

# Young People's Vision for Police Free Schools

## A Mandate for the Present and Future

For generations, Black and Latinx communities have organized to remove police from our public education system to end the mass criminalization of Black and Latinx youth and break the school-to-prison and deportation pipelines. Youth leaders with the Urban Youth Collaborative are committed to the struggle to remove police from their schools and transform school communities into nurturing and liberatory spaces for all young people.

The presence of police, surveillance, and invasive security measures pushes our most vulnerable students further to the margins. We know our history and understand police have been embedded in New York City public schools to police our movements and restrict our freedoms.

There is no substantial evidence that police or metal detectors create safer school communities. However, there is a growing body of research that illustrates that the presence of police in schools criminalizes Black, Latinx, TGCNIQ, immigrants, and students with disabilities.

**After decades of criminalizing and policing young people in every space we occupy, we are demanding police free schools now and forever.**

We organize to bring to life our vision of schools that recognize and protect the humanity and dignity of all young people. Schools that focus on creating nurturing, inclusive, and supportive learning environments for students who are Black, Latinx, Muslim, Indigenous, LGBTQ, gender non-conforming, or who have disabilities.

# This is Our Mandate

## DIVEST FROM

### Our Criminalization

- Remove all police personnel from New York City public schools. Do not transfer their supervision to the Department of Education.
- Remove all metal detectors, scanners, and invasive security measures from New York City public schools.
- Remove NYPD from responding to mental health crises in schools and from entering schools for any school related matters.
- End all zero tolerance policies and practices, and prohibit arrest, summons, and juvenile reports non-criminal violations and misdemeanors, which disproportionately impacts Black and Brown young people.

## INVEST IN

### Our Care

- Fully fund and implement restorative practices at all schools by 2022.
- Fully fund and increase school support staff, including guidance counselors, nurses, social workers, restorative justice coordinators, and academic and social support staff.
- Establish a system wide mental health continuum and increase funding for mental health supports for all students.
- Ensure all students have access to;
  - Culturally responsive education
  - High-quality and comprehensive selection of sports, arts, and elective courses
  - College Access supports including Student Success Centers



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## **Divest from**

-  Police
-  Metal Detectors and Surveillance
-  Criminalization

## **Invest in**

-  Guidance Counselors
-  Social Workers
-  Restorative Justice
-  Mental Health Supports
-  Extra Curriculars

**Just,**   
**Equitable,**  
**Supportive,**  
**& Liberating**  
**Schools**

**New York  
City allocated  
\$451,566,931  
this year to  
the NYPD's  
School Safety  
Division.**

**When redirected,  
this money could fund:**



The salaries of 4,517 guidance counselors



The salaries  
of 4,713 school  
social workers

or



The salaries  
of 6,515 school  
nurses

or



Over 15 years of citywide restorative  
practices in every middle school and high  
school (at a rate of \$30 million/year)

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