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1	2020-09-16 08:00:45 -0500	Teacher	No revision needed. In my opinion, the current MOU is satisfactory.	
3	2020-09-16 09:28:55 -0500	Parent/Guardian	No revision needed. In my opinion, the current MOU is satisfactory.	
4	2020-09-16 15:20:02 -0500	Parent/Guardian	No revision needed. In my opinion, the current MOU is satisfactory.	
12	2020-09-16 23:46:38 -0500	Parent/Guardian	No revision needed. In my opinion, the current MOU is satisfactory.	
23	2020-09-21 17:38:01 -0500	Parent/Guardian	No revision needed. In my opinion, the current MOU is satisfactory.	
24	2020-09-21 17:38:32 -0500	Employee or Administrator	No revision needed. In my opinion, the current MOU is satisfactory.	
26	2020-09-21 18:05:50 -0500	Teacher	No revision needed. In my opinion, the current MOU is satisfactory.	
28	2020-09-21 18:27:52 -0500	Employee or Administrator	No revision needed. In my opinion, the current MOU is satisfactory.	
29	2020-09-21 18:36:29 -0500	Teacher	No revision needed. In my opinion, the current MOU is satisfactory.	
30	2020-09-21 20:00:06 -0500	Teacher	No revision needed. In my opinion, the current MOU is satisfactory.	
32	2020-09-21 20:47:37 -0500	Teacher	No revision needed. In my opinion, the current MOU is satisfactory.	
33	2020-09-22 08:31:20 -0500	Teacher	No revision needed. In my opinion, the current MOU is satisfactory.	
34	2020-09-22 08:37:01 -0500	Teacher	No revision needed. In my opinion, the current MOU is satisfactory.	
35	2020-09-22 10:16:07 -0500	Teacher	No revision needed. In my opinion, the current MOU is satisfactory.	
37	2020-09-22 10:38:40 -0500	Teacher	No revision needed. In my opinion, the current MOU is satisfactory.	
38	2020-09-22 11:42:37 -0500	Teacher	No revision needed. In my opinion, the current MOU is satisfactory.	

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40	2020-09-22 12:58:12 -0500	Employee or Administrator	No revision needed. In my opinion, the current MOU is satisfactory.	
42	2020-09-22 14:49:12 -0500	Teacher	No revision needed. In my opinion, the current MOU is satisfactory.	
46	2020-09-22 15:52:42 -0500	Teacher	No revision needed. In my opinion, the current MOU is satisfactory.	
48	2020-09-23 17:38:19 -0500	Employee or Administrator	No revision needed. In my opinion, the current MOU is satisfactory.	
62	2020-09-25 12:21:22 -0500	Parent/Guardian	No revision needed. In my opinion, the current MOU is satisfactory.	
63	2020-09-25 12:25:15 -0500	Parent/Guardian	No revision needed. In my opinion, the current MOU is satisfactory.	
74	2020-09-28 07:00:51 -0500	Other: APD Lt, former SRO and SRO Sgt.	No revision needed. In my opinion, the current MOU is satisfactory.	
77	2020-09-30 11:23:34 -0500	Teacher	No revision needed. In my opinion, the current MOU is satisfactory.	
80	2020-09-30 20:58:58 -0500	Student	No revision needed. In my opinion, the current MOU is satisfactory.	
2	2020-09-16 08:03:58 -0500	Parent/Guardian	The MOU needs to be revised for 2020-2022.	The MOU should be revised to state specifically that the Alexandria Police Department be required to follow ACPS policy on making a reasonable effort to notify a student's parents before interrogating a student when in the care of ACPS. Failure to do so puts ACPS's most vulnerable students at risk with respect to their rights, especially special needs and minority students.
5	2020-09-16 15:36:12 -0500	Community Resident; Parent/Guardian	The MOU needs to be revised for 2020-2022.	Remove all SROs or other police on school grounds.
6	2020-09-16 17:28:49 -0500	Community Resident; Parent/Guardian	The MOU needs to be revised for 2020-2022.	Rewrite the goals to support a strength-based outlook for students, not a punitive one. Add a goal that the SLEP will operate in a way to make all action regarding disciplinary misconduct and criminal offenses be equitable and not focus on any group of children, ie a goal of racial equity in addressing children's behavior. Add a goal that the SLEP will operate in a way to make behavior interventions and support the first actions taken, particularly for children with disabilities including mental health challenges.

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7	2020-09-16 18:16:56 -0500	Parent/Guardian	The MOU needs to be revised for 2020-2022.	The SRO should at no time be inside school premises. Officers should not have an opportunity to enter the building or have contact with students unless there is a material threat to life and safe is evident and the officer is called in to the police. There should be no rights to student records. Officers should observe basic Miranda rights and not be permitted to speak to students with a legal representative or a guardian.
8	2020-09-16 18:55:06 -0500	Community Resident	The MOU needs to be revised for 2020-2022.	There is no good reason for police in schools
9	2020-09-16 19:01:10 -0500	Parent/Guardian	The MOU needs to be revised for 2020-2022.	In terms of the MOU, we should no longer have School Resource Officers (SROs) in the schools. Full stop. If they were to remain, they should not have the ability to question or interview students or access to educational records which may violate students' Fourth Amendment and privacy rights. Further they should not be permitted to be educators on the topic of law enforcement. They can find some other venue to pursue their chosen messaging.
10	2020-09-16 19:09:42 -0500	Parent/Guardian	The MOU needs to be revised for 2020-2022.	End the school resource officer program and remove all police from schools. They are not trained educators.
11	2020-09-16 19:14:02 -0500	Teacher; Community Resident	The MOU needs to be revised for 2020-2022.	Get rid of it. Cops don't belong in schools.
13	2020-09-17 08:57:07 -0500	Community Resident	The MOU needs to be revised for 2020-2022.	I would like to see the MOU between ACPS and APD terminated. Having law enforcement in schools does not promote a safe learning environment as the MOU intends. Instead, students of color are more likely to feel and be unsafe due to the violence carried out by law enforcement officers on communities of color. I understand the intention of the MOU is to create a safer environment for students, but I believe and funds being used for the SROs could be better allocated to more counselors and mediators in the schools.
14	2020-09-17 09:19:21 -0500	Community Resident	The MOU needs to be revised for 2020-2022.	The MOU with APD should be terminated. Police in schools contribute to the school to prison pipeline, unfairly target Black and brown students, and create an environment in which students are surveilled and intimidated rather than nurtured. We need to remove police from our schools and invest more strongly in restorative practices.

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15	2020-09-17 10:03:23 -0500	Community Resident; Parent/Guardian; ACPS Partner Organization	The MOU needs to be revised for 2020-2022.	Police have no place in ACPS. No matter the intent of the MOU, police presence in schools criminalizes children, creates an environment of surveillance and mistrust, and feeds the school to prison pipeline. Sever ties with APD and instead fund social workers and trauma specialists to address underlying causes of violence that arise.
16	2020-09-17 10:25:43 -0500	Parent/Guardian	The MOU needs to be revised for 2020-2022.	Replace law enforcement with social workers and therapists that can help address the underlying root cause of any dangerous or bad behavior.
17	2020-09-17 11:34:29 -0500	Community Resident	The MOU needs to be revised for 2020-2022.	I implore ACPS to completely sever ties with APD and instead contract social workers and mental health workers to address underlying causes for violence. As someone who grew up with police officers in my high school, the presence of police officers only creates a hostile atmosphere, particularly for students of color and LGBTQ+ children. ACPS's resources would be better spent towards restorative justice practices that adequately address the root causes of violence and general misbehavior.
18	2020-09-17 12:18:27 -0500	Parent/Guardian	The MOU needs to be revised for 2020-2022.	Unless ACPS has data that demonstrates that a regular police presence in schools is merited both by the frequency of incidents in school involving clear and imminent threats of serious physical harm relative to those in the general population as well as typical APD response time to deal with them, there is every reason to sunset this program and put additional community resources into mental health, counseling, and root cause identification and amelioration.
19	2020-09-17 13:06:08 -0500	Community Resident; Parent/Guardian	The MOU needs to be revised for 2020-2022.	I suggest that the MOU be cancelled, that there be no MOU between ACPS and the Alexandria Police. I do not want police in ACPS schools. Even with the best of intentions, policing in schools breeds distrust and creates a hostile learning environment, criminalizes kids, and feeds the school to prison pipeline. Our school system's resources would be better spent investing in restorative justice practices that consider root causes of violence and general misbehavior.
20	2020-09-17 13:18:11 -0500	Community Resident	The MOU needs to be revised for 2020-2022.	Please remove School Resource officers from our schools, putting less guns inside our schools, and put these resources to work for social workers, etc. so please discontinue the MOU with th Alexandria Police.
21	2020-09-17 14:06:43 -0500	Community Resident	The MOU needs to be revised for 2020-2022.	The SRO should not be selected by or employed by APD. The SRO should be employed through the school system and should have a background in education.

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22	2020-09-17 17:50:25 -0500	Community Resident	The MOU needs to be revised for 2020-2022.	The MOU should be dissolved and resources should be invested in additional, true student support. As the MOU explains, "SROs' primary role in schools is as a law enforcement officer" and an SRO is an "informal mentor" at best. Our neighbors, the students at ACPS, shouldn't be treated as potential criminals as they go about their days, and I strongly support their call for Alexandria City Public Schools to terminate its Memorandum of Understanding with the Alexandria Police Department.
25	2020-09-21 17:55:25 -0500	Teacher; Student	The MOU needs to be revised for 2020-2022.	I would like to take law enforcement out of the schools.
27	2020-09-21 18:25:53 -0500	Teacher; Parent/Guardian	The MOU needs to be revised for 2020-2022.	In the school safety audit section there should be language about sharing the results of these audits with the public and school community to promote transparency during the two years that the MOU is in effect. In addition, there should also be language in the document about notifying families about the names of officers who are present in each school and how often they are present. In addition, there should be language about how the community will be notified if there is an incident involving an SRO or arrest that takes place on a school campus.
31	2020-09-21 20:34:05 -0500	Employee or Administrator	The MOU needs to be revised for 2020-2022.	The revision I'm suggesting is thoroughly exploring the necessity of SRO's in schools. That process and discussion should be similar to the renaming process. SRO's can definitely provide a sense of safety and they can provide a heavy sense of threat.
36	2020-09-22 10:20:08 -0500	Other: Former Faculty	The MOU needs to be revised for 2020-2022.	Remove police from school building.
39	2020-09-22 12:53:54 -0500	Community Resident	The MOU needs to be revised for 2020-2022.	There should not be police in schools.
41	2020-09-22 13:49:11 -0500	Teacher	The MOU needs to be revised for 2020-2022.	We need to remove SRO's from school premises (and replace them with counselors or psychologists).
43	2020-09-22 14:59:12 -0500	Employee or Administrator	The MOU needs to be revised for 2020-2022.	The MOU does nothing to address the fact that non-white students have said again and again that officers presence in schools makes them feel less safe instead of more safe. I do not believe that this can be addressed in the MOU and would like to request the end of ACPS contracts with police as they search for other options that are inclusive of all students.

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44	2020-09-22 15:20:14 -0500	Community Resident	The MOU needs to be revised for 2020-2022.	Do not use armed officers within school buildings
45	2020-09-22 15:36:30 -0500	Teacher	The MOU needs to be revised for 2020-2022.	There need to be conflict resolution built within the MOU. The MOU should include professionals who can better support the student who is involve with any situation. There is a need for counselors, teachers, and parents in the community to add a vital role and information about any enforcement of the law on a campus.
47	2020-09-22 19:34:17 -0500	Parent/Guardian	The MOU needs to be revised for 2020-2022.	Get rid of the MOU. There should not be police in schools. There is literally nothing positive about police in school. It exists to ensure the school to prison pipeline is maintained and white supremacy is sustained.
49	2020-09-23 18:23:36 -0500	Employee or Administrator	The MOU needs to be revised for 2020-2022.	Joint equity, systemic racism and bias training, with ACPS administrators and SROs to ensure there is alignment with understanding of how to eliminate racial injustices experienced by students of color.
50	2020-09-23 19:23:34 -0500	Community Resident	The MOU needs to be revised for 2020-2022.	We should not renew the MOU. We should not have police officers in schools. The risk of physical and psychological harm to students is greater than the benefit.
51	2020-09-23 20:12:01 -0500	Community Resident: Parent/Guardian	The MOU needs to be revised for 2020-2022.	The MOU with the APD should be permanently terminated.
52	2020-09-24 14:03:15 -0500	Community Resident	The MOU needs to be revised for 2020-2022.	End MOU. Police out of Schools. Invest in sports, arts, community service, leadership, food, shelter.

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53	2020-09-24 14:19:11 -0500	Parent/Guardian	The MOU needs to be revised for 2020-2022.	I support Michelle Rief's comments at the Sept. 17 School Board meeting regarding the MOU. In light of ACPS's failure to create objectives for and evaluate the SRO program, and the generalized national information indicating that SRO programs do not make schools safer and in fact are detrimental, I challenge ACPS to explain why we should have SROs in our school at all. APD can be called in the event of an emergency. I do not find value in having a law enforcement officer mingling with our children when that money could be used for additional supportive student services which would hopefully address problems without the threat of criminal enforcement. I question the appropriateness of the MOU's Mentor and Role Model goal - SROs are not "friends" to be opened up to; they are enforcement officers charged with arrest powers. Children are not able to parse the subtleties (or the implications) of this. I am alarmed to see that children may be questioned by SROs without their parents/guardians/attorneys present with their consent which minors are unable to meaningfully give - and that the MOU requires only a "reasonable effort" (without defining the term) to contact parents if their child is physically restrained. Overall, this MOU is protective of police power and not protective of student rights and well-being. ACPS should not renew the MOU and should invest instead in more supportive student services.
54	2020-09-24 14:46:02 -0500	Parent/Guardian	The MOU needs to be revised for 2020-2022.	I think this MOU should significantly limit the access police have to ACPS students and their records and restrict the police's right to question students on school grounds. I also don't think SROs should be allowed to carry guns into our schools unless they are responding to an active shooter.
55	2020-09-24 19:47:16 -0500	Student	The MOU needs to be revised for 2020-2022.	Police officers should be removed from schools and the SRO program should end.
56	2020-09-25 07:58:43 -0500	Community Resident	The MOU needs to be revised for 2020-2022.	No matter how personally generous individual SRO's may be to students, the presence of APD in schools is inappropriate. If the MOU is revised instead of ended, SRO's must be directly accountable to ACPS school administrators, and complete public data transparency must be maintained regarding incidents between SRO's and students, AND between SRO's and ACPS staff.

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57	2020-09-25 09:42:38 -0500	Community Resident	The MOU needs to be revised for 2020-2022.	<p>I am asking for an end to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between ACPS and the Alexandria Police Department (APD). I am further asking that ACPS provide data to the public regarding police activity within ACPS, including demographic data of students involved in police encounters.</p> <p>The MOU states that SROs are to act as a visible deterrent to crime, patrolling the interior and exterior of schools in their designated uniforms. Again, this operates on the assumption that students are a population to be surveilled for criminal activity. This creates a hostile environment rather than a safe environment appropriate for learning and growth, for students. This is especially the case for students belonging to communities which have historically been targeted or antagonized by police.</p>
58	2020-09-25 10:13:30 -0500	Community Resident: Parent/Guardian	The MOU needs to be revised for 2020-2022.	Alexandria City Public Schools should not have police officers assigned to the school. I am very thankful for the professional quality of police officers in Alexandria City but I am not comfortable having an officer in the school. If a crime is committed that warrants calling the police, there should be a designated liaison with appropriate training to respond to crimes involving children - but they do not require a daily presence in the school.
59	2020-09-25 10:16:25 -0500	Community Resident	The MOU needs to be revised for 2020-2022.	The MOU should be ended and police removed from schools. Having police in schools worsens academic outcomes for students without making schools safer. School resources should instead be dedicated to counselors and other supports for students.
60	2020-09-25 10:44:11 -0500	Community Resident; Parent/Guardian	The MOU needs to be revised for 2020-2022.	<p>There shouldn't be an MOU. There is no need for SROs in Alexandria schools, and I don't want my daughter to be in a school with police officers in it. It creates a harmful learning environment and leads to black and latino kids being disproportionately punished.</p> <p>No MOU period</p>

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61	2020-09-25 11:08:16 -0500	Community Resident	The MOU needs to be revised for 2020-2022.	I think the MOU could be discontinued or otherwise severely limited from it's current arrangement. Uniformed police in schools do not seem to make students safer and often have the unintended effect of turning student misbehavior that would have been a school disciplinary offense into a criminal offense that will permanently and negatively impact students long after they enter into adulthood. Who is served and protected by this MOU? Is it really Alexandria's children or do we support a policy like this because they are a mostly unexamined tradition from a time when our institutions were far less aware of systemic and institutional inequities? We must also admit that for many children, the mere presence of uniformed officers is a stressful and sometimes traumatic experience. Many children have now seen frequently over the last year uniformed officers brutally assault unarmed Americans, often people of color, through the media. It may take years or longer to repair this loss of trust and credibility in police across America. We cannot reasonably expect an armed officer to make all of our students feel safe - in fact some will fear for their immediate physical safety and life. This does not foster a good learning environment. The current MOU's stated intention to reduce conflict and create a supportive environment is laudable, but the actual policy does the opposite. This year in particular shows us exactly how far our goals are from our procedures.
64	2020-09-25 13:36:49 -0500	Community Resident	The MOU needs to be revised for 2020-2022.	The MOU between ACPS and APD is based on the false premise that a police presence in the schools is appropriate, helpful, and benign. On the contrary, studies show that School Resource Officers are a major contributor to the school-to-prison pipeline (e.g. Nelson and Lind, Justice Policy Institute, "The School to Prison Pipeline, explained," 2015). There should be no SRO's in Alexandria City Public Schools.
65	2020-09-25 13:36:57 -0500	Community Resident	The MOU needs to be revised for 2020-2022.	Police should not be present in schools. ACPS should join the rest of the nation in ending the employment of police in schools and instead invest in appropriately trained personnel.

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66	2020-09-25 14:48:22 -0500	Teacher; Community Resident	The MOU needs to be revised for 2020-2022.	Studies show that the presence of SROs are a major contributor to the school-to-prison pipeline. One 2015 study showed that schools with SROs had nearly five times the arrest rate of non-SRO schools. With the renewed focus on equity in our schools, I wonder why we would even consider continuing a program that is inherently inequitable. Our children and youth deserve better.
67	2020-09-25 15:01:32 -0500	Community Resident	The MOU needs to be revised for 2020-2022.	Studies show that the presence of SROs (School Resource Officers, i.e., police) are a major contributor to the school-to-prison pipeline. Police officers are not trained to address the needs of children and should not have a presence in Alexandria City public schools.
68	2020-09-25 15:05:49 -0500	Community Resident	The MOU needs to be revised for 2020-2022.	<p>Police in schools are given powers normally reserved for professionals with specialized training. The purported crime-deterrence function of this program treats schools as high-crime areas (they are not), thus criminalizing students.</p> <p>- We are asking for an end to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between ACPS and the Alexandria Police Department (APD). We are further asking that ACPS provide data to the public regarding police activity within ACPS, including demographic data of students involved in police encounters.</p> <p>- The MOU states that SROs are to act as a visible deterrent to crime, patrolling the interior and exterior of schools in their designated uniforms. Again, this operates on the assumption that students are a population to be surveilled for criminal activity. This creates a hostile environment rather than a safe environment appropriate for learning and growth, for students. This is especially the case for students belonging to communities which have historically been targeted or antagonized by police.</p>
69	2020-09-25 15:55:22 -0500	Community Resident	The MOU needs to be revised for 2020-2022.	I don't think it's appropriate to have police in the public schools. The MOU should not be renewed.
70	2020-09-25 20:18:31 -0500	Community Resident	The MOU needs to be revised for 2020-2022.	I do not understand why fully suited (uniform, guns, vests, cameras, handcuffs, etc.) police officer need to be a constant presence in schools. Their presence sends the wrong message to students. I am sure that in the infrequent situations when an officer is really needed, the police department will respond quickly to a school officials call.

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71	2020-09-26 00:30:10 -0500	Parent/Guardian	The MOU needs to be revised for 2020-2022.	Take police out of our public schools now. Kids are not criminals.
72	2020-09-26 02:13:54 -0500		The MOU needs to be revised for 2020-2022.	The entire premise of the MOU needs to be revised since our school board and school officials have absolutely no right to create a "mutually beneficial framework that both schools and law enforcement can work within to achieve shared goals" that gives police access to personal data on our children and our families without our direct consent. In this MOU, police officers are re-labeled as "School Resource Officers" with the same rights as school officials who can conduct data collection, interrogation, and overall "crime prevention" in the community. This MOU allows for extreme leniency towards law enforcement (that could at any moment change their posture towards individuals or entire communities based on race or immigration status or any other whim of the individual assigned to a school), justifies breaches of Constitutional and Civil Rights, and must be revised to ensure that the default position is to actually protect students' rights and create a safe environment (from both domestic and state sponsored threats) for our students. I see the need to request services from Alexandria Police Department to guard against external threats (i.e., a violent bomb or gun threat against the school) and for that reason, would request that we do ask APD to provide these services or even pay from our budget for them if they don't think it is in their "mutually beneficial" commitment to us as citizens and our schools (like the MOU states, we have to pay extra anyway for officers at extracurricular events), but we should scrap every element of this MOU that integrates Police into the daily lives of our children, the schools they attend, and the education curriculum they receive. If our School Board and our community actually believes in the "Equity for All" they are promoting, they will end this outrageous MOU with the Police Department.
73	2020-09-27 18:06:03 -0500	Community Resident; Parent/Guardian	The MOU needs to be revised for 2020-2022.	No police officer or city employee should have access to any student or student records whatsoever without written parental/guardian consent, regardless of that Police Officer is an SRO or not.
75	2020-09-28 15:20:53 -0500	Community Resident	The MOU needs to be revised for 2020-2022.	End the MOU and get police and SROs out of the schools, they contribute to the further criminalization of black and brown students

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76	2020-09-29 16:38:11 -0500	Parent/Guardian	The MOU needs to be revised for 2020-2022.	<p>I would like to see the MOU incorporate an evaluation component to assess the impact of the presence of SROs w/in ACPS. Data should be collected and shared w/H80/t SRO engagement with students, a review of any disciplinary/criminal incidents that involve ACPS students and SROs, etc. That data and evaluation should have a racial equity component, consistent with the School Board's strategic plan. Clear goals should be set for the program and measures incorporated to assess movement towards these goals. All this data should be made publicly available (without identifying information, of course).</p> <p>-Have students been adequately surveyed about their perceptions and assessment of the SRO program? I think it would be useful to have more than just anecdotal of our students experience.</p> <p>- I have some qualms about SROs being categorized a school officials such that they have access to otherwise confidential school records.</p>
78	2020-09-30 11:33:31 -0500	Parent/Guardian	The MOU needs to be revised for 2020-2022.	<p>I am against having police officers in our schools.</p> <p>That said, I recognize that removing them altogether is unlikely to happen. If we must have them, then we need to ensure that all police personnel in all ACPS schools a) are there only to protect students against violence external to the school and should not in any way discipline the children, b) we take funding for police officer and instead give them to social workers and counselors, c) that all interactions are tracked and reported on MONTHLY to provide racial and gender breakdown of the children that are interacted with in any disciplinary fashion (if point (a) above cannot be implemented).</p> <p>But please, reconsider the whole thing. SROs do not belong in educational settings. Pay teachers, social workers, and counselors more so we get to some of the root causes of problems. Children are not criminals - until we treat them as if they are in schools. Help them, don't incarcerate them!</p>

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79	2020-09-30 14:53:46 -0500	Parent/Guardian	The MOU needs to be revised for 2020-2022.	<p>Initially, I believe that SROs do not belong in ACPS schools. I request that ACPS and the City of Alexandria redirect the funds that support SROs to more appropriate specialists and professionals, including school-based social workers and psychologists, who can work with students more appropriately to resolve conflict and intervene proactively when students need help and guidance. Alexandria Police should only be present in the schools when specifically called upon by ACPS school administrators to deal with specific incidents. I believe the presence and activities of APD in the schools reinforces racial stereotyping and inequality, and it is way beyond time to end this practice in our schools. Additionally, restorative justice practices should be prioritized in all cases.</p> <p>In lieu of this, I offer several comments on the MOU: all training of SROs and ACPS admins should occur prior to assignment in a school, not within 60 days thereafter; the training that occurs should be made public so everyone knows what it entails; SRO interviews of students should always include ACPS staff and strict documentation; all students should be notified that they need not submit to questioning.</p>

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81	2020-09-30 21:02:45 -0500	Community Resident	The MOU needs to be revised for 2020-2022.	<p>End the MOU should have been one of the two options in the above question. We all know words matter and sadly it yet again speaks volumes that ACPS has chosen not to include it as an option for this survey. ACPS needs to end the MOU with APD and get police out of our schools. It is my hope in the future that ACPS will stop being biased and actually prove that it is committed to equity for all students in our school system. Police in schools are given powers normally reserved for professionals with specialized training. The purported crime-deterrence function of this program treats schools as high-crime areas (they are not), thus criminalizing students.</p> <p>Many residents are asking for an end to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between ACPS and the Alexandria Police Department (APD). We are further asking that ACPS provide data to the public regarding police activity within ACPS, including demographic data of students involved in police encounters.</p> <p>The MOU states that SROs are to act as a visible deterrent to crime, patrolling the interior and exterior of schools in their designated uniforms. Again, this operates on the assumption that students are a population to be surveilled for criminal activity. This creates a hostile environment rather than a safe environment appropriate for learning and growth, for students. This is especially the case for students belonging to communities which have historically been targeted or antagonized by police.</p>

Teacher 19
 Student 3
 Parent/Guardian 21
 Community Resident 25
 Employee or Administrator: 7
 Other: 6

No Revision: 25
 Revision Needed: 56
 Rid Police - 40