

## Board Meeting 5/12/2022

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Comments:

How can the school PTA approve a person with a criminal background for the PTA President? I do not feel safe with this individual being on the school site and with children with her criminal background.

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Concerned Teacher

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SSFHS

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MOU between SSFUSD and City of SSF PD

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### Comments:

I am submitting comment in opposition to the approval of the current draft of MOU between the SSFUSD and the City of SSF and SSFPD. There seems to be a lot of unclear and broad language through this MOU to ensure there is no accountability for officer misconduct. It leaves room for SSFPD to reinstate ineffective and overly expensive programs like GREAT or YES despite data that shows its overall ineffectiveness. It allows officers to be on campus with weapons, presenting potential danger to our students. It is important to state that armed officers are a normalcy in America and not so much a norm in other countries with far less incarceration and police violence. Data on the harm that police presence has on students has been presented and sent to the board members on numerous occasions. Despite this, I have not seen or heard much of anything from most or all of the board members that acknowledge or address the existing data that shows that police presence in schools is harmful to students, especially students who's families have been separated from them due to incarceration. This runs in contradiction to how the board and cabinet spoke proudly of themselves with how they looked at data and surveyed some staff members about lifting the mask mandate.

Why is the board selective about looking at data from one issue to another? Please address this question. Again, I ask why haven't we really asked the students how they feel about police presence in schools in addition to how they feel about how much it costs the city. This MOU has been in discussion for almost two years now and no district wide data has been initiated or collected in regards to looking at the cost and impact of police presence in schools despite request from community members. A community survey of over 100 SSFHS students was done midway in the school year and posted publicly on the CHANGE SSF and Students 4 Change instagram accounts as well as presented during public comment yet it was not acknowledged by the board. This community survey was far more reflective of the students' voices than the thought exchange survey and the focus groups. The students deserve a safe campus and city-funded programs that effectively help students as provided by trained youth workers, not officers.

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Comments:

What is the policy about having a member of the PTA with a criminal background, yet alone the possible new president?  
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Putting more funding towards the SSF youth, specifically in high school.

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The MOU for the police should not have that much funding put in. There are students in the SSFUSD that are in need/would want programs, specifically dedicated to their well being. It is a discomfort to know that there is a huge amount of money going towards the police department when that same money could be spread to various other programs. The San Francisco Unified School District have made programs for their students called the "Quiet Time Program" They have seen excellent improvements in their students mental health and attendance in school.

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Comments:

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Student of SSFHS

Address/Affiliation:

South San Francisco High School

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Funding for students

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Comments:

We should replace detentions with tutoring for students so that they can use the time meaningfully instead of waiting hours anticipating for it to end

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Student

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South San Francisco High School Student

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To refund programs for our students to have better resources.

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Comments:

The city should prioritize giving money to libraries than to our police department as we need to engage our community by using the library.

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student of ssfhs

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student

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defund the police refund mental health and tutoring programs.

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Comments:

this school needs these programs not the police.

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SSFUSD and SLOs MOU

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Comments:

We have sat in on meetings and called time and time again to tell all of you that cops do not belong on school campuses! We don't need policing to suppress our problems, we need counseling and funding to help treat them. Even if you guys choose to ignore the facts, your MOU is still very lacking in holding cops accountable if they mistreat students. For example, one of the points in the MOU says that officers are not expected to fulfill the roles of anything besides being a police officer, but another point later states that officers are encouraged to build positive relationships with students on campus! How is this not contradictory?! Another point allows officers to have weapons on campus! Additionally, a lot of the language is too unspecific. There are too many "if asked", "if needed", and "if possible" statements that aren't concrete enough and allow for loopholes. I urge the Board to think twice about whether it's wise or not to approve this MOU and to consider ending the SLO program at our South City schools.

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DeVante Jewett

Address/Affiliation:

CHANGE SSF

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SLO/MOU

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### Comments:

Dear Elected Officials,

My name is DeVante and I urge the Board to direct all school sites to discontinue all relations with the SSFPD. The SSFPD uses a school liaison officer model, and we want an end to police in schools.

Peer-reviewed literature shows that police in schools decrease the feeling of safety for students of color, have a negative impact on girls of color alongside students who identify as Queer and students with disabilities, and result in higher rates of exclusionary discipline, particularly arrests, of young people of color - especially for arbitrary matters labeled "disorderly conduct". Thus, SSFUSD should remove police from our schools. Police presence in schools only perpetuates the school-to-prison pipeline.

By removing police from our schools, our City can reinvest the modest savings into the lives of our students and their loved ones. Most immediately, our City can invest in resources to support students and families during the pandemic. Longer-term prospects exist as well.

We can, for instance, implement authentic restorative justice practices, ethnic studies curriculum, conflict resolution programs, increase counselors, and opportunities for our young people to collectively change their surroundings through gardens, murals, etc. Police officers are not equipped to implement or provide any of the interventions mentioned above. Counselors and mental health clinicians (such as myself) are trained to be change agents, assess problematic behaviors & trauma history in students and families. We problem solve issues to prevent further escalation that could result to suspension, expulsion, and violence. As a community, how can we implement public safety if we don't have enough counselors and mental health clinicians at our schools? The families & students who are vulnerable due to socio-economic/traumatic factors will continue to struggle if the resources they need are not available to them.

This is an opportunity for you to not only do the right thing but place yourselves on the correct side of history as you help South City become a leading example of what could be done differently while best serving our children and community.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Cesar Rodriguez

Address/Affiliation:

1400 El Camino Real APT 230, SSF, CA - SSFUSD Alum & SSF Resident

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Action item 1a.

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Comments:

This MOU should not be approved until it has critically evaluated by a legal advocacy group, specifically one specializing in equity and social justice, particularly as it relates to children and students. Section V, "The Role of School Liaison Officers During Investigations at School Sites", and VII, "Student Rights" should specifically be revised to ensure that police officers and school administrators do not use the arbitrarily defined "real and immediate threat" to compromise the rights of students, and to avoid the mission of schools (to educate young people) from being corrupted by criminal justice procedures. As institutions, schools are obliged to teach, not to help the criminal justice system investigate, arrest, and/or file charges against children.

Furthermore, this MOU is concerning given Item 1d, "promote positive attitudes regarding police", and item Xa2, "internal survey of school administrators, staff, and student representatives". First of all, SSFUSD is under no obligation to support SSFPD with their public relations work, especially given the historic and ongoing reproduction of racial & class inequality through the criminal justice system. Consider this: is there any MOU, or comparable document, for healthcare workers that service SSFUSD students. If so, is there anything in that MOU encouraging "promoting positive attitudes" towards that profession?

And as this "cop-agenda" work relates to an internal survey, SSFPD can use the SLO position to advance their own interests, and expand their footprint in our schools. Certainly, such a survey ostensibly seems impartial (and even then, we must ask who is designing the survey questions, and how valid & reliable they are). Yet, given that SLOs will be allowed on campuses to "promote positive attitudes regarding police", this role can be used to impact survey results through public relations work to shape perceptions. Instead, this program should be critically evaluated from an equity lens, not to evaluate perceptions. We should be assessing who is coming into contact with police, why, and, most importantly use this information to do everything possible to reduce contact between children and police.

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Comments:

How is a woman with a criminal background allowed on the school site yet alone be able to run for the School PTA? This does not make me feel safe on the site when she is around, especially being around my young children and other children. Did she not have a background check like everyone else? How can this be permitted??

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Russell

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Community member

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Slo mou

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Comments:

I find it disheartening that despite the countless pieces of evidence against police presence in schools, you and the council are on the verge of passing a lenient mou that prioritizes surface-level relationship building with police and the feelings of admin who decide to call the cops on minors.

You continue to cite the state law for school admin to call the police, but do not go into depth about specific cases when police are incorrectly called. How can we trust that admin will follow procedure if there has been no discussion on mistakes they've made in the past?

When presented with the insignificant long term effects of programs like GREAT and every 15 minutes, you just scoff and then say you that the people you know like it.

These programs may make admin and teachers feel reassured that students won't join a gang or use drugs and drive, but the reality is students still do, in this district and once they graduate. There's a classmate from my year who ended up taking someone's life because of DUI, and she watched the same 15 minutes programming as I did.

Im thoroughly detached from your reasoning for this MOU and hope that something, anything, can help you out off this decision and actually center student voices.

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Comments:

How can a person with a criminal history to be on campus let alone be the next PTA president? Doesn't the school have laws or policies about that? Do you not care about our children's safety?  
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