

Board Meeting 8/4/2021

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Drafted MOU with SSFPD

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Comments:

The community demands an end to the SLO program and a removal of SSFPD from all schools. The board should reject this MOU, as the current system of policing in our schools does nothing to increase the security of our schools and community, and only serves to perpetuate the school-to-prison pipeline which has strengthened racial and economic disparities and injustices for decades. The result of this is more criminals and more crime, not fewer criminals and safer schools and streets.

Instead of continuing this failed, racist, and bigoted policy of policing, the board should instead invest in providing greater resources to the students and underprivileged youth which it SHOULD be focused on serving and helping.

The board should formally limit the presence of police in schools to be in response only to true emergencies. They should reinvest these funds into the schools, and programs which will instead provide underprivileged students and youth with greater access to resources which will help them better themselves and their community rather than criminalize their very existence. Over policing of our youth through the presence of cops in the schools should end NOW.

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reopening

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Comments:

Parents have not gotten any information about reopening safely. What are the protocols in place if a student tests positive for COVID? Are masks going to be required? School starts next week. What's the plan?

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District Parent
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Nutrition
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Comments:

Why are free breakfasts not being offered at all district sites? Over half of the Elementary schools and a third of the Middle schools are not listed for free breakfasts! Why is this? Alta Loma, Buri Buri, Junipero Serra, Ponderosa, Monte Verde, and Skyline students will not have breakfasts offered to them. That is a lot of students! Every student in SSFUSD should at the very least have the option to take a breakfast home for the next morning if there are no staff available at the schools that are listed as not receiving breakfasts. We all know having breakfast is a very important part of the day for growing students. If this district is really about equity and the equality of offerings to students, the district would ensure all students are given breakfasts regardless of their school site.

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Comments:

Good evening Dr Moore & Trustees.

We need to keep our SLOs in our schools. We need to continue to build community and it takes the whole community participating.

The SSFPD is part of our community.

Please approve the MOU with the SSFPD.

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Comments:

I am a parent of children in your schools and we need to keep the SSFPD and the SLOs in our schools. We are lucky to have them.
Please approve the MOU

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MOU

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Comments:

Please approve MOU with the SSFPD.
My children have had very positive enter actions with them. They are a great group of citizens to have around.

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Finley Liquete

Address/Affiliation:

Student of SSFHS

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SLO program

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Comments:

As a student in the district, I do not feel safe having officers on campus that as emotionally damage that learning atmosphere. School is not a prison. Students are there to learn, that involves being able to feel safe making mistakes and learning from them. The SLO program only funnels the school to prison pipeline. It targets our minority and children that just need a little more guidance. Cops are not the answer, they do not fit the students needs. Schools should be using restorative justice practices for students and more consoling options for students having a hard time. Cops are just not trained to interact with students. Their job is vastly different from those of counselors.

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MOU

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Comments:

Please approve MOU at tonight's meeting.

The SSFPD are very pleasant to be around and our children need to learn to respect everyone including our great officers.

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Aristel de la Cruz

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Teacher

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SSFUSD MOU with SSFPD

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Comments:

I am submitting comment in support of a district policy (ideally) or MOU that is detailed and prioritizes the safety of the students, especially students who are most negatively affected by police officers. The current draft lacks clarity with regards to procedures when a complaint or incident occurs between a School Liaison Officer (SLO) and a student. There are concerns about how police led investigations on their own officers can be a conflict of interest. Why is there no process in which a citizens' review board is established and granted power to objectively investigate and evaluate complaints related to police to student incidents. The current MOU draft still ensures armed officers can come on campus during events that do not warrant a firearm. The current MOU draft also allows officers to teach or have social interactions with students that, for some, may be briefly positive, but for others, may be traumatic and fear inducing. Furthermore, I have yet to hear a strong and valid rationale that justifies the use of 500k tax dollars for unqualified officers to teach and have social interactions with students. I have yet to see any data from the board or the chief that definitively shows these "educational" programs are far more effective than if a teacher, counselor, or youth worker taught these same topics. It would be disappointing to approve the current draft without hearing a sound argument that genuinely justifies police presence. How does this fit within the district's mission of equity? How exactly does this improve the relationship between students and their peers or students and their teachers? Do these officers have specialized skills with working with students that no other person has when it comes to positively transforming a school community? Is 500k spent on officers far more effective than if the city spent 500k on counselors or funding after school programs around art, music, and sports? Reject the current draft until accountability is guaranteed, student safety is prioritized, and police are only allowed on campus unless during an actual emergency.

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student

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cops on campus (or more like get them off)

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Comments:

this convo has happened for over a year already! how much longer is it gonna take? students do not want the slo program! students have reiterated time and time again that police presence on campuses does not make them feel safe! if there is no immediate danger to students present on campuses, then there is no need for cops to be "socializing" with students and forging so-called "positive relationships"! i don't see us ever forging positive relationships with sanitation workers or restaurant owners on campus the same way! why is that?? maybe it goes to show that students' perception of cops is negative in the first place anyways! cops are trained in violence and arrest tactics, so that's all we need them for on campus! they should not be here to teach anti-bullying or whatever it is the police chief got so defensive over. a counselor could not only teach about anti-bullying, but bullying prevention AND appropriate bullying responses as well! and probably for a lot cheaper than the 500k we spend on this program! we just need more counselors and social workers on campus. we don't want to be criminalized. we want education, we want healing, we want secure futures and a chance at success that cops cannot provide to us! that's all we're asking for.

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Teacher

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Comments:

Reopening plan - As a high school teacher, I am waiting for administration to provide COVID-19 guideline. Specifically, I want to know what if a student tests positive for COVID-19? What about teacher testing positive? Social distancing guideline? Vaccination guideline? Mask guideline?

This should be the #1 priority for the district and these information needs to be communicated to all stakeholders.

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K. Calonsag

Address/Affiliation:

Resident, parent, youth Advocate, former city employee

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SLO Memorandum.

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Comments:

To all Elected City Officials,

I am a parent of students in SSF, have worked very closely with teens in SSFUSD, a former city employee. I am deeply concerned about the drafted MOU of the SLO program. I write not just on behalf of my own children but in great concern for the students I work with - past, present and near future.

These are the things I find highly concerning in the memorandum:

- The memo doesnt require police to inform or notify parents/guardians in the event that they are going to interview, interrogate, question, or arrest a student.
- Not only should parents be notified AHEAD OF TIME of police questioning a child, the parent should be present and have the power to restrict the questioning from happening if they feel it is not appropriate unless the minor has expressed being in any kind harm from the parent/guardian. Never is it appropriate for and adult to be alone with a minor.
- A minor is not fully aware of their rights or implications to what is said to a police officer even if read their rights. Unless the district is specifically teaching students their rights with their interactions with police we must assume young people may misunderstand or cannot fully comprehend the legal jargon esp in stressful or emotional situations.
- The vague language that could leave students vulnerable to abuses must be eliminated or clarified. For example, the usage of the terms "every reasonable effort", "when possible", and "as soon as practicable" when referring to officers' requirement to contact school officials could enable officers to abuse their power.

Police officers are not an appropriate substitute for mental health professionals. Many officers work under stressful and sometimes traumatic events. The school district MUST increase the number of school counselors esp in middle and high schools. As an alumni, we've always needed more counselors! in the last 3 decades the district has added many bells and whistles to their campus but has never increased their support for students in mental health and holistic wellbeing. I urge all officials to show up for our youth and double down on counselors esp while we navigate the pandemic. There is much anxiety around returning to school and a heightened awareness of police overreach and misuse of power.

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Russell Lee

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SSFUSD Alumnus

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Comments:

Greetings Board of Trustees,

The current MOU raises many worries that there is no accountability in the event of police misconduct. The MOU does not mandate school staff to educate students of their rights on campus, and therefore fails to protect students from situations in which the police may abuse their power. City money going towards the SLO program can be better spent on a non-profit org contract which would appropriate non-police personnel who have proper training and pre-service hours for better serving the students. Community members have been speaking for months about their concerns of police presence in schools, and it is evident that based on this, only few suggestions are being taken into account. I reject the current draft of the MOU on the grounds that it lacks accountability and community input from the most marginalized groups.

Sincerely,

Russell

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Comments:

Please listen to the students and do not rush this MOU for political purposes. There are still many edits that need to be made that will protect the students and their families from police misconduct. This program should be ended once and for all. It is shameful that we spend so much time and energy policing our children instead of nurturing them.

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Andrea

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Community Member

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Comments:

Dear SSFUSD School Board,

I am writing in today to urge you all to reject the current MOU draft and end the SLO program in its entirety. For the last year, as a community member, I have actively followed the students voice their opinions about the dangers and harm of the SLO program. I am disappointed that this school board is rushing to push through this very unreasonable and even more harmful MOU to keep the presence of cops on SSFUSD campuses. The students over the past year have taught not only myself, but have even presented & protested to the school board with countless, informative, and detailed data showing the harm the SLO program perpetuates on school campuses and targets primary BIPOC students.

In the short weeks that the newest draft of the MOU has been released, it is distributing to learn that both city council and members of the school board have not taken the duties to fully read the MOU. Students4Change share the countless problems this MOU includes like;

- Require guardians to be contacted in the case of student interrogations
- inform students of their legal rights when questioned by officers
- be specific regarding situations in which cops should be involved
- acknowledge students needs for better counseling resources

It's very infuriating and disappointing that students are able to catch and recognize the failures and harm of this MOU before any of the adults who hold the positions as trustees and boards. If students are able to recognize the harm in this MOU, it should be clear to the adults in the room who's job are to represent the students, to ensure this draft is rejected, read carefully and thoroughly, and students are included in the room to ensure the safety and demands are met by the students before a MOU is voted in. How can you possibly sign an MOU that legally doesn't protect students of their legal rights? That's absolutely shameful.

I encourage all board members to review the presentation that the high students presented this past February to review the clear data that shows the harm this SLO program includes. In addition, I am encouraging all board members to reject this MOU as it does not protect the students and end the SLO program fully.

Thank you.

Andrea

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Justice For Derrick Gaines

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Comments:

I would just like to say I admire the work of these young folks fighting to remove SLOs off campus which is so important, if SLOS would've been removed when me and Derrick were going to school in SSFUSD he'd be alive and I strongly believe that. Do what you know is right and completely eliminate contact with SLOS/police and students.

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Comments:

Dear Board, Staff and Dr. Moore,

Listen to the students. They have provided you with data, provided you with expert opinion(ACLU) and practically begged you for the last year to remove SLOs from campus. It is now your job to listen AND act. You must improve the MOU so that the reasons for admin to call cops is extremely clear and limited. They should not come for any other reason than a life threatening emergency. Everything that SLOs do that azzopardi outlined during last weeks city council meeting can be done by a trained professional. Cops are NOT counselors. They have NO training on a child psyche. There are plenty of other resources that other school districts use to prevent "juvenile delinquency" that don't involve exposing children to police. Furthermore to say that this program is "free" to the district isn't even really true. The biggest expense an ASB budget has is to PAY FOR COPS to go to events. It's ridiculous that we as students have to fundraise for things like prom/dances to pay for cops to be there. I'm pretty sure you have the ability to change the insurance code. Also programs like GREAT, DARE, YES, Every 15 minutes and other "educational" programs given by officers are not as good or effective as the police have described them. These programs cost our city 100s of thousands of dollars yet kids still smoke weed. You have to think creatively of another solution. Cops are not it. Maybe if we funded our sports and performing arts programs more kids would have something to do after school. LISTEN AND PROTECT STUDENTS. Be brave and stand up for students rights. Ask yourself why do the cops keep pushing this program? It comes down to recruitment and paying for 2 more salaries, not the best interest of the children. According to the police chief last week, if the school called 911 for an emergency officers would still legally have to show up to assist. Why do we(tax payers) need to keep funding this program if the children are safe from harm either way? The more detail to protect the children from cops presence on the MOU the better.

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Comments:

In light of the current public health emergency, the community would like to know the current status of immunization against Covid-19 for staff and students over the age of 12 before the upcoming school year which begins next week. Why isn't this subject ever being discussed in the agenda? Vaccination for employees is emerging as the most feasible and effective policy to reduce the risk of disastrous COVID-19 outbreaks in the workplace. Will there be weekly testing for those who aren't? Currently there is a very high level of community transmission with rising case rates and hospitalizations. A lot of concerned parents out here. Many multigenerational families in this district. Transparency and protecting the community should be of the utmost importance before we send our children back to school for the good of public health and safety.

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