

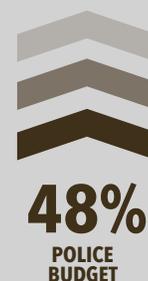
WE CAN AND WE MUST RE-IMAGINE SCHOOL SAFETY



Students in LA have been organizing against over-policing for years. UTLA has been a part of this, working in coalition to end truancy ticketing, to stop the LA school police from attaining federal weapons like tanks, and to stop discriminatory searches.

The historic movement for Black Lives and racial justice has sharpened the focus on issues of policing, and many districts across the country have eliminated school police. In June, the UTLA Board and House voted overwhelmingly to call for the elimination of the LA school police budget, and to instead invest in student support services, mental/social/emotional health staffing, and Community Schools.

WHILE CRIME DROPPED AND LAUSD ENROLLMENT DROPPED BY OVER 18%, THE LA SCHOOL POLICE BUDGET INCREASED BY 48%



SOURCE: UCLA Black Male Institute 2020; figures for 2005-2019



RESEARCH: SCHOOL POLICE NEGATIVELY IMPACT STUDENTS

- Black students make up 8% of LAUSD's student population, but are 25% of LA school police arrests. 25% of arrests are of elementary and middle school students
- The presence of school police does not stop school shootings
- Schools are less safe with school police. Students of color feel more unsafe, and students are less likely to confide in adults
- The presence of school police has a detrimental impact on the achievement of students of color, especially Black students

SOURCES: UCLA Bunche Center 2018; Bowling Green 2020; Howard Univ 2018 and Univ of Tenn 2016; UCLA Dept of Public Policy 2019 & Harvard /Columbia 2019

\$70 MILLION LA SCHOOL POLICE BUDGET COULD PAY FOR ALL OF THIS:

- 130 additional psychiatric social workers
- 130 additional academic counselors
- 130 additional school psychologists
- 130 additional pupil services and attendance counselors
- 130 additional campus aides
- Investment in 10 additional schools to be transformed into Community Schools, with wrap-around services for families, broadened curriculum, parent engagement, fully-funded restorative practices, and more.

Tens of thousands of LAUSD students have a police officer on campus, but no full-time counselor, social worker, or nurse (ACLU 2019).



SIGN THE PETITION TO VOTE "YES" TO UPHOLD UTLA POLICY ON SCHOOL POLICE SCHOOL SAFETY FOR ALL

This is not about individual school police officers. This is about the institution of policing and how it traumatizes our students. We are for a just transition for school police officers into other jobs.

A group of UTLA members is collecting signatures to call for an all-member vote on this policy.

We must support our students and be on the right side of history in this crucial moment for racial justice. We must uphold UTLA's policy to call for the elimination of the school police budget and instead fund student mental health services, staffing, and Community Schools.

COMMIT NOW TO VOTE "YES" TO UPHOLD UTLA'S POLICY, IN THE EVENT OF AN ALL-MEMBER VOTE. PETITION LINK: www.utla.net/defund-school-police-petition