seem hard to change something that people have become accustomed to, but just because something is in place doesn't make it right. As representatives, you have a responsibility to represent your people and be a part of something bigger. It can be hard to stick to your integrity if you take money from police unions, but with the public opinion shifting away from police unions, you would gain support from the actual people that you serve instead of siding with the police who are against the people they are supposed to serve. I hope that you listen to your concerned community members. If not, you will no longer be representing us which is not doing the job you are supposed to be doing.

Best,
Tiffany.

From: Claudia Kirkpatrick
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 7:08 AM
To: SCUSD Public Comment
Subject: Comment on today's School District Meeting

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Dear Sacramento City Unified School District,

We stand shoulder-to-shoulder with our students that are negatively impacted by police interactions in their school campus and who are leading the effort to denounce institutional racism in our education system.

We demand that the SCUSD Board of Education:

1. Adopt a Board Resolution to put a final end to current and future contracts with law enforcement AND institute an Alternative Safety Plan designed with students, parents, teachers, and community for the school year 2020-2021.
2. Reinvest the safety funds in academic and mental health counselors, social workers, bilingual staff, campus monitors, and student supports.
3. Make a public pledge to not take any money from police unions for their political campaigns as a stance against institutional racism.

Thank you,

Claudia Kirkpatrick

From: Selina Arias
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 9:56 AM
To: SCUSD Public Comment
Subject: Black youth & Black futures matter. Divest from PD and invest in youth.

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To whom it may concern,

As a member of the Sacramento community, I urge you to fulfill your promise to **not contract with Sac City PD** and to **invest the allocation already set aside for that contract, \$600,000, into true safety measures: mental and emotional support services for students.**

Black students are arrested at a rate that is twice their population in the district, and the majority of the arrests made were concentrated in only four schools. Sac City Unified is the capital of arrests, not just the capital of suspensions.

Black youth matter. Black futures matter. I urge you to please **divest from policing and invest in youth.**

Sincerely,
Selina Arias

Sacramento City Unified School District
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Name:	Lorreen Pryor
Comment:	After the Stefon Clark murder the District voted to modify the SRO contract and to re-imagine safety. As a result, SROs are no longer on campus, and Black children are still the most disproportionately impacted demographic in your District - over-represented in suspensions, expulsions and arrests. We understand the outcry to terminate all SRO contracts, however we want to make sure that teachers and administrators do not replace SROs with 911 calls as this will just support the school to prison pipeline. What are we going to do about the training of your culturally incompetent staff & Admin who initiate contact with law enforcement? We are past the time of quick fixes, we need substantive policy change and an immediate training plan implemented post haste.

Speaking as: Community Member

Date/time Stamp: 6/23/2020 9:29:16 PM

From: Andrews, Paul
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 10:42 AM
To: SCUSD Public Comment
Cc: Leticia Garcia
Subject: Use of school funding for police

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I would ask that you please adopt a resolution ensuring that no more money will go to having police in schools; ending all current and future contracts. I understand that there are safety concerns in many schools. But the reality is that quite a bit of the crime and criminality that exists in our society is due to systemic inequities, both between classes and between ethnicities. This can be addressed by ensuring that schools have mental health counselors, social workers, bilingual staff, campus monitors, and student supports.

Safety issues can be addressed by getting together with students, parents, teachers, and community for the school year 2020-2021 and instituting an Alternative Safety Plan.

I would ask that the board also pledge to not accept money from police organizations or unions for their campaigns. It's been all too obvious that this money results in public officials acting at the behest of the police rather than answering to the community and this needs to stop.

Thank you for your time

Paul Andrews, Trustee Area 2

From: Alicia Souza
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 10:47 AM
To: Jessie Ryan; SCUSD Public Comment; Olivia M. Ang-Olson
Subject: Urgent: Fund Counselors Not Cops

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My name is Dr. Alicia Souza, Ed.D. I am a resident of SCUSD trustee area 7 in Sacramento, California. I am a career educator, with a research expertise in trauma informed practices and organizational crisis management.

I am writing today to express that I do not support the presence of law enforcement or "resource officer" personnel in our schools. Schools should be a place where all students feel safe to thrive. We are doing a disservice to our most vulnerable students by placing law enforcement officers in an environment where learning is to happen.

Cortisol, the body's stress hormone is known to disrupt the learning process. As such is it not counter productive to our students to place officers in their schools, knowing the tumultuous relationship between LEOs and vulnerable students, particularly Black students.

Additionally, it is evident of where this board's priorities lie. We underfund things like restorative justice, and counselors to find law enforcement in our schools. A budget is a true reflection of our values, and until the money matches what you all claim, we, the parents will continue to voice our concerns with the questionable spending of our funds. The state's intent was for local control and accountability and it's time this board listened to the concerns of our parents and community. The top down approach is not working and has resulted in a budget crisis in our district. Let's learn from our mistakes by taking a hard look at them and admitting where we fell short of meeting the needs of our students. You have the power to facilitate this change, what will you decide? This must be a lasting change, not one made out of financial distress. Our students deserve better. Your responsibility is in preserving their access to a safe Education.

Best regards,

Dr. Alicia Souza, Ed.D.

From: Amreet Sandhu
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 10:51 AM
To: SCUSD Public Comment
Subject: Care not Cops - End SCUSD contract with Law Enforcement

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As a former teacher and attendee of a Title I school, I have personally witnessed the disparity between students who have the emotional support they need and those who do not. My memory's list of moments students have been disruptive and used their limited communication skills (e.g., kindergarten) to ask for support around issues they weren't completely aware of themselves, is longer than I wish it were. In those moments, it is crucial for youth to process their feelings with someone they trust. The someone they trust must be a school counselor, not a police officer.

Of course, students have limited knowledge of how the information they share with law enforcement may adversely impact their entire life trajectories. As they learn about the world around them, our children deserve care, not cops. For this reason, I ask that the Sacramento City Unified School District (SCUSD/District) indefinitely terminate its contract with law enforcement and institute an Alternative Safety Plan.

Fortunately, the contract between SCUSD and the Sacramento Police Department ends this month. The use of education funds to pay law enforcement to police our children and our schools is a racist policy that must not continue. I ask that instead, the District implement anti-racist policies that increase racial equity for students to thrive personally, emotionally, and academically.

Please end the contract with law enforcement and reinvest the safety funds in academic and mental health counselors, social workers, bilingual staff, and student supports--not police.

Thank you,
Amreet Sandhu, J.D.