

Safer Schools Nashville

Introduction to Metro Human Relations Commission



A community based movement
for Safer Schools



Safer Schools Nashville Mission

We are a team of former Metro Nashville Public School students working towards safer alternatives to School Resource Officers. Safer Schools Nashville is committed to advancing the social, emotional, and intellectual development of all MNPS students.

Our [FAQ page](#), [teacher & parent surveys](#), and [links to social media](#) can be found at:

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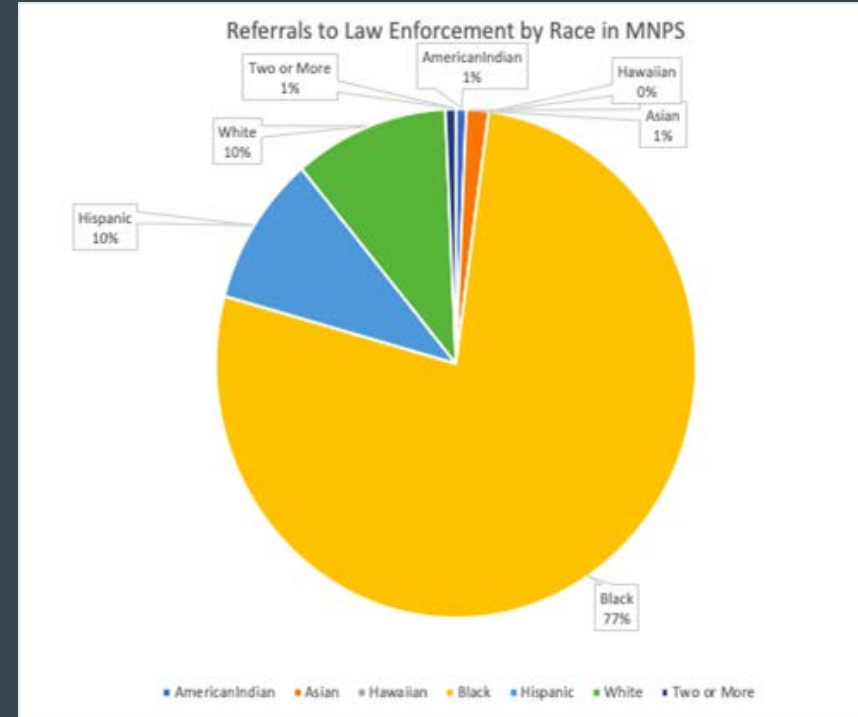


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Goals and Context

The use of armed and sworn officers and exclusionary disciplinary practices are:

- Ineffective at preventing crime and reducing disciplinary referrals
- Disproportionately harmful to Black, Brown and disabled students
- An Inefficient use of city resources
- 40% of the MNPS student body are Black students yet they make up 77% of students referred to law enforcement while at school.



Data Source: Department of Education, Office of Civil Rights

Opportunity Cost of SROs and Alternatives



Nashville People's Budget Coalition, Black Lives Matter Nashville, Gideon's Army, Workers' Dignity, Nashville Organize for Action and Hope (NOAH), No Exceptions Prison Collective), Be Well in School, Oasis Center (Restorative Justice Programs), PASSAGE, MNEA, COmmunity Oversight Now/Board,

Some of our partners



Where y'all come in

- Research
 - Accessing student referrals to law enforcement and the connection between exclusionary disciplinary practices and drop out
- Political leverage to make this a budgetary issue in FY 2021
 - Council sets police budget, which in turn funds SROs, we'd like to see that money go towards supporting students and educators
- Help us bring our message to business leaders and city hall

Questions from the Commission

Thank you so much for listening to our presentation. We would now like to open up the space to answer any questions y'all have for us!

