POLICE FREE SCHOOLS
ACTIONCAMP 2021

GRAPHIC NOTES
OUR ABOLITIONIST FUTURES!

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WINNING #POLICE-FREE SCHOOLS

CELEBRATING 10 YEARS!

POLICE FREE SCHOOLS!

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RE-THINK NEW ORLEANS

ALLIANCE FOR EDUCATIONAL JUSTICE

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Police Free Schools are Possible!

Our Work & Demands

Accountability processes for teachers & admins who call cops

Decolonize education & follow young people

Community control over education & self-determination

We know we will win! & winning is just the beginning...

Madison

Territories known as Canada

So many wins!

Provincial, city & town & national campaigns!

Ex: Toronto - 4 years in to win

Richer & whiter schools are out of reach, easily

Better frame up of why: schools have failed us for centuries

So were chipping away

Massive budget cuts

We've been a long fight... Mayor is a cop

Chicago

Toronto - 4 years in to win

How to resource block & sub

Righter & whiter schools are out of reach, easily

SROs can't use add kids to gang database

Some of our challenges include

Liberalism vs. Community

Representation vs. community

Burn out, losing ourselves, exhaustion over time

Our limited mindsets & blocks on imagination

Rebranding cops & school closures & budget cuts

From the west side to the south - CPD, we want you out!

We practice gratitude for our elders who have been willing to be transformed, the visibility & support of this crew!

Action Camp
WHY a TIMELINE?
UNDERSTANDING the PRESENT by LOOKING at the PAST in ORDER to SHAPE the FUTURE!

OF all OUR STUDIES, it is HISTORY that is BEST QUALIFIED to REWARD OUR RESEARCH.

& WE CAME MAP OUR PERSONAL & COLLECTIVE PATHS!

& WE BELIEVE in FREEDOM cannot REST until IT COMES!

& WE KEEP on POWER CONFRONTING OUR WINS...

ABOLITION is a MULTIGENERATIONAL PROJECT

WHEN DID YOU ENTER? Your PARENTS? GRANDPARENTS?

JUSTIFICATIONS (like SCHOOL SHOOTERS) ARE A SMOKE SCREEN for MORE & to DOMINATE our COMMUNITY's FIGHTING!

WE can SEE OUR EXPERIENCES in THESE STORIES

& young FOLKS LEAD the WAY

POLICE ARE in SCHOOLS to CONTROL & DOMINATE our COMMUNITY.

& WE can MAP OUR PERSONAL & COLLECTIVE PATHS!

INDIANA
1939 - 2019

WE have BEEN a HAT MEET

& we keep on POWER CONFRONTING OUR WINS...

SANKOFA: LEARNING FROM our PAST to BUILD a #POLICEFREE SCHOOLS FUTURE

there is SO MUCH RESISTANCE!
ABOLITIONIST DEMANDS ON MENTAL HEALTH & CARE IN SCHOOLS

There is a core tension:

WHAT MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORTS EXIST IN SCHOOLS NOW?

SO MUCH PRESSURE ON PEER & TOKENIZED SUPPORTERS PROSAREN'T NECESSARILY COMPETENT & THERE AREN'T ENOUGH OF THEM

STATE DEPUTIZES COMMUNITY FOLKS FOR SURVEILLANCE & REPORTING

MANDATED REPORTING

ROOTS IN SLAVE PATROLS & COLONIALISM

CRIMINALIZES BLACK FAMILIES

PART OF THE SURVEILLANCE WEB

“WELLNESS CHECKS”

CARE WORK IS HELD BY MANY HANDS & IT HAS BEEN FOR GENERATIONS

MENTAL HEALTHCARE IN SCHOOLS...

NEGLIGENCE

SCARCITY

CRISIS-ORIENTED

ACCESS IS OBLSCURE...

COUNSELORS NOT OF COLOR, OR NOT AVAILABLE TO ALL GRADES & SOCIAL WORK RELIES ON CARCERAL SYSTEMS!

“BLAME THE PARENTS & USE THE FAMILY REGULATION SYSTEM”

REALLY A CRIMINALIZATION OF POVERTY

ACTUALLY A CRIMINALIZATION OF POVERTY

GETS LINKED INTO MEDICAL MODEL

RACISM & RX

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IF SCHOOLS ARE ABOUT CONTROL OF STUDENTS, HOW CAN WE CREATE REAL FREEDOM SPACES?
SPIN ON SURVEILLANCE IS USUALLY SAFETY BUT IT'S ACTUALLY ABOUT BUILDING THE MUSCLE OF RACIAL CAPITALISM

NO EVIDENCE OF INCREASED SAFETY BUT CAMERAS DO MAKE STUDENTS FEEL LESS SAFE

FOLLOW THE MONEY
TECH HAS BEEN DIPPING ITS TOE IN POLICING & THIS WILL INCREASE

CRIME BILL
REFORMING POLICE IS PROFITABLE

ABOLITION IS NOT

REFRAMED SOCIETY FROM CARE TO CRIMINALIZATION

TECHNOLOGY = SCHOOLS AS SITE OF TECH EXPERIMENTS PARENTS PAY, THEY PROFIT

24 HR/DAY MONITORING OF STUDENT DOCS, EMAILS & TEXTS & AUTOMATED WARNINGS TO SCHOOL OFFICIALS IN 2800 SCHOOLS!

WE REJECT THE IDEA THAT TO MOVE TOWARDS ABOLITION REQUIRES UTOPIA

SURVEILLANCE IS NOT NEW
MORE & WORSE UNDER COVID

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WITH ALTX GOODWIN & TRACET CORDER, ACRE

& THE RISE OF SURVEILLANCE TECHNOLOGY TO POLICE YOUNG PEOPLE

THE LAW CAN'T KEEP UP WITH THE PACE OF TECH... & IS UNLIKELY TO PROTECT US IF IT COULD!

YEE HAW!
WHAT CAN WE DO NEXT?
DEFUND DEMAND:
INC. SURVEILLANCE!
HOST TEACH-INS!
FOLLOW THE MONEY (ALWAYS)
BE VISIONARY & NAME SOLUTIONS!

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SUPPORT COUNSELORS NOT CRIMINALIZATION IN SCHOOLS ACT

HOW DO WE DETERMINE OUR DEMANDS?
NEVER ROOTED IN MORE $ FOR POLICE
MOVEMENTS ARE ECO SYSTEMS SO WE PLAY OUR PARTS!

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PFS ACTION CAMP... JULY 22, 2021
ABOLISH IT ALL! #POLICE FREESCHOOLS IN JUST THE BEGINNING OF STRUGGLE

SOME WISDOM FROM CAMPAIGNS

RESIST FALSE NARRATIVES:
- BLACK & BROWN PARENTS WANT COPS, BUT WHITE LIBERAL, HUMAN RIGHTS, AND ABOLITIONISTS

A COP IS A COP IS A COP IS A COP IS A COP...

RESIST DIVIDE & CONQUER

WE CAN USE THE BUDGET PROCESS

RESIST DIVIDE & CONQUER WITH OTHER FIGHTS, LIKE TRANSITION AMONG PARENTS, STUDENTS, AND TEACHERS BUILD COALITIONS!

DEALING WITH PUSHBACK

WE DON'T KNOW ALL THE ALTERNATIVES B/C WE'VE NEVER HAD ROOM TO EXPERIMENT

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HOPE IN OUR DISCIPLINE 

SCHOOLS CAN NOT REFLECT SOCIETY BUT CHANGE IT!

WITH OUR VISION!!!

YOUNG PEOPLE KNOW:

POLICE ≠ SAFETY

WE WILL WIN!

WE DO THIS TI WE FREE US! 

ALL OF US & MARIAIME KABA

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THE FIGHT WILL CONTINUE... THIS IS OUR MOMENT

YOU HAVE MADE THE IMPOSSIBLE POSSIBLE!
BLACK, MEMBER-LED ORG in OAKLAND, CA
SINCE 2011, BEFORE IT WAS COOL
WE WENT OUT AND ASKED BLACK FOLKS ABOUT WHAT WAS MOST IMPORTANT
SCHOOLS, POLICING, JOBS
& 2018 OLD RAHEIM BROWN WAS MURDERED BY POLICE IN 2011

WE NEEDED TO DO
THERE WAS A TIME BEFORE COPS IN SCHOOLS
CENTERED ON FOLKS' REAL EXPERIENCES
NEXT UP: IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS

LOTS OF POLITICAL EDUCATION
COPS FOR SAFETY!
WORK STRATEGIC CONVERTS
PUMP UP YOUR BASE!
BUILD TEAMS, NOT STARS

NOT EVERYONE CAN COME WITH US, AND THAT'S OK. OUR ORGANIZING CAN STILL SUPPORT THEIRS.

IT WILL TAKE CULTURE SHIFT TO BUILD SANCTUARY FOR REAL & WE NEED TO ORGANIZE IT!

WITH COMMUNITY, TEACHERS, STUDENTS, PARENTS, LABOR, & ADMINS

BETTERING OUR SCHOOL SYSTEM (B.O.S.S.)
BLACK ORGANIZING PROJECT

STRATEGIC CAMPAIGNS!
ORGANIZING FOR POLICE-FREE SCHOOLS: PEOPLE, POLICY, PRACTICE

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