HISTORY OF SCHOOL POLICING & THE SCHOOL TO PRISON PIPELINE MOVEMENT

RETHINK NEW ORLEANS TEACHES SELF DEFENSE

Rethink New Orleans trains their staff on community defense as a strategy to keep youth, families, and communities out of the system. Rethinkers liberate two young people facing a combined 65 years through this community defense work. Neither of the two young people serves jail time.

MARCH 2016

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NO COPS CAMPAIGN IN MADISON

Freedom Inc.'s Freedom Youth Squad launches their No Cops in Schools Campaign in Madison, Wisconsin. Campaign demands include divesting from school policing, investing in youth of color, and implementing alternatives that are rooted in the community and not in punitive punishment.

For four years, Black, Southeast Asian and queer youth organize to pressure the school district to end its $360,000 contract with the Madison Police Department.

A Baltimore school police officer violently slaps and kicks a Black teenager at REACH Partnership School while another school police officer watches. The Baltimore Algebra Project responds to the assault and calls for the removal of police from schools. Charges are filed, but the officers are acquitted of any wrongdoing. The Baltimore Algebra Project responds to the assault and calls for the removal of police from schools. Charges are filed, but the officers are acquitted of any wrongdoing.

CAMPAIGN TO END THE 1033 PROGRAM

After two years, Labor Community Strategy Center/Fight for the Soul of the Cities wins the campaign to end the 1033 Program in the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD). Through student organizing, the LAUSD is forced to issue an apology and return their military tanks, grenade launchers, and M-16s.

The campaign began after the Ferguson Uprisings, when students learned that the same military grade weapons used to suppress protests in Ferguson were owned by the Los Angeles School Police Department.

APRIL 2016

BAP WALKOUTS

Hundreds of students walk out of schools with Baltimore Algebra Project in protest of the Maryland PARCC tests. Students demand a divestment in standardized testing and the school-to-prison pipeline and an investment in youth jobs, restorative justice, and school funding.

MAY 2016

#ASSAULTATBENFRANKLIN

A Black student member of the Philadelphia Student Union is slammed and put in a chokehold by a Philadelphia school police officer after asking to use of the restroom.
Other students, including Philadelphia Student Union members, record the assault. Police delete the video, but the Philadelphia Student Union is able to access the footage. Philadelphia Student Union launches a campaign demanding justice for the student and removal of school police.

JUNE 2016

REFORMS AFTER #ASSAULTATBENFRANKLIN

After the #AssaultAtBenFranklin, Philadelphia Student Union obtains an agreement from the School District of Philadelphia Superintendent William Hite to: (1) publicly condemn unnecessary physical force against students; (2) reduce the number of uniformed officers in Philadelphia public schools and replace them with Climate Managers; (3) place one full-time nurse and counselor in every school; (4) publicly release all school police directives, standards, and training protocols; and (5) create a district-wide complaint system for students and parents to hold school police officers and security guards accountable.

AUGUST 2016

DOJ BALTIMORE INVESTIGATION

The Department of Justice releases its findings after an investigation of the patterns and practices of the Baltimore Police Department (BPD) following the Baltimore Uprisings.[129] The report states that the city "has essentially used the Baltimore School Police as an auxiliary force to BPD."[130] Additionally, the report states that the agreement between the school district and the BPD does not clarify which agency investigates complaints of excessive force.[131]

Due to this lack of clarity, Baltimore school police officers are able to ignore student and parent complaints and refuse to make determinations of misconduct.[132]

PADRES Y JÓVENES UNIDOS LAUNCHES A NETWORK

Padres y Jóvenes Unidos launches a network on the school-to-deportation pipeline, connecting school discipline with immigrant rights and deportation defense.

DOJ CHICAGO INVESTIGATION

Like Ferguson and Baltimore, the Department of Justice releases an investigative report on the Chicago Police Department, highlighting a pattern of excessive force, including subjecting childrento force for non-criminal conduct and minor violations.[133]

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CAMPAIGN TO END CRIMINALIZATION OF YOUTH IN CHICAGO PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Brighton Park Neighborhood Council helps lead campaigns to expand and redefine sanctuary within Chicago Public Schools and the city as a whole. Real sanctuary is not just about stopping Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) at the door, but ending the criminalization of youth in Chicago Public Schools.

The demands include ending the gang database and divesting from police in schools to fund restorative justice.

JANUARY 2017

#ASSAULTATROLESVILLE

A school resource officer in Wake County, N.C. body slams a Black student, then jerks her limp body by the arm and drags her out of camera view. The student is diagnosed with a concussion and forced to transfer to a new school. The school resource officer is placed on paid administrative leave. Youth Organizing Institute, NC Heat, and Education Justice Alliance organize to demand the removal of police from Wake County, N.C. schools.

FEBRUARY 2017

OPPOSITION TO SB 1099

Puente Arizona begins their school police work by challenging the reauthorization of SB 1099 – a bill that authorizes funding school police and probation officers in “high crime” schools.

APRIL 2017

#ASSAULTATWOODLANDHILLS

Steve Shaulis, a Churchill police officer at Woodland Hills High School assaults a 14-year -old student after using expletives and derogatory slurs. The officer body slams and repeatedly punches the student in the head, knocking out his teeth and causing multiple lacerations on his face and neck. The incident leads to an investigation of three other Black students who were assaulted by police at Woodland Hills.

UYC YOUTH JUSTICE REPORT

Urban Youth Collaborative launches their New York City Youth Justice Agenda and report, calling for an end to the $746 million a year school-to-prison pipeline in New York City. The demands include: (1) removal of police officers and metal detectors from schools; (2) implementation of city-wide restorative practices; and (3) an increase in the number of trained and supervised guidance counselors and social workers.

SCHOOL POLICE COMPLAINT SYSTEM CAMPAIGN

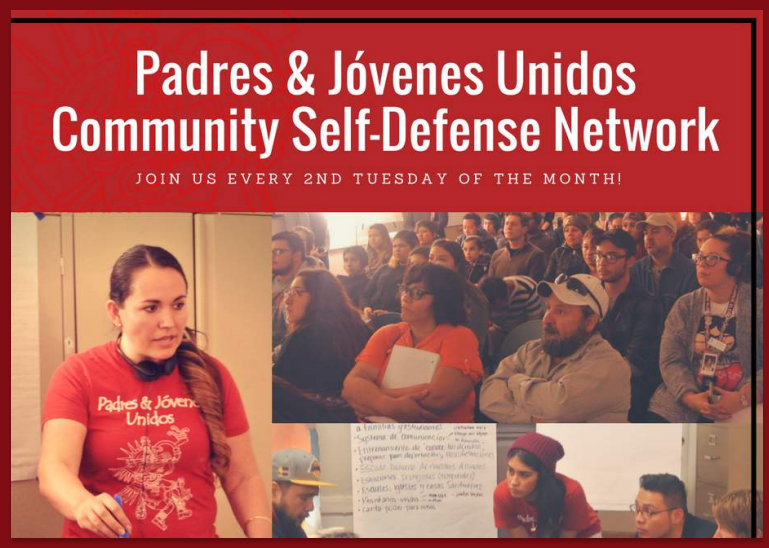
Philadelphia Student Union relaunches their Philadelphia School Police Complaint System campaign after a complaint system was established without input from their members or notification to students, parents, or school administrators.

MAY 2017

#COPSOUTTACAMPUS

Puente Human Rights Movement launches a #CopsOuttaCampus campaign, calling for the removal of all police from the Phoenix Union High School District. This demand intends to end all contact between undocumented students and law enforcement while attending school.

JUNE 2017



SUSPENSIONS AND EXPULSIONS ELIMINATED

Padres Y Jóvenes Unidos members and students in Denver, Colorado win the passage of a district policy banning suspensions and expulsions from preschool to third grade.

SEPTEMBER 2017

END OF DACA PROTESTS

Immigrant students walked out of school in protest of the end of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program under the Trump Administration. Puente Arizona students argue that the end of DACA provides yet another reason for why the Phoenix Union High School District must remove police from schools.

RETHINK ORGANIZES A NATIONAL YOUNG PEOPLE'S MOVEMENT ASSEMBLY

Rethink New Orleans gathers 60 Black, Latinx, queer, trans, and immigrant young people and youth organizers in New Orleans for a national Young People's Movement Assembly on youth-determined sanctuary strategies.

AEJ AND AP ORGANIZE A NATIONAL CAMPAIGN STRATEGY MEETING

Alliance for Educational Justice and Advancement Project convene 11 key organizations for a school police national campaign strategy meeting. The organizations collectively evaluate the last 20 years of school-to-prison pipeline organizing and develop theory and practice around building local and national school police campaigns.

#ASSAULTATSOLISCOHEN

An officer forcibly removes an eight-year-old student for refusing to leave his art classroom at Solis-Cohen Elementary in Philadelphia. The officer takes the student into a nearby faculty bathroom, shuts the door, and throws the child on the ground while cursing at him and calling him names. Philadelphia Student Union provides rapid response support to the family.

#NOCOPACADEMY

After Mayor Rahm Emanuel announces plans to build a $95 million training compound for police in West Garfield Park, Black youth and youth of color in Chicago launch the #NoCopAcademy Campaign which demands that the $95 million be redirected toward Chicago's most marginalized communities.

Assata's Daughters lead a two-year fight with endorsements from 85 organizations, including young people from Brighton Park Neighborhood Council. Young people organize takeovers, protests, city council testimonies, and direct actions urging the City to invest in their communities, not expand resources for police.

OCTOBER 2017

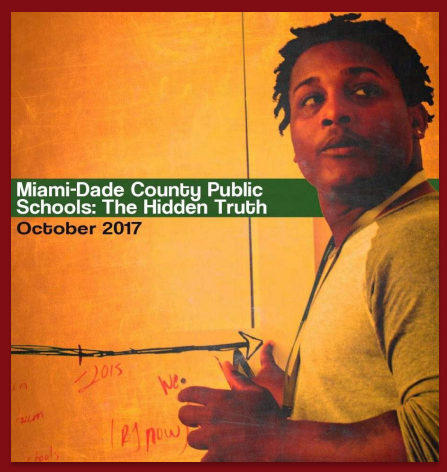
UYC YOUTH JUSTICE REPORT

Power U Center for Social Change and Advancement Project release, "Miami-Dade County Public Schools: The Hidden Truth," exposing the continued criminalization and abuse of students of color, especially Black girls. The report calls for a divestment in school police and an investment in restorative and reproductive justice district-wide. The report is part of Power

#ASSAULTATEAGLERIDGE

A school police officer employed by the Phoenix Police Department assaults a 10-year-old immigrant student with autism. The student suffers several injuries, including a dislocated shoulder. He is handcuffed and isolated in the school's "calm-down" room. The student is handcuffed when his mother, who is undocumented, arrives at the school. Puente Arizona works with the mother to support the student and ensure she is protected.

U Center for Social Change's campaign launch.



NOVEMBER 2017

#ASSAULTATJEFFERSONTOWN

Three Jeffersontown police officers assault a young Black student at Jeffersontown High School in Louisville, Kentucky, and a student recording of the incident goes viral. In the video, the three police officers are seen beating, kicking and tasing the student while he is restrained face down on the floor. Immediately after the #AssaultAtJeffersontown, the school principal and police department release statements

TORONTO TERMINATES THE SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER PROGRAM

After a 10-year fight, the Toronto District School Board trustees, Canada's largest school board, votes to terminate the School Resource Officer Program, heeding the demands of the Latinx, Afro-Latin-America, Abya Yala Education Network (LAEN) and Black Lives Matter Toronto.

justifying the use of force. Alliance for Educational Justice and Advancement Project support Black Lives Matter - Louisville Chapter in calling for the Jefferson County School Board to end the Memorandum of Understanding and remove police from schools.

2018

FEBRUARY 2018

AEJ ORGANIZES A TWO DAY LEARNING EXCHANGE

The Alliance for Educational Justice hosts the first School Police Learning Exchange with Philadelphia Student Union, Coleman Advocates for Children and Youth, Black Organizing Project, Power U Center for Social Change, Urban Youth Collaborative and Advancement Project.

For two days, young people and youth organizers share local school police campaigns, exchange strategies, sharpen their political education, and learn teaching tools to advance the movement to remove police out of our schools.

MARJORY STONEMAN DOUGLAS HIGH SCHOOL SHOOTING

A gunman opens fire on Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Fla., claiming the lives of 17 students and school staff.[134] In the weeks following the shooting, communities call on their legislators and school administrators to effectively address gun violence.[135]

To the detriment of Black and Brown students, the national conversation fails to acknowledge that an increase in police and guns in schools harshly affects students of color.[136] State and local governments begin to propose and pass legislation to arm teachers and increase police presence and surveillance in schools.[137]

The state of Florida establishes a commission to study the issue of “school safety,” primarily staffed by members with law enforcement backgrounds and including no voting members

STOP SCHOOL VIOLENCE ACT

In a bipartisan effort, the House of Representatives passes the Student, Teachers, and Officers Preventing (STOP) School Violence Act, increasing school security and surveillance by allocating $50 million a year to local school districts for developing “threat assessment systems” in line with recommendations from the FBI and Secret Service.[139]

Florida Governor Rick Scott signs into law the $400 million, "Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Act.”[140] The law requires school districts to place an armed police officer in every Florida School and allows school employees to carry weapons in school under the $67 million Coach Aaron Feis Guardian Program.[141]

Following the school shooting in Parkland, the Trump Administration announces the creation of the Federal Commission on School Safety to create recommendations on school safety and security.[142] Members of the commission include Secretary of Education, Betsy DeVos; Attorney General, Jeff Sessions; Secretary of Health and Human Services, Alex Azar; and Secretary of Homeland Security, Kirstjen Nielsen.

The Commission hosts a series of closed hearings, with little to no community, student, or parent engagement.[143]

of color.[138]

MARCH 2018

WOMEN’S MARCH

Thousands of students of color walk out of school as part of the Women’s March 17 Minute National Walkout. The students demand a divestment from school police and an investment in restoratives justice, guidance counselors and social workers, and mental health supports for schools.

National organizations like the Alliance for Educational Justice and Advancement Project work to elevate the stories, experiences, and organizing efforts of Black and Brown led youth organizing groups fighting to end the criminalization of youth of color in schools.

Power U Center for Social Change, Urban Youth Collaborative, Black Organizing Project, Brighton Park Neighborhood Council, Philadelphia Student Union, Padres & Jóvenes Unidos, Puente Human Rights Movement, Dream Defenders, and Voices of the Unheard stage walkouts and direct actions while demanding their voices be heard.

MAY 2018

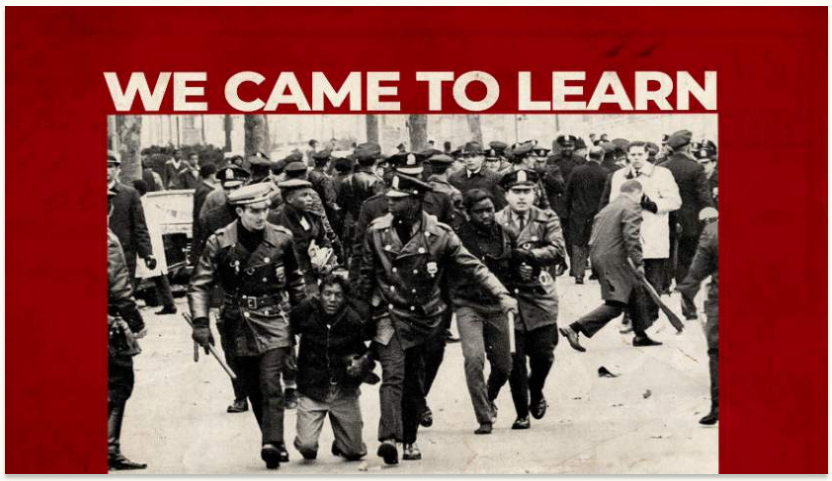
ICE IN SCHOOLS

U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos states that it is the responsibility of schools to decide if they will call Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) on undocumented students and their families.[144]

JUNE 2018

ACTIONCAMP 2018

Advancement Project hosts its 2018 ActionCamp, "Policing Race: Police, School Criminalization & Immigration Enforcement." It is an intergenerational and intersectional event, bringing together over 150 young people, organizers, and movement leaders to share political education and strategy and develop relationships among leaders working at the intersection of race and policing.



WE CAME TO LEARN: A CALL TO ACTION FOR POLICE-FREE SCHOOLS."

Advancement Project and the Alliance for Educational Justice release, "We Came to Learn: A Call to Action for Police-Free Schools." The groundbreaking report on the policing of Black and Latinx students calls for the complete removal of police from schools.

AUGUST 2018

ARMING TEACHERS

U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos announces that the Department of Education is considering using Student Support and Academic Enrichment grants, under the Every Student Succeeds Act, to arm teachers in schools.[145] The $1 billion student support program was originally intended to support struggling low-income schools.[146]

SEPTEMBER 2018

BPNC POLICE FREE SCHOOLS CHICAGO

Brighton Park Neighborhood Council, Assata's Daughters, and other partners demand #PoliceFreeSchools in Chicago after an investigation of the school police force reveals a lack of training and oversight within the Chicago Police Department.

The investigation report recommends creating a

“We Came to Learn” offers an in-depth analysis of the history and legacy of school policing, elevates the voices and campaigns of young people and organizing groups leading school policing work on the ground, and shatters the current narrative around school policing.

The corresponding ActionKit equips communities with tools and political education to build transformative campaigns.

Memorandum of Understanding between the Chicago Police Department and Chicago Public Schools that clearly outlines and limits the role of police in school. Brighton Park Neighborhood Council and other partners demand a divestment from police and an investment in youth of color and public education.

DECEMBER 2018

AEJ SCHOOL SAFETY ACTION

In anticipation of the release of the Federal Commission on School Safety Report, the Alliance for Educational Justice mobilizes youth of color from 14 cities to the Department of Education in Washington, D.C.

Here, youth and advocates denounce the anticipated report recommendations and demand the dismantling of school policing, the decriminalization of students of color, protections for immigrant student, and funding for counselors, social workers, and restorative justice.

Participants then march to the Rayburn House Office Building for the, “We Came to Learn Youth Hearing on School Safety,” hosted by Advancement Project and the Alliance for Educational Justice, where students convey these demands to congressional members and staffers.

SCHOOL SAFETY SHAM

The Federal Commission on School Safety releases its report on school safety, calling for the hardening of schools.[147] The report recommends rescinding federal school discipline guidance and provides other recommendations that, if followed, would increase the level of discrimination, school pushout and criminalization faced by Black and Brown students on a daily basis.[148]

The report is ultimately a sham that uses a national tragedy to advance a conservative political agenda, not offer legitimate solutions to gun control or school safety.[149]

Days after the release of the Federal Commission on School Safety report, Secretary DeVos rescinds the federal school discipline guidance.[150]

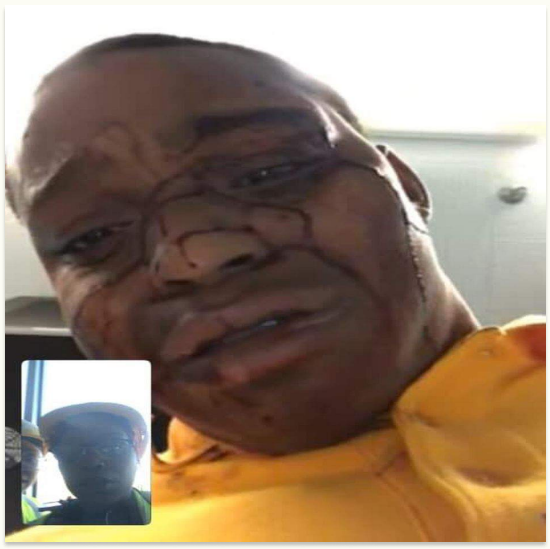
2019

JANUARY 2019

#ASSAULTATHIGGINS

A schoolteacher at L.W. Higgins High School in Jefferson Parish, Louisiana calls a sheriff's deputy and accuses a student of smelling like cigarettes. The deputy tackles the student down to the floor and handcuffs him. The student is arrested and taken to an office, where students hear screams as he is beaten by the Jefferson Parish police officer. Rethink New Orleans organizes and supports the students and their families.

The student is held at Jefferson Parish Jail on charges of battery against a police officer, resisting an officer, and interfering with an educational facility. The following day, classmates protest the student's arrest outside the Jefferson Parish Jail, demanding for his release and police-free schools. Jefferson Parish police officers mace and arrest several student protesters. The school also suspends and expels students who join the protest.



HOUSE BILL 31

The Baltimore school board introduces a bill that would arm school police officers in Baltimore City's 105 public schools. The Baltimore Algebra Project organizes fierce opposition, pushing the 10 board members to unanimously vote against arming school police officers.

After a shooting inside Frederick Douglass High School, the board votes 8-2 in support of House Bill 31, which would authorize officers to patrol schools with guns. By mid-March, Baltimore Algebra Project young people and allies pressure the House delegation from Baltimore to vote 10-5 against House Bill 31, effectively killing the bill.

MARCH 2019

AECOM WINS CONTRACT TO BUILD NEW COP BUILDING

LEARNING EXCHANGE IN CANADA

In a divided vote, the Chicago City Council awards a contract to build a new Cop Academy in Chicago to the AECOM, builders of police stations and prisons around the world. After two years of incredible organizing, #NoCopAcademy young people and organizers double down to lead the fight for police-free schools.

NOVEMBER 2019

BOP PEOPLE'S PLAN

Black Organizing Project launches their People's Plan for Police Free Schools, a comprehensive plan for Police Free Schools in Oakland Unified Schools District by 2020 that calls for reinvesting the police budget into resources that support Black youth and students of color.

Communities for Just Schools Fund hosts a #PoliceFreeSchools Learning Exchange in Toronto, Canada with organizers, activists, educators, and young people. Over 35 young advocates and organizers from across the U.S. come together to exchange strategies, develop their local campaigns, and learn from organizers in Toronto who successfully eliminated the city's School Resource Program after a 10-year long campaign.

DECEMBER 2019

PFS MEETING MARYLAND

Youth organizing leaders hold the National #PoliceFreeSchools Campaign Meeting outside of Baltimore, Maryland. Students and organizers from 20 organizations gather to reflect and build on the movement's analysis since its 2017 meeting. The campaign collectively agrees on an abolitionist vision and definition of police-free schools to ground future organizing.

2020

2020

PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES ADDRESS STPP

The school-to-prison pipeline is included within the education platforms of multiple presidential candidates during the 2020 election campaign cycle. Presidential candidate Elizabeth Warren's website notes that zero-tolerance disciplinary policies disproportionately hurt students of color and can serve as the entry points to the school-to-prison pipeline.

Candidates Julian Castro, Pete Buttigieg, Bernie Sanders, and Amy Klobuchar name discipline disparities and harsh discipline policies as education issues they would address as President.[150]

MARCH 2020

COVID-19

A novel coronavirus (COVID-19) becomes a pandemic in the United States. Schools and youth programs around the country abruptly shift to virtual education and programming, which many districts continue through the 2020-2021 school year.

Schools increasingly rely on digital surveillance to monitor students' devices and social media, including punishing students for dress code violations, not sharing their screens, and their surroundings, while sharing their sceens (e.g., a student was disciplined for a toy gun seen via his webcam). Organizations in the #PoliceFreeSchools campaign ramp up their mutual aid projects in connection with city networks.

MARCH/APRIL 2020

NATIONWIDE PROTESTS

Black youth and young people of color experience a rise in police violence and murder, fueling the demand for police-free schools and defunding police departments: The victims include Adam Toledo, 13, Chicago, IL; Anthony Thompson Jr., 17, Knoxville, TN; Daunte Wright, 20, Brooklyn Center, MN; Ma'Khia Bryant, 16, Columbus, OH.

YOUNG PEOPLE SECURE PFS WINS

A national uprising begins following the police murders of George Floyd and Breonna Taylor. One week after Minneapolis officer Derek Chauvin murders George Floyd in the city, Minneapolis Public Schools votes to end its $1.1 million contract with the police department. Demands for Police-Free Schools and to Defund the Police reach widespread recognition.

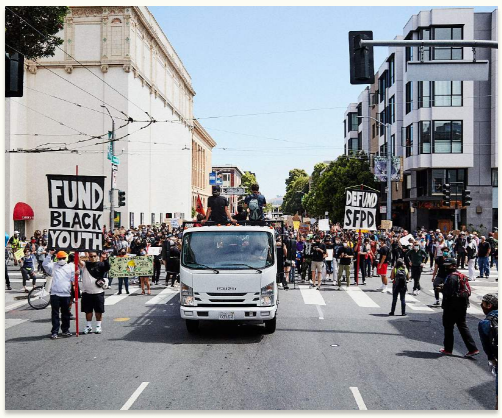
And new police free schools, campaigns emerge across the country.

Youth organizers push their school boards and cities to remove police from schools:

- Denver: Under pressure from Padres y Jóvenes Unidos, the school board votes to end its contract with the Denver Police Department.[151] (June 11)

SUMMER 2020

- Madison, Wisconsin: After 4 years of organizing, Freedom Inc. wins the termination of the contract between the school district and the Madison Police Department.[154] (June 29)
- Phoenix: Following Puente Human Rights Movement's call to action, the district refuses to re-sign its intergovernmental agreement (IGA) with Phoenix police.[155] (July 7)



- Oakland: Black Organizing Project (BOP) wins their 10-year fight to eliminate the Oakland School Police Department and reinvest its $6 million budget into a non-carceral safety plan.[152] (June 24)

- San Francisco: Coleman Advocates co-wrote and drove passage of a school board resolution to prohibit school collaboration with law enforcement and not renew the MOU with San Francisco police.[153] (June 24)

- Rochester: At the demands of the Alliance for Quality Education and partners, the city council eliminates all 12 Rochester school resource officers from the city budget covering the 2021-2022 school year.[156] (June 17)
- Chicago: As a result of immense youth and community pressure through the #CopsOutCPS campaign, the city of Chicago divests over $18 million from their contract with Chicago Police Department for school police. Additionally, Local School Councils vote to remove police from 17 schools. (August 10 and August 19)

However, in the wake of these victories, school policy makers undermine their commitments by derailing implementation and shifting policing to new forms. For example, Minneapolis Public Schools replaces SROs, with 11 new school safety specialists, more than half of whom have a background in policing, security, or corrections.[157]

In October, The 74 Million reports that Minneapolis spent $355,000 on digital surveillance service Gaggle since beginning of pandemic, raising huge concerns about how schools recreate the culture, and practice, of policing in the absence of in-person, sworn law enforcement.[158]

DECEMBER 2020

PFS FIRST INTERNATIONAL MEETING

The National Campaign for Police Free Schools co-hosts the first international exchange with youth and organizers from Canada, the UK, and Scotland, all organizing to abolish school policing.

2021

JANUARY 2021

#ASSAULTATLIBERTY AND #ASSAULTATEUSTIS

On January 26 in Florida, an Osceola County sheriff's deputy slams a Liberty High School student to the ground,[159] and a Lake County SRO tases a Eustis High School student.[160]

Florida Student Power Network and Every Black Girl Inc., with the national campaign's support, secure legal representation, petition to remove police from schools, and coordinate love letters and statements of solidarity from other police-free schools groups.

FEBRUARY 2021

FUNDS FROM L.A. SCHOOL POLICE REDIRECTED TO THE COMMUNITY

Los Angeles organizers, including Students Deserve and the Labor Community Strategy Center, win a major budget cut of $25 million from the L.A. School Police. These funds and an additional $11 million are to be directed into Black student achievement resources – a longstanding demand of the community.[161]

MARCH 2021

LAEN ORGANIZES A KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE FOR ORGANIZERS ACROSS CANADA

After years of organizing provincially, the Latinx, Afro-Latin-America, Abya Yala Education Network (LAEN) organizes the first knowledge exchange of the #PoliceFreeSchoolsCAWide Campaign, adopting the U.S.-based definition of police free schools. LAEN brings together young people, educators, and community organizers organizing for and winning the removal of police from schools across Canada.

MAY 2021

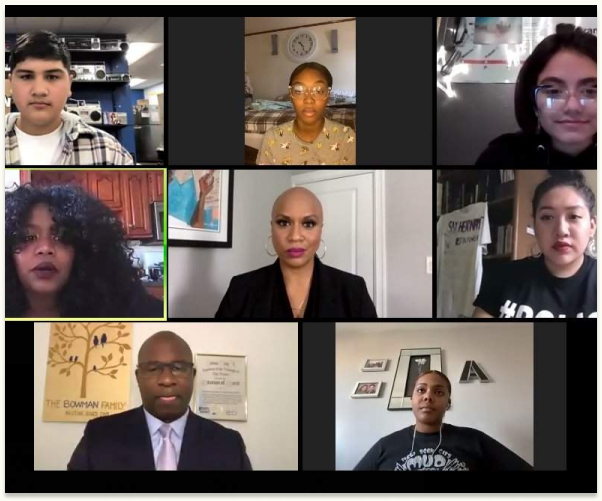
C.O.P.S

President Biden announces his Fiscal Year 2022 budget proposal. The budget calls for $651 million in funding for the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) program and demonstrates his continued support of using federal funds to hire school police and implement other measures that criminalize and surveil students.

FUNDS FROM THE VIRGINIA SCHOOL POLICE REDIRECTED TO THE COMMUNITY

The Alexandria, VA city council voted to divest nearly $800,00 in funding for school police, and to reinvest those funds into mental health resources, as demanded by young people and organizers with Tenants and Workers United.[162]

JUNE 2021



COUNSELING NOT CRIMINALIZATION IN SCHOOLS ACT

Senators Murphy, Warren, and Smith and Representatives Pressley, Bowman, and Omar reintroduce the federal "Counseling Not Criminalization in Schools Act," first introduced in Congress in 2020.[163] The legislation would prohibit federal funding from being used to hire, train, or keep law enforcement in schools.

SANCTUARY SCHOOLS RESOLUTION

Following the launch of Juntos' Sanctuary Schools Campaign, a five-point platform demanding an end to criminalization, disinvestment, assimilation, and systemic violence in our schools, the Philadelphia School Board voted unanimously to pass the Welcoming Sanctuary Schools resolution. Juntos secured

In addition, the bill would create a $2.5 billion grant program to incentivize districts to replace police in schools with school psychologists, social workers, and other staff who are suited to help support mental health and provide trauma-informed services to young people.

this win just over a year after a pregnant immigrant mother was detained by the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officials outside of Kirkbride Elementary School located in South Philadelphia. The incident sparked widespread fear and concern for immigrant students and families, and Juntos' research demonstrated a lack of training for district staff on how to best support immigrant families. The resolution creates clear guidelines around ICE involvement in schools and requires training for all district staff.

JULY 2021

FIRST EVER AP, AEJ VIRTUAL ACTIONCAMP

Advancement Project, the Alliance for Educational Justice, and the National Campaign for Police Free Schools host the first ever virtual ActionCamp, Our Abolitionist Futures – Winning #PoliceFreeSchools, training 150 youth and organizers on abolition and the fight for police-free schools across intersections of race, class, gender, and different abilities.

Young people learn and build campaign strategies and self-determined systems of safety without police.

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