

# SCHOOL SAFETY FACT SHEET



UTLA 2020

WE AS A SOCIETY NEED TO RE-ENVISION POLICING, AND THAT SHOULD START IN OUR SCHOOLS. THIS IS NOT JUST ABOUT CUTTING SCHOOL POLICE — IT'S ABOUT FULLY FUNDING OUR SCHOOLS AND OFFERING THE SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL SUPPORTS OUR STUDENTS DESPERATELY NEED.

## LAUSD SCHOOL POLICE



**\$70** MILLION  
YEARLY BUDGET

WITH 410 SWORN POLICE OFFICERS, LASPD IS THE LARGEST SCHOOL POLICE FORCE IN THE COUNTRY.

SOURCE: LAUSD /LASPD WEBSITE

WHILE CRIME ON CAMPUS HAS GONE DOWN OVER THE LAST 10 YEARS THE SCHOOL POLICE FORCE HAS INCREASED BY 15%.

SOURCE: LASPD BUDGET FIGURES



## STOP THE CRIMINALIZATION OF OUR YOUTH



25% OF ARRESTS IN LAUSD ARE OF ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS.

WHILE BLACK STUDENTS MAKE UP 8% OF LAUSD'S STUDENT POPULATION THEY DISPROPORTIONATELY REPRESENT 25% OF ARRESTS, CITATIONS AND DIVERSIONS

SOURCE: "POLICING OUR STUDENTS," 2018 UCLA REPORT

## THE PROBLEMS OF OVER-POLICING AND RACISM DO NOT END AT OUR SCHOOL GATES



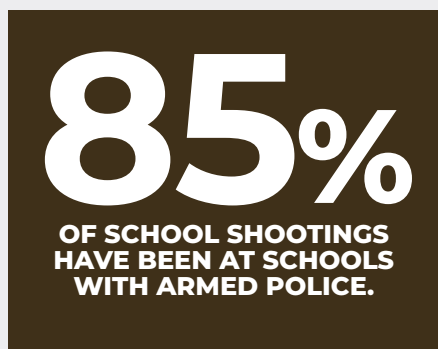
NUMBER OF LAUSD CAMPUSES WITH POLICE BUT NO COUNSELORS



NUMBER OF LAUSD CAMPUSES WITH POLICE BUT LACKING A COUNSELOR, A NURSE, A PSYCHOLOGIST, OR A SOCIAL WORKER

SOURCE: ABC7 ANALYSIS OF US DEPT OF ED DATA

## SCHOOL POLICE HAVE NOT STOPPED SCHOOL SHOOTINGS.



SOURCE: UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS RESEARCH, 2016

## COMMUNITY-LED STRUGGLES AGAINST OVER-POLICING WHICH UTLA SUPPORTED

- 2011 STOPPED SCHOOL-TO-PRISON PIPELINE PRACTICE OF ISSUING TICKETS TO STUDENTS FOR BEING LATE TO SCHOOL.
- 2014 FORCED SCHOOL POLICE TO GIVE UP 3 GRENADE LAUNCHERS
- 2016 FORCED SCHOOL POLICE TO GIVE UP 61 M-16 AUTOMATIC RIFLES AND 1 MINE RESISTANT AMBUSH PROTECTED ARMORED VEHICLE
- 2019 WON AN END TO SO-CALLED RANDOM SEARCHES THAT TARGET STUDENTS OF COLOR
- 2020 ONGOING FIGHT TO BAN THE USE IN LA SCHOOLS OF PEPPER SPRAY, WHICH HAS BEEN BANNED IN JUVENILE HALLS AS A CHEMICAL WEAPON

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RESOURCES ON OVER-POLICING AND SUPPORTING BLACK LIVES IN OUR SCHOOLS GO TO:  
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