

Public Comments for Virtual School Board Meetings #12

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Topic * Restorative Practices

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Please implement restorative practices (RP) throughout ACPS in order to reduce the number of suspensions. Black boys are being suspended at an alarming rate in ACPS, even in elementary schools. RP works collectively and only works with community "buy in." The "case management approach" described in your document sound like it singles out individual students or groups of students, separates them from the community, and labels them a problem that is of no concern to the rest of the student body. The latter might be easier (and less expensive in the short run), but the former (RP) is effective. I'd rather pay up front for good school than pay later to warehouse former ACPS in jail cells.

Further, please remove police from schools and replace their functionality in some other way. In general, police frighten students of color while making white students more comfortable. This dynamic supports systemic racism