

To: School Board Members
From: Staff
Date: March 11, 2025
Subject: Responses #4 to FY 2025/26 Draft Funding Request Questions



The following questions were asked by School Board members during the FY 26 Budget Development Work Sessions. Staff have provided responses in this memo and will follow up on any outstanding questions with a later memo or during an upcoming meeting.

1. Can we have the SRO survey data racially disaggregated? Is the same data available on the School Security Officers and Student Safety Coaches?

The survey data at the work session was from the 2024 Virginia School Survey of Climate and Working Conditions. The survey is administered annually by the Virginia Department of Education and the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS). Each year, the schools that take the survey alternates. The survey results shared was based on the survey administered at Albemarle High School between January and February 2024. The responses are provided by the state, and we are not provided the raw data, so we cannot disaggregate the responses by race.

The survey does include questions about School Security Officers (SSO), and the responses are below. Please note, at the time the survey was administered we did not have a position entitled "SSO"; however, Security Assistants received certification training as an SSO. The survey did not have questions specifically about Safety Coaches; however, Safety Coaches also received certification training as an SSO.

School Security Officer (SSO)

Question	Yes	No	Do not know
Does your school have a School Security Officer (SSO)?	556 (49.4%)	24 (2.1%)	545 (48.4%)

How strongly do you strongly agree or disagree with the following statements about this school?	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Slightly Disagree	Slightly Agree	Agree	Strongly Agree
The SSO makes me feel safe at this school.*	20 (3.6%)	11 (2.0%)	36 (6.5%)	190 (34.2%)	196 (35.3%)	103 (18.5%)
The SSO makes a positive contribution to our school.*	22 (4.0%)	9 (1.6%)	39 (7.0%)	165 (29.7%)	210 (37.8%)	111 (20.0%)

*Asked only to those who selected "Yes" for having a SSO.

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Question*	Yes	No	Do not know
Did your school have a SSO in previous years?	19 (3.3%)	19 (3.3%)	534 (93.8%)
Would you feel safer if you school had an SSO?	126 (22.1%)	53 (9.3%)	393 (69.1%)

*Asked only to those who selected "No" or "Do not know" for having SSO.

2. In response to questions we have received about the SRO Budget proposal, we have created the following document that includes some commonly asked questions as well some requested data points:
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1OxptFCWVNLJXOeeZdL3qahXNn3saT0VKGSCPVDQCCfU/edit?tab=t.0>

It is included in the document above, but I wanted to call your attention to a report that the ACPD produced earlier this year. The ACPS has also produced this [SRO statistics report](#) that shows the number of calls for services and what types of calls the officers reported to. As a point of clarification, “SY’24” refers to the first part of the 2024/25 school year and “CY’24” refers to calendar 2024. Also, there are two roles referenced in the report: Officer Jamie Kwiecinski- ACPS funded certified SRO position for the Lambs Lane Campus; Officer Raymond Lilly- ACPD FTE (SRO certified) designed officer who supports responding to all ACPS calls for service.