



Written Public Comment related to Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department
Deputies in Schools

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Public comment on LASD deputies working in schools.	Name
Absolutely not. Children are over policed and not always safe with armed deputies around. Some children experience extreme hardships and may act out at school. Acting out at school can result in physical harm due to the excessive force deputies use on civilians. Schools need understanding security and metal detectors to assist administrators in keeping weapons out of school.	N/A
I would love sheriff's stationed in school. It could create a comradery amongst students and law enforcement. At parents would feel safer having them on campus.	Amy Garcia
Definitely Required	Michael Rosoff
The problem is ACCOUNTABILITY!	Steve Hill
I would prefer to not have deputies on campuses, unless there is a known threat. Ideally, we should use other methods to address this growing concern, such as better perimeter and access control.	Susan Duenas
Absolutely NO!	Paulette Dunn Sanders
I believe schools should have at least armed security guards in every campus and build a repor with the students and parents. Get father's and mother's involved with There children's education and it should be mandatory.	Mary
LASD has a long and continuing history of violence and abuse that has yet to be properly addressed. It would be the height of ignorance to believe they are suited to protect schools.	Sandra Applebaum
YES because the time we live in now. our children become unsecure. For everyday going to school	child support dept.
It is unfortunate that there is a necessity for Deputies to be in any school. However, it is necessary. Lawlessness is not just confined to our schools.	Shirley Harriman
Deputies should be provided when/where school police are not assigned. I feel for the safety of the students, teachers and all staff working the presence of authority should make a safer feel. To have the officers/deputies walking around not just sitting in an office.	Rosemarie Escarcega
I graduated from high school in 1988 from BGHS, and we had a person who did not wear a uniform but known to us as a police officer or "narc" who walked around the campus and engaged with students. . . Bloomer was tough but kind and saw things the typical teacher wouldn't.	Beatriz Wood
The education of LA's children requires a stable and safe school system. Currently the system is neither. A carefully executed plan is needed to create the necessary environment. The plan must include the protection and guidance by Los Angeles County Sheriff Department deputies physically in the schools.	Laurence Bloxham
As a parent of three young children in elementary school, to see the violence taking place on campuses across the county, I believe we can improve safety with security on campus. Whether this is a sheriff or another form of a security officer, I think it can deter children from bringing weapons onto campus and provide for a quicker response in the event that a violent episode does take place on a campus. Right now we function on potential or actual threats and bring sheriff and security onto campus when we have some indication that something violent may occur to deter those actions. Having regular presence may be something that the county to try and see whether it impact the rate of violence on school grounds.	Pinki Mehta
I agree that these are important things to teach police officers. Here are some specific ways that police training could be improved to address these issues: 1. Teach police officers about the importance of truthfulness and integrity. This could include training on the ethical implications of LYING, as well as practical exercises in how to avoid making FALSE STATEMENTS. 2. Teach police officers how to LISTEN to and understand the perspectives of citizens. This could include training on active listening skills, as well as cultural competency training.	Mark Choi

3. Teach police officers about the importance of ongoing education and training. This could include requiring police officers to complete regular training on topics such as de-escalation, implicit BIAS, and use of force.

In addition to these specific suggestions, I think it is also important to address the broader culture of policing in the United States of America. This culture often encourages a "warrior" mentality and a view of citizens as potential threats. This mentality can lead to police officers using EXCESSIVE FORCE and making FALSE ARRESTS. It is important to change this culture so that police officers see themselves as public servants who are responsible for protecting and serving the community.

I believe that these changes would make police officers more effective at their jobs and would help to build trust between police and the communities they serve.

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I oppose deputies in schools they create a chilling atmosphere and sometimes overreact with violence. They also stereotype students and target them primarily Black and Chicano.

Carlos Montes

There should be added security around schools but there should not be deputies in schools.

Daniel

There should be Deputies at every school!!!
Yes!

Maribel Briseno
Carlzen

I agree for our schools to have Sheriff Deputies working in schools. This will provide a new layer of safety for out teachers and students. Also it can be a bridge for the community to unite against school crimes and improve safety.

"NO" to LASD in schools. If schools think they need armed security, let them hire private contractors.

Robert Ray

Yes, having sheriff present at schools would be beneficial. Only if they also work to actively engage with students and educate them as well.

THERE SHOULD NOT BE ANY GANG MEMBER DEPUTY SHERIFF IN OUR SCHOOLS! THEY ARE NOT TRAIN TO DO ANYTHING PROPERLY. IF YOU ARE TRYING TO THINK OR THIS GANG MEMBER ORGANIZATION IS EVEN THINKING THAT BY PUTTING GANG MEMBER SHERIFFS IN SCHOOLS IS GOING TO MAKE IT SAFER IS NOT! OR ARE YOU JUST TRYING TO PUT IN GANG MEMBER DEPUTY SHERIFF IN SCHOOLS TO ENTICE TEENS TO GET TO LIKE THIS GANG MEMBER ORGANIZATION? IS NOT GOING TO HAPPEN! PRIME EXAMPLE IS THIS, ON 6/24/23 GANGMEMBER DEPUTY KIRK BADGE # 5483 ASSAULTED AN AFRICAN AMERICAN GRNADMONTER WHO WAS SIMPLY FILMING! LITERALLY LAUNGE AT HER BECAUSE THIS GANG MEMBER DID NOT INVESTIGATE, HE ESCALATED WHAT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE A PUBLIC SAFETY MATTER FOR ALL PARTIES INVOLVE! PEOPLE ARE TIRED OF THE BRUTALITY I DONT KNOW WHY YOU AND THIS GANG MEMBER ORGANIZATION HAVE NOT LEARNED ANYTHING FROM GEORGE FLOYD OR FROM FRANCE WHERE A GANG MEMBER COP JUST ASSASSINATED 17-YEAR-OLD NAHEL. SO WHY DO WE WANT GANG MEMBER SHERIFF IN OUR SCHOOLS? IS NOT FOR PROTECTION OR PREVENTION. IS JUST TO HARASS, TARGET, BRUTALIZE, AND EVEN KILL OUT TEENS. FIND ALTERNATIVES I WILL SAY IT AGAIN FIND ALTERNATIVES WE DONT WANT ANY GANG MEMBER DEPUTIES' SHERIFFS IN OUR SCHOOLS! THEY ARE NOT TRAIN AND WILL NEVER BE TRIAN! THEY ARE NOT EVEN HELD ACCOUNTABLE WHEN THEY COMMIT A CRIME IN OUR COMMUNITIES! THESE PUBLIC SERVATS CONTINUE TO SHOW THAT PUBLIC SAFETY FOR ALL PARTIES INVOLVE IS NOT A PRIORITY AT ALL! PEOPLE ARE TIRED OF THE BRUTALITY THAT SURFACE ON VIDEOS! THE ANSWER IS NO! WE DONT NEED ANY GANG MEMBER DEPUTY SHERIIFS IN OUR SCHOOLS!

E J Medal

I do not think deputies or police officers should be in schools.

...!...Bad idea...keep those clowns(sheriffs)out of schools even if they have kids themselves; the teachers should create a new entity...!...

Metaphysicalrainixi

it would be amazing to have deputies on campus

Cristine

I believe it is a superb proposal. We spend so much taxpayer money on protecting other countries and on things/matters that do not directly help US citizens- and/or the return is more political than added value. This is true and same for local governments. It is a good sense proposal to spend money on protecting our kids and future.	Gary Akopyan
Totally support LASD working in schools. We are in Temple City School District.	Jessica Chen
I welcome County Deputies in (my children's) schools.	Myrna Medina
I want Sheriff's Deputies in schools	Heidi Le
No deputies in schools. Spend the money to lower class size or add a counselor please. End the school to prison pipeline	
Disturbing. The gangs of LASD belong no where near our children. Violence is perpetuated by LASD in schools. Kids need resources not policing. Especially not by a department that literally cannot police it's own members. Do not be complicit in hurting our children by subjecting them to the well documented thuggery that is the corrupt entirety of LASD.	Grace
NO! They dont have enough deputies on the streets for the communities, Trained the people from the community to provide for safety and monitor our SCHOOLS	Kevin Orang
Yes, they should be in all schools	Keith
School District's should provide campus security officers not necessarily police officers on all elementary and middle school campuses. Having 1 deputy, police or school police officer housed at each high school campus who could also respond to the feeder schools as necessary should be a model used for establishing school safety.	
I've always thought it's a great idea to have police presence on a school campus (all grades). The deputy/police officer is another immediate resource for kids. They become a role model for many. What's the negative? Money? Here's a challenge for the nah sayers: Get a piece of paper and make two columns. In each column write the Pros and Cons....Be honest. Share your results. You might surprise yourself how helpful have a peace officer on campus really is....	Troy Jackson
Ombudsman General comments are as follows: I support the hard work of our Sheriff Deputies throughout the County of Los Angeles. However, as Ombudsman General to National Ombudsman and Ombudsman International www.OmbudsmanInternational.Org I believe that more education on all sides of our Community will help us grow into a better Community. After reading the REVISED MOTION BY SUPERVISORS HOLLY J. MITCHELL AND HILDA L. SOLIS June 28, 2022 I am in support of having the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Deputies on the school campus(s). However, please note: If they approve to do SRO deputies, they need a specialized unit that has training and a long term assignment to the specific school(s), not just the team. Otherwise they will keep having the same problems as Lancaster station. The college deputies are under a separate team headed by a commander and they can do the same if they want to do a widespread SRO program in LA County schools that don't have their own police. Bishop L.J. Guillory, Ombudsman General for National Ombudsman and Ombudsman International Inc NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS (202) 241-1506 8306 Wilshire Blvd., 1752 Beverly Hills CA 90211 (310) 980-0816 www.NationalOmbudsman.Org www.OmbudsmanInternational.Org	Bishop I J Guillory, Ombudsman General
No. I don't think deputies should be present in schools. Bringing more armed people to schools is never a solution to violence. If anything, they might make the situation worse. I don't believe they will do anything in case of an active shooter threat. Look what happened in Uvalde - a ton of useless armed police officers, scared to interfere. I say no.	Irina Truong
We've seen time and time again that in the event of a real emergency (e.g. an active shooter), cops will cravenly protect themselves and leave children to die. The only thing	Nathaniel Roberts

accomplished by having cops in schools is the reinforcement of the school-to-prison pipeline. On top of all this, the LA Sheriff's Department is riddled with deputy gangs who use violence and murder as part of their initiations. Cops should not be trusted near our children, they should not be allowed in our schools.

What is the priority- coverage on the streets or schools. In my mind Ambassadors might be school appropriate, but crime on the streets seems the higher priority. Thank You

Alex Gerstenzang

Yes, armed officers are needed. We have Sheriffs on campus as LAVC, who are trained in minimizing conflict. They are very kind as well.

Sharen Jacobs

The LA County Sheriff's Department has decades of well-documented misconduct, abuse of power, racism, brutality, and GANGS that continue to terrorize our communities to this day. We should NOT be letting this Department anywhere near our children and youth, even high schoolers. If LA's intention is to keep schools safe why would we even consider having this Department, which consistently skirts County efforts to it hold accountable and prevent misconduct, in schools with our kids? These Deputies are a bad example for our youth and will NOT keep youth safe. They have been given many chances to improve their practices, but continue to defy County and State rules. Further, research showing that the presence of police in schools can lead to negative outcomes for black and Latino students, introducing them to the criminal justice system and catalyzing the beginning of the school-to-prison pipeline. Also, according to the National Education Association, research finds that police officers in schools do NOT make school safer and leads to harsher discipline for minor infractions. The Congressional Research Service also has found "no connection between the presence of police officers in schools and changes in crime or student discipline rates." Please resource our students with counselors, social workers, therapists, credible messengers, and people who are actually trained to work with YOUTH, not hardened Deputies that have proven again and again that they are not responsible, lawful, or necessary.

For info on LA Sheriff Deputy gangs and misconduct, see: <https://apnews.com/article/los-angeles-california-law-enforcement-sheriff-5fb514243ac23cfff2c78593d15be7e8> ; <https://www.cbsnews.com/losangeles/news/la-county-inspector-general-question-deputies-gangs-sheriff-department/> ; <https://knock-la.com/tradition-of-violence-lasd-gang-history/> ; <https://www.cbsnews.com/losangeles/news/commission-report-finds-la-sheriff-deputy-gangs-run-certain-patrol-stations/> ; <https://www.rollingstone.com/politics/politics-features/la-sheriff-department-gangs-alex-villanueva-1234691873/> ; <https://www.newyorker.com/magazine/2022/06/06/the-la-county-sheriffs-deputy-gang-crisis> ; <https://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/deputy-gangs-cancer-los-angeles-county-sheriffs-department-scathing-re-rcna73367> etc.

For research on the effects of police in schools on students and safety, see: <https://www.aclusocal.org/en/no-police-in-schools> ; <https://www.nytimes.com/2020/06/12/us/schools-police-resource-officers.html> ; <https://www.nea.org/advocating-for-change/new-from-nea/making-schools-safe-and-just#:~:text=Key%20Takeaways,harsher%20discipline%20for%20minor%20infractions> ; <https://edsource.org/2020/should-police-officers-be-in-schools-california-education-leaders-rethink-school-safety/633460>

I would start with officers assigned to schools have diversity training and schools have a Master Social worker assigned as well. Newly trained deputies should be trained with sociology and diversity training as a prerequisite to being introduced into a school and have an open town hall meeting with both school faculty and parents, acquainting everyone with the program objectives. Placing officers in schools without proper sensitivity training creates chaos and sends the wrong message of oversight. Extreme care should be paramount as trust is essential to this programs success.

Mr. Watkins

Schools are no place for armed law enforcement officers. They do more harm, create more potential for violence, and negatively affect poor students and students of color. Invest in mental health professionals and counselors.

Matthew Solomon

• Referring to the document: Improving School Climate and Safety. Revised Motion by Supervisors Mitchell and Solis. June 28, 2022.

Jennifer Orsini

I support the list of recommendations from the authors to the Board of Supervisors (see page 5-8) for improved instruction and training of participating members of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

The motions recommended in the document encompass a broad range of topics, skills and practices required to perform the job and tasks successfully. There is enough content

listed here to cover a certificate or degree at the college level.

I suggest that the L.A. County Civilian Oversight Commission consider the development of a vocational or academic (AS degree) for persons hired by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department for the School Resource Deputy program.

It is essential that Sheriff's Dept. participants in this program have a wide range of knowledge and skills which could be acquired within an academic setting where traditional methods of instruction and learning are applied to this vocation.

If the people who teach children are required to have a college education, why aren't others who also interact with students required to have a college degree as well. It's time to give the public school system and its community the well trained and educated Sheriff's Dept. personnel it deserves.

Unfortunately, Sheriffs are trained to engage with who they perceive to be criminals or people breaking a law. Their training does not support educational goals or the safe space that schools are meant to be for our children. They neutralize the environment first, and ask questions later, after the trauma has been inflicted.

Deborah S Rocha

Deputies need to be assigned to schools. Not only for security purposes but to allow the deputies build a positive relationship/perception of law enforcement with students.

Ana Meni

I highly value the relationship that I have been able to build with the SRO that works with our school district. He has integrated himself into the school community and is a resource for both the schools and the families.

Bob Brauneisen

If the SRO's have the character to "protect and serve" with compassion and understanding, then they will affect change. The hiring process is crucial to making SRO's worthwhile.

Scott Rushing

Good idea! Too many fatal horrific incidents happening.?we must protect our children and staff.

Edyie Mostin

And out of that 1500 homeless people that have died in California in the last year at least five friends of mine in the state of California have died because of that my Jewish friend Armand died at the sushi restaurant they're on La hacienda down from Santa Monica boulevard by having his face smashed against a concrete wall I had two other friends that had their heads chopped off and were stabbed to death down there on Lapeer and Santa Monica their names were RonaldGiorgio and his boyfriend Michael Gard had an alias name because he was a registered arsonist in the Los Angeles! He's gone too they killed him!! I have a marine buddy down in Oceanside his name was steven m otteson I believe he was shot and killed on his honeymoon down in New Orleans sometime in 2020. My friends down in San Diego Lawell Elf lette Brooks was it giving a drug overdose of fentanyl and oxycontin all because they were my friends. All because of the Los Angeles LGBT Center sending me to the Russ Hotel. Since I didn't want to give me medical Services or clinical Services or allow me to get prescribed medication to their services and I went above their heads and went to the administration office and said something they sent me over there to the rest Hotel so maybe I'd get my ass beat to death and they wouldn't have to worry about it I'll just be another statistic but yet all my friends died because of it and I live out here in the desert and nobody does anything for me I've had three attempts out here in the desert as well nobody's done anything against them two people. The first one's name was Adam Charles Hill he assaulted me on October 19th 2020 causing 15 Staples to be put in my arm he also came in March as well I have the license plate in the vehicle he was driving and October 19th incident you have the vehicle and if I'm not correct Alfonso towing is a place that he bought the vehicle from and the same place at Crushed the vehicles. If you do it check on my name you'll find out there was a live scan done on me by Alfonso towing they had been following me and chasing me around West Hollywood Malibu Palm Springs Desert Hot Springs Cathedral City all over the state. Dean Dennis - Alphonso - Mark Wade - John Hilger - hot purple energy. Some colors from down there in West Hollywood as well as three people out of the room of 440 at the Russ Hotel have all been going around causing major problems for me out here for the last 5 years

Christopher Campbell

and I've been hiking out here in desert hot springs last 16 17 years. And here I am going to court for another person that you has been stalking me from the AMR ambulance service that had me arrested on April 25th and was also killed on April 28th because of drunk driving doing drugs and killing others at high rate of speed and an ambulance I've been to court for four times and he can never make it to court but yet how they want to prosecute me for something they have no physical evidence for nor do they have a physical person that was assaulted cuz he's already dead! Then he went on and told the Los Angeles the Riverside county Court system that he was a Los Angeles firefighter working for AMR ambulance service what kind of demotion was that for was that for stalking somebody or chasing somebody around the neighborhood. Now their company hasn't called my lawyer at all or allowed them to have a death certificate for the gentleman so that they could get rid of the court case because how the Palm springs Police department can't get off their ass to do something for anyone even the court system in Riverside county! Thank God I'm taking Elizabeth Tucker's courtroom I have 2K in Indio I mean at what point do you think you can get an AMC AMR ambulance service to make it to court after the 15th to 30th Court here I mean if it was a citizen of the city or the community of Palm springs they would have been in jail incarcerated the first time they missed court but since they work for AMR ambulance service how you going to forgive them a

Law enforcement agencies are required in municipal communities. As appealing as having law enforcement personnel on school campuses, here again law enforcement is being made to cookie-cutter response to another societal ill. As a certificated public school and university trained school teacher. as a routine, municipal law enforcement officers should not be staples on general school campuses. For this reason: teachers and police officers use completely standards by which to judge student behaviors. What may be judged as poor citizenship by a teacher, will be considered assault by a law enforcement officer. Not that an officer will mean to be harsh but it's all in the training.

Jonathan Taylor

I think it's a great, I myself think each and Every School should have no less than 2 Deputies to cover all grounds and would Detour any Violence

They should not be there and while I agree some schools need extra security . The sheriffs department is not the answer. Nor is having armed guards on duty if they are security. Look what happened to Mona Rodriguez

Tatiana Turner

I wholeheartedly endorse and deeply appreciate the dedication of our law enforcement, particularly the LAC Sheriff Department deputies. Their presence in our schools is not only desired but essential. By having law enforcement officers in our educational institutions, we establish a more secure and nurturing environment. We strongly encourage our Sheriff Deputies to build connections with our students and actively engage with them in positive interactions. It is crucial that they are not distant but actively involved in fostering a constructive atmosphere within our schools.

Laura B Schlottman

They are needed - leave them there. These days the kids need all the protection they can get.

Roger

We absolutely need the sheriffs to protect our children.

Breanne DeMack

I am a parent of two children who may attend a William S. Hart District's junior high school in the next couple of years. I am also a public servant of LA County for the last 18 years. We move to Santa Clarita for the great public schools, especially their junior and high school districts. When looking into a private or public school program, am not only looking at it from an educational standpoint because safety is now our #1 priority due to the current climate. I encourage you to please renew the School Resource Officer (SRO) contract with Hart District available at each campus. The S O not only serve as security for the students and staff, but they also serve as mentors to many kids. It would be a disservice to our community to remove SROs. On

November 19, 2019, Saugus High School had a school shooting by a student.

After the horrible mass shooting at Robb Elementary in Uvalde, Texas, we have an open and frank conversation about what happened that day in November of 2019, in Saugus High School. Three lives were lost that day, and our girls' elementary school went on hard lockdown due to the proximity. We are all still trying to make sense of the evilness of that day and trying to parent children in this world. I would like to share our conversation, "Mama, I remember that day very well. I remember kids in my class crying, saying we would die that day."

Lily telling me we had to be very quiet or the outside zebra would eat us. Mama, I want to tell you that I felt safe when I saw the police officers with

their big guns. They were protecting us, Mama. So don't worry, the police will save us." Please don't let down my daughter or other kids like her.

Our kids have sustained trauma. We need them to feel heard and safe.

Our community honors those men and women who put their lives on the line for our public safety.

As millennials, we didn't have active shooter drills, realizing this as our new normal for our children, the new generation. Suppose you have parented your children in these times. In that case, you may be able to relate to the difficulties in parenting with the everyday concerns such as instilling moral values and good education, but now with the crisis "if our children will be safe at school" It's one of my main worries as a parent. I urge you to see the importance of SRO at Hart District (Junior and High School Level) and in Santa Clarita Elementary schools. We don't have a contract for SROs at the Elementary School level, but I implore you to make that a contract for the most vulnerable student population. Our kids need to feel safe, and I would like to take my child to school and know that they are safe. Please help evolve this new normal.

As a first-generation Mexican American and a woman, I can tell you that the Hispanic community doesn't feel like these officers racially profile our kids. SROs are not seeking to criminalize our kids; instead, most have become mentors and possibly aid the students with behavior issues. Solely focusing on the renewal of SOs, please move forward and renew this contract. The community and district would genuinely appreciate it.

It is IMPERATIVE that LA County Sheriff's stay involved and on campuses within our school districts. Our family is in the William S Hart School District. If Sheriffs are removed, you will see a mass exodus of enrollment and more Home School Programs developed.

Karen Haleen

Currently, there is one deputy to cover multiple schools within the William S. Hart school district, This is not sufficient to manage the student population, potential catastrophic issues, and to be proactive to assure the students and staff's safety. It is unacceptable to make any decreases in the sheriffs presence, there should be no less than two officers per school, per day, every single day to ensure the students and staffs safety. To reduce that is complete negligence and those proposing that should be removed from their position immediately.

Sondra Wagner

Having LA sheriffs protecting and working at schools in LA County ensures student safety, deters criminal activities, enables quick emergency response, fosters positive relationships, and provides educational support. Their expertise in law enforcement contributes to a safer learning environment. I am in favor of doing whatever it takes to keep our schools safe and adding Sheriff Deputies will be an added layer of safety.

Shane Barker

SROs are essential to our school campuses and provide students with a positive interaction with the officers in their community.

Betsy Schubert

I appreciate having deputies on campus. It helps me feel that my children will have extra protection in the event of an emergency

Erin Wilson

As a parent I understand the reasoning behind this decision, but the Sherriff's Department is not trained to work with children. Unfortunately, their aggressive history with the community, the Sherriff's gangs, the shooting of very young teens and adult in the most impoverished communities and other events have affected the trust the community has on them. They cannot use the same tactics as they do at Twin Towers of any other correctional facilities. These are children. Also, I have worked with the Sherriff's in my line of work (kids with mental illness) and instead of helping they refused to assist and lay blame on the parent due to their lack of knowledge. If the Sherriff's start working in the school, it should be specifically trained staff and not your everyday officer working in the community or the correctional systems.

Continue in your endeavors to find the truth and obtain justice.	Dawn Owen Broadbent
My opinion is no deputies need to be assigned inside the campus of schools. This would create tension amongst students and over familiarization with the deputies possibly usurping there Authority which may lead to Future lawsuits with Los Angeles county. Maybe schools should be triangulated at a particular distance and then have a sheriff hub station that could have a quick responsive action if called upon uniformly applied to three or four schools who are within the distance, if needed.	Steven Krueger
I approve	
There needs to be oversight so this type of discrimination doesn't happen in schools (or anywhere really). Also, officers should be constantly reminded, informed, and trained on policies, including those about discrimination and unlawful and unethical use of power. I don't doubt that there are officers in schools that are discriminating against minority students. We still need officers at school, but no discrimination should take place. Annual required training on discrimination, misuse of force, policies, laws, etc. need to be mandatory for ALL officers so that they are reminded of what their job responsibilities and duties are... just like any other worker, public or private.	
Yes	Mark
Since children have problems with authority more than ever, we need to ditch the uniform to something less threatening. Have you considered using a less threatening professional, like Psychiatric Technicians? or Behavioral technicians or Mentors. Children need role models. But until they understand the concept of authority they must learn to trust and develop healthy relationships who can roll model how to respect authority and why we need it in our society. Not all sheriff's want to work with children and their parents. There should be a selected group who want to do this work and feel passionate about it. They should also be trained by behavioral technicians & Psychiatric technicians who can discern a behavioral problem from a psychological problem. Children who have been exposed to trauma will have difficulty learning and adjusting in society, unless addressed by trained clinicians who have the education. To my understanding the sheriff's department are not educated in this field and need assistance in this area. The option to obtain a degree or specialized training should be provided if they show an interest.	Tina Juarez
I think that the idea is excellent and that every School should have a Sheriff Resource Officer!!! Keeping the Children Safe is a priority that shouldn't be over looked !!!	Dina Haygood
Armed police officers in schools is a terrible idea the creates far more problems than it could ever solve. Armed police officers in schools also is the gateway to the schools to prisons pipeline.	John Oda
I disagree with the sheriff's Deputy program on our school campus. This program does more to cause fear and intimidation in kids that are trying to go to school and receive an education. Before there are deputies on a school campus there needs to be more counselors and mental health professionals to be there to provide actual support to the students.	
We need the deputies in the schools and I would be for more increase to protect our children!	Kathy Kellar
For the next few years, yes. In the long run, there should be anger management training for students in schools and workers in workplaces like post offices, and for teachers and supervisors, training in the art of listening and conflict-resolution.	David Wong
I find the Sheriff Deputies to be a valuable resource to our district and I am exploring the possibility of having a full time deputy dedicated to our district, focusing mainly on our high school and middle school campuses. Their support is invaluable when it comes to assessing the safety needs of our campuses, assisting with our safety drills and procedures and having a presence that deters illicit behavior. Safety is our utmost priority and to have a first responder on our campus is something that I think every school should have.	Art Cunha
Until the public schools provide enough supervision and security to protect children of all ages, we must have LASD attending and protecting them.	

YES, put deputies in schools everyday. Students, teachers and staff deserve the extra safety!	Cindy Bradford
Sherrifs should not be in school settings as they are unaccountable and act like violent thugs. I am certain within one year of being at a school there will most likely be lawsuits, settlements, and investigations into officers and deputies for excessive violent force against children and students. Deputies will act like gangster and thugs, and will only serve to terrorize students, their parents, and other school faculty.	John "Cops are violent things" Herrera
Not a good idea... would they be armed? Sure funds could be used for teachers.	
I feel as thou there should be deputies in schools. Children today have learned and exposed to so much negative stuff. If the parents can't handle the kids then why should the teachers and staff have to handle the negativity. There is so much disrespect. Yes please bring police back and if hand cuffs are necessary for everyone's safety then let use that too.	
Keep Them Out!!!!!!!	Ali
Any deputies working in public schools should be mandated to go through additional child psychology training and courses about social interactions with children. Ideally, deputies should be locals or even alumni who are familiar with the community and have a connection to the students they serve in order to foster a healthy relationship between students and law enforcement that is not viewed in a punitive manner by students, but rather one of confidence and trust.	
Money would be better spent on school counselors and training the whole staff on effective ways to manage student behavior. When there is an infraction, the school should use restorative justice practices. Deputies on campus encourages the school to prison pipeline.	
There is no place for law enforcement on public school campuses, especially not armed officers. Their very presence undermines all the students are taught about civil society, about conflict resolution, about intergroup solidarity, about second chances. It is abhorrent that there is money for armed officers on campuses while there is no money for councillors or restorative justice specialists.	Rabbi Aryeh Cohen
Why is this even a question? We SHOULD have trained and armed law enforcement personnel to protect our children from incidences that we have had in past which was detrimental for the safety of all.	
I am fully supportive of law enforcement presence on our school campuses. I believe that sends a good message to both students and parents. When law enforcement is viewed as a helpful partner, crime will go down.	Scott Stratton
Our deputies are great, Our kids feel safe with them there. Our district is where the schools shooting was in 2019 they saved many lives that day. The kids at our many camppus frequently honor and thanks them.	Joe Messina
I think it would be important to have school safety officers in school but should be trained to understand their role in the schools and be sensitive to the students and not just criminalizing. Maybe they can also have presentations on various safety issues to be able to interact with youth.	
Sheriffs should be in school	Ted yu
I think their presence is a good thing. However, they need to re-enforce with connection and communication. They should host assemblies, small groups, etc... The students and staff need to feel trust as well as safety from the police, especially if they're in school. Police need to work on having patience, tolerance with all students, especially the troubled ones. If there's an event, they should communicate the expectations in advance. They should also plan out the event from start to finish to identify any moments or areas that might need attention.	
Yes, especially in High Schools	Karissa Russell
We need armed law enforcement in schools. Absolutely. People who resist this are not using clear and sound judgement.	
I work in a school and definitely want the deputies on campus. The state keeps saying we can't suspend or take action in some instances so it emboldens the students to act out even more. I, myself, was a victim of a student hitting me in the head with her cellphone causing my forehead to be split open and required stitches. I also suffered a concussion that has been causing long term effects. The violence we are seeing on campus is escalating and we don't have the staff resources to handle it. But the parents want to blame the school's for the incident when 3 adults cannot control	

a group of 5 or 6 students kicking and beating another student on the ground. I have worked in the high school's for almost 27 years and the blatant disrespect and quickness with which the students become violent has increased tremendously. We do not feel safe. And the deputies we have had over the years do not over react to incidents. they have had good relationships with the students, playing basketball with them or chess. Most of the problem is the attitude of entitlement that is permeating the country. More often than not when these "videos" come out there is a whole lot that happened prior to the recording that the "victim" will not own up to. I would love to see the people who are so against law enforcement come out and try to deal with all the problems and issues that deputies go through on a daily basis.

We do not discipline or react to the color of a person's skin, we react to the action that is taking place. It does not matter race, gender, skin color, a violation is a violation. If any of these people spent any time on a campus and observed the actions that are taking place then they would see who are the perpetrators.

Please be advised that it would be nice to have them in schools due to the high volume of mass shootings but, there is too much racial profiling. The officers need NOT be prejudice, but they are. Not all officers are prejudice and there are some good officers but the bad out weight the good because of their racial profiling and no parents wants to see their children being single out because of the racial profiling that goes on within the department. This problem needs to be fixed and if they can't adhere/stop the racial profiling then, let them go. However, we know that's not going to happen because to many of them are hiding under the badge of "I'm serving to protect." They're not concern of the minority group that is placed under their attitude/behavior of their consistent dislike of other, pushing their own agenda because they feel superior then others they don't like and that's why they join the force under the pretense of "protecting the community" when they themselves are prejudice.

Patricia

Me personally i don't think we need deputies at school because they don't do anything they just stand there security does a better job and i think just having security is good enough

Andres Barajas

It's very necessary especially if there is already security at schools

Jazzmyne

I personally think that they should be checking up on the students more in case something is happening and should be more aware.

Jaden McDonald

When I have interacted with School police it felt as if I was a targeted they would act aggressively towards me while I would ask a simple question or say things which felt like to get a reaction out of me.

It is essential that qualified deputies are regularly, whether daily or weekly, in our schools in order to establish a rapport with students and staff and also be a silent sentinel to the student body.

Robin Goldsworthy

Sheriff's deputies working in our schools is another vital piece of students' education. Unfortunately, it is also an important safety measure for staff and students as well. We've all seen videos of the end of an interaction with a deputy that we question. Additional training for deputies should continue as needed. However the beginning of the situation, often long before the deputy arrives on the scene, is rarely captured on video. There is a reason the deputy was called. The education of students regarding proper behavior in a polite society begins with their parents, who are their first teachers, and then their classroom teachers and other school staff. The students also learn from many other adults in their lives. Unfortunately, not all of these adults are great examples. Also, students can have a medical condition or personal situation that can influence their behavior, including violent acts. Hopefully, students have learned how to behave appropriately in a school or other public setting and have learned that deputies are there for their safety as well. Unfortunately, some people are unable to control themselves in a non-violent manner and the other people at the school need to have a deputy there for their safety. Continue de-escalation training for school personnel and deputies, but keep the deputies at the schools. Signed a parent and teacher.

Police have no place in schools. If you want to get rid of guns on campus it makes no sense to have police present with guns. Look what happened in Broward County: the coward of Broward & at Uvalde. Keep sheriffs off school property

Ruth

Friendly police and leadership presence is needed in high schools, especially with disruptive extreme behavior and mass shootings that have been happening. With limitation on what teachers and principals can do and not do, it is important for schools to

Suzy Kim

have that type of control where students will feel safe in an environment so they can focus on learning in a safe place.

You people are absolute idiots for even considering removal of deputies from the schools. You complain about the safety of the kids and are now moving to remove the first line of safety for them. You continually impress me. Every time I think you've come up with the worst idea, you out do yourselves.

James Ruiz

I support having deputies assigned to our schools. Yes, schools have the ability to call and request assistance when needed but having a regularly assigned deputy who is familiar with each school, it's students and it's intricacies will result in a more effective response. I do not know a child or parent who feels LESS safe by having a deputy on campus.

Caroline

There should be a deputy in every school. Children deserve to be protected and parents want to feel that their kids are safe! It is money well spent.

Daniel Cryer

Law enforcement should only be present in schools so that they can provide students with a presentation or other irregular support. They should not be a regular presence since they signal a source of trauma for justice-impacted families who are already trying to avoid attending school.

I firmly believe that trained SROs are needed for the protection of students and staff. They need to be specially trained and able to participate in more than just law enforcement to form a relationship with the students.

Nancy Smith

Deputies are a healthy influence in building a positive image toward law enforcement trust. This trust is lacking in many parts of our region.

Tom Lackey

Yes you need armed deputies in schools if you want to prevent violence. Safety ambassadors could only do so much and in the end will still need to call for armed response which wasted valuable response time.

Robert Luna

As a parent, grandparent and local school board trustee, I believe that the SROs are an invaluable resource in our community. They have a proven track record and it would be a huge disservice to all communities to remove these Deputies from our schools. Students will suffer. It is already a tragedy that small Districts and Charter Schools cannot avail themselves of the SRO program due to the exorbitant costs involved. I believe that this program should continue to be made available to all who can take advantage of it. Deputies bond with the students. They interact with them. They are a part of our school families. They are a constant positive influence on students. Kathleen L Duren, Board President, The Palmdale Aerospace Academy

Kathleen L Duren

Sheriff's department human trafficking and anti terrorism divisions are involved with "crime prevention ". All school shootings are caused by their presence and influence over 3rd parties. Voices in the mind technology <https://t.co/NEA6aBnjwG> is also suspected of the sheriff's and police department.

Jeffrey Roberts

Get a copy of the SCRIPTED PROGRAM THAT CAUSES SHOOTINGS. They ARE trained to do exactly that while calling it prevention.

Deputies need to remain on school sites for the safety of our children. The way things are now, we need them more than ever on all school campuses. SRO's, I vote that they remain.

Maria Velazquez-McIntyre

Sheriffs should not be in schools. They do not have the proper training to deal with kids and rather than offering safety they intimidate. We need more compassion and guidance not more guns.

It's an absolute must to keep schools safe.

Steve Buffalo

SRO's would be very helpful in our schools to deter mass shootings.

Brad Beach

SCV is unique, in that many peace officers live in our communities and are visible in a positive way (eating in our restaurants, being at our coffee stops...) the LEOs in our schools talk to the kids get to know them. The LEOs help our kids build a respect for what these officers do and build a trust in who they are. It would be a detriment and danger to remove these folks from our schools. While our schools desperately need more mental health and proactive response to ensure shooting don't happen the LEOs can help with

Patricia Krieger

that and should.

As a parent I am scared sending my kid to school everyday, it gives me terrible anxiety, pulling LEOs isn't going to help our kids, before considering pulling them ensure we have established processes to stop mass shootings and drug OD.

These days it's critical that deputies are in ALL of our schools ALL of the time kids are present. Not only in case of a mass shooter but more likely for kids that are out of control. When we talk about kids in school we think of kids back in the past when kids were better behaved. It's just not like that any longer, "Some" are ruthless. Some try and get in trouble for whatever reason, maybe to showoff, gain respect, or get recorded for the internet. The deputies must be selected and trained CAREFULLY to react smarter than the kids. Not all deputies are going to be capable of this job. The failure rate of selection and training should be high or you're not effective.

Lon McCracken no need to contact me unless you have a need. (answering "no" deleted the email request.

My family has recently experienced a horrific situation that involved my son, the school staff as well as the school's campus deputies. I must express that what our son had to endure was the worst thing that has ever happened to my family! We were afraid for his life and his future. We are more than displeased with how the whole ordeal was handled. I'm afraid that this situation has changed my son, from being an eager young Black child that was willing to try things and speak up when he saw that things seemed wrong. My son was just beginning to feel comfortable and accepted in this community. But I notice that during times when there are lots of the norm for people in this valley, he will go back into a shell and he most definitely sees things very differently than he did prior to the school incident.

Kacey Thorps

Allow me to tell you who I am. I am a socially and organizationally active person in Santa Clarita, The SCV community as a whole and I always have been. I listen when our people in the SCV and my community says that they want to understand how and why people of color feel when it comes to unobvious discrimination. In this matter, I can only tell you how I felt then and how I feel today.

I was once a very active parent in this school district, and as I have mentioned in our community. I am usually happy to be helpful! I am available to assist in my children's school and their activities as well as in community events with groups and organizations. I was also a volunteer in the SCV Sheriff's Department. I love serving the needs of people especially when it comes to my kids. In their school, I have a good and friendly relationship with the teachers, counselors, principals, and coaches. There has always been positive communication. My kids get good grades and play sports. I felt and thought that everything seemed fair enough.

I know the difference between good and bad, right and wrong, just and unjust. I am a Los Angeles native and I have experienced plenty myself as a child of the '70s thru '80s. I have resided in The SCV "Bubble" for more than 20 years now. I guess I saw things with rose-colored lenses for a while. Sure I have noticed things here and there. I can tell when things are not exactly as they appear, and I have seen some small differences in the treatment of children of color, but not to a point of any extremity. I have always made it clear that I was not a person that looked the other way when it came to equality and fairness. Fortunately, I had no issue because my children, I thought were not directly involved in any shenanigans due to the fact that they are good kids. And they are good kids, but we still suffered and my son was victimized. This made my whole family THE VICTIM!

After our situation, my opinion and views have drastically changed about the Hart schools, the laws, and the people. My child experienced a terribly unnecessary situation and the only thing that he was at fault for was his trust in people, the school, and a lack of full understanding of how school policy worked during a private counseling session. The rest was absolutely blown out of proportion from the second it started. The misunderstanding(s) could have been easily prevented if some much-needed steps could have been taken on the adult professional side. But steps weren't even considered until it

was too late. Today, my son and the rest of his high school experience may be a constant negative reminder of what it feels like to know a lack of trust and a sense of community understanding.

Therefore when it comes to my family and The Hart School Districts' ways of doing things, if they continue to partner with the SCV Sheriff's Department School Program, I say no thank you! I would prefer a change in the system and the policies! Replace the deputies and the associates that they affiliate and partner with altogether. Our experience has been nothing nice or good and we no longer feel safe or see the value of endorsing their program.

We need more Sheriff's on school campuses to protect our children!

Kathy Kellar

unfortunately, in todays climate I believe it's not only necessary but also the smart and responsible thing to do.

Rick Barker

Get ALL deputies OUT of schools as soon as possible. The presence of deputies comprises a source of harm to all children. There is absolutely no reason whatsoever that they should ever be on any campus. Children should not be in contact with weapons under any circumstances, nor with the racist, violent, murderous members of LASD. Deputies do not, and CAN NOT, keep children safe! Children should not be policed!

Jayne Kusyk

I feel it is important to have school resource officers on school grounds to protect school children.

Jared Kingsbury

The main concern here is "SAFETY", I still don't believe our schools are well prepared or trained for violent acts against schools. As a parent who show has children that attend public schools with Deputy Sheriffs as school resources, I am really concerned that we are even discussing about removing our law enforcement. You have discussions about the racial disparities, well you are also jeopardizing the safety of our brown and black children who attend these schools by showing deliberate indifference about their safety. I support our law enforcement and they are needed in our schools to protect us. If they are removed from our public schools, I would highly consider removing my kids from these schools.

LEOs on our campuses are essential. They protect both students and staff. But maybe more importantly they create relationships between law enforcement and students that begin on peasant terms. We need our REOs on campuses.

Linda Storli

As a mother of three soon to be four children in the public school system of Los Angeles County (SCV specifically) I fully support having school resource deputies and wish our campus had one.

Having worked with the Los Angeles Community Colle District I can say from firsthand experience that the Sheriffs are professional, aware of the needs of the students and faculty , treat all with respect and are a major deterrent to criminal activities. Their presence enables students to walk freely and safely throughout the campus (from the ground to the Parking lots) .

Sheriff deputies should be visible and welcome on all of our school campuses. The children should learn to see them as partners.

Scott Stratton

LA Co. Sheriff Department sworn personnel should remain in the field patrolling our communities and support a trained and equipped response to an incident of violence in schools. Recharges for a School Resources Deputy are cost prohibitive and some school systems have their own law enforcement division; they should be the SRO. School Districts w/o a law enforcement divisions should hire well trained, CA State licensed (Bureau of Security Investigative Services) Security Officers. The Civilian Oversight Commission should be familiar with the U.S. Secret Service's expertise in this area. Resource: National Threat Assessment Center - <https://www.secretservice.gov/protection/ntac> Document: 2021 "Averting Targeted School Violence" A U.S. Secret Service Analysis of Plots Against Schools. Part I: Overview of the Plots, p. 10 'School Resource Officers'. Schools must maintain a comprehensive multidisciplinary Threat Assessment Team with a representative from the LA Co. Sheriff's Department.

Scott Martin

I believe that having Sheriff deputies on campus is a good thing for our schools. They help deter crime and inappropriate behavior. They provide an added measure of security

Traci Kingsbury

which is so important with today's climate of potential school shootings. Their presence can help our children feel safer being on campus. I think the benefits of having them there outweigh any negatives.

I encourage having Los Angeles County Sheriff deputies working in public schools. I believe it will increase the safety of the students and facility members.

Richard Wurzer

Hello, I have two children that attend Old Orchard Elementary School in the Newhall School District. As a 33 year resident of Santa Clarita and former student of both Saugus and Hart School District, my family and I have always supported the presence of Law Enforcement at our schools. From firsthand perspective, the perception of racial disparities were typically brought on by students who transferred from districts outside of our city. Students who affiliated with gangs, had attendance issues, lack of motivation, were among several factors observed related to involvement with staff and law enforcement. Law enforcement assigned to our schools served as a safety net, cultivated friendships, and their presence also served as a deterrent to bullying.

Joey Ceballos

I think it's needed, as long as the deputies have the Community Partnership aspect. Deputies aren't dressed in their Class 1 uniforms, but the jeans and soft Sheriff's polos.

John Jones III

I think it is a great idea. I had school police on campus when I was in high school 30+ years ago and it deterred a lot of criminal/ physical altercation activity. It made students feel their safety and well being was a priority.

I think Sheriff Department Deputies in school is a great idea. When I was in high school, we had sheriff deputies in school, and I think it deterred a lot of threats to the students and staff.

Tyrone Brooks

I do not think this is a good idea. If the Sheriff's department already have problems slamming people around and inflicting their will on others, how do you think this will pan out for helpless kids trying to learn? NO

Michelle Whitaker

Sheriff making their presence known to the public may be a positive deterrent if they're really where they're suppose to be. If they actually focus on the campus and not taking hours of breaks sitting in their vehicles. Or maybe not. Do we want our kids to be distracted from their presence or maybe having more altercation then before.

What is the purpose and goal.

1. To keep unauthorized individual or events off campuses?
2. To maintain disruption from the students?

I would need more information on what capacity they would be working. If they're working as intervention then I think it could be a very good idea. To provide some intervention started from the higher grades of elementary school and all the way through high school.

The sheriff target us on the streets now they get to have access to our children to target them? No way! That's a bad idea. A community organization needs to be there instead.

Andre Noralez

Absolutely no! This is a detriment to the student's well-being, especially if sheriffs are placed in inner-city schools, where the population of students is predominately black and brown. Suburbanian or high-performing schools will not allow this, so why should inner-city schools?

My kids don't feel safe as they have watched deputies abuse their power against student instead of protecting them, students are being harassed by the LASD

Good citizen

This is a terrible idea. Sheriffs are trained in county jails and often have a perspective and approach that does not fit in a school setting.

K-Rahn Vallatine

I am against the use of Sheriff Department Deputies in public schools. I feel it sets an uneasy tone to be a child who attends a school with armed police on campus. LA county schools already have a 'prison'-like feel with campuses being enclosed in heavy locked gates, the addition of police on campus just magnifies this appearance. I also have concerns about legal implications of police on campus, and what it means for students if they have an 'altercation' with an officer vs a school employee. Also with the studies showing that minority students are targeted more by these deputies, only aggravates the situation further. Studies have also shown that police on school property do not prevent school shootings, so this nullifies any need for police on campus.

I think it is a good idea for law enforcement to make positive connections with students. It's a good opportunity for police to see first hand what young people deal with at school and for students to possibly view law enforcement as a support option rather than as something to fear.

I am in full favor of having our deputies at our schools to protect our children. This is a must at our schools and we can not afford not to have this.

Deputies who work on our school campuses are a very important part of keeping our students and campuses safe. We need them. L. Meadows

I believe it should happen with an equal number of civilian community faith based personnel. Michelle Wright

Along side Community Faith Based Leaders (for balance) would be a great idea. Michelle "Michael" Wright

I don't believe that sheriffs are appropriate in schools.

I have trust that officer's need to get involved with the students parents at schools. Father's and mother's should be able to get involved along with any family member working for the safety and future of our kids. What do you all think. Mary

As an LAUSD parent, I do not believe that my child or his peers are safer with the presence of police and/or Sheriff's deputies in schools. I am not aware of any research that indicates that police can meet the stated goal of keeping schools safer for students. The particular history of the presence of police at schools with majority students of color (in which students of color have been disproportionately in contact with officers, and even arrested) leads me to feel strongly that our schools would be more equitable for all kids without a police presence. Tiana McKenna

Our SROs assist in building a positive school culture by working closely with the school leadership team, while focusing on maintaining a secure and safe school campus. They respond rapidly to emergencies, help to prevent and resolve conflicts, provide guidance and support to students, and collaborate with parents, teachers, administrators, and other staff members. They address issues such as weapons and drugs on campus, disruptions including fights - student on student, or student on teachers or employees- parent disputes and threats to employees, controlling traffic, and doing safety walkthroughs of every campus. They also conduct investigations regarding threats of violence, harassment, and allegations of misconduct. Below is an incident summary (approximate) for the SROs activities during the 2021-2022 school year.

Incident	Frequency
Campus disruption – Parent threats to employees	56
Campus disruption - Employee	2
Controlled substance on campus	39
Drug investigations	25
Weapons on campus	26
Threat assessment/school threats	35
Student fights/Assaults/Battery - student on student student on teachers	91
Campus disturbance	70
Graffiti/Vandalism	31
Missing/Eloping students	30
Traffic disputes	25
Home visits regarding welfare check	45
Child abuse investigations	25
Mental health assistance and evaluations	25
Lockdowns due to criminal activity near a campus	20
Follow up on incidents	170
Patrol checks of schools	Over 700

I DEFINITELY believe ALL LA County Schools and especially Middle & High Schools should have School Source Deputies on duty at all times to protect students & faculty & keep campuses safe!!!!

Regina A. DeRose

A law enforcement presence on any school campus is always welcoming in today's modern school environment. Their presence alone is a deterrent which can not be quantified. Students, staff and visitors see a presence on school campuses and this promotes a reassurance. I believe in today's educational environment, a continued law enforcement presence thwarts potential bad actors from a multitude of incidents that would occur on campus if they were not present. I do see non school stakeholders and community activist with an agenda pushing back on the idea of having a law enforcement presence on school campuses. Astonishingly enough, few of them have children/students attending the very schools in which they wish to remove SRO's / law enforcement from. These groups usually propose their opposition under the guise of enforcement of juveniles and a faux police state on school campuses. Additionally, these groups never provide relevant data from the specific school sites in which they want SRO's removed. They don't provide feedback statements or surveys from the parents or students. Why should consideration be given for the request to remove SRO's from schools at the request of activist, non parent groups with an agenda? Keep law enforcement on school campuses.

Yes, for the safety of the children and the school staff there should be metal detectors, deputies on sight and Children Social Workers, like myself ready to stand in rather than, to want to send CSW or SW to the battle field with LAPD, these professionals should be at the schools at all levels. Thank you.

Mercedes Barcelo

I truly believe that having deputies assigned to each school is not only necessary for the safety of both students and staff, but it forges bonds that benefit many in the community. There will always be those who dislike law enforcement and nothing will change their opinions. However, there will always be those who are undecided with regard to law enforcement and having a deputy who takes a stake in the betterment of the student's wellbeing, only good can come of it. The stronger bonds and trust that results creates safer schools and safer communities. Because distrust in law enforcement only breeds higher crime rates and a lack of safety for everyone. Of course, there must be accountability on behalf of each deputy and the quality of the work they are performing. But leaving law enforcement as a reactionary force after something has already occurred, does nothing to make schools safer. It only helps to perpetuate the distrust felt by some students and staff. Everyone has a stake in this program's success, but only listening to those who vocal few that dislike law enforcement, does nothing for the betterment of everyone else who attend or work in each school.

Jim Drabos

There is no need for police to be inside of schools. They are better off tasked with routine random patrols near the schools looking for students who miss class, ditch parties, predators in the area

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Title: A Traumatic School Experience: Vienna's Encounter with the Deputy (Paul Saldana) Who Assaulted Her Brother

Edward Villanueva

The education system is intended to be a safe and nurturing environment for students, where they can learn and grow without fear. Unfortunately, this was not the case for Vienna, a student who endured a traumatic experience when she discovered that the school resource officer assigned to her school was the same deputy who had brutally assaulted her brother. In this article, we will explore Vienna's harrowing ordeal, examining the profound impact it had on her and shedding light on the urgent need for reforms in the system.

Vienna's life changed dramatically when she learned that Deputy Paul Saldana, the very person responsible for her brother's traumatic experience, was stationed as the school resource officer in her school. The news hit her like a thunderbolt, triggering a flood of painful memories and emotions. She was confronted with the unimaginable reality of having to encounter the person who had mercilessly beaten her brother until he stopped moving on a regular basis.

For Vienna, every day at school became a grueling battle to overcome the haunting presence of Deputy Saldana. The fear, anxiety, and distress she experienced were

overwhelming. Each time she saw him, it was a stark reminder of the brutality her brother had endured, amplifying her feelings of helplessness and vulnerability. The mere sight of Deputy Saldana unleashed a cascade of emotions that affected Vienna's mental and emotional well-being, making it exceedingly difficult for her to focus on her studies or participate in classroom activities.

Vienna's traumatic experience profoundly impacted her overall educational experience. School, once a place of excitement and learning, transformed into a nightmare. The presence of Deputy Saldana triggered symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), causing her to suffer from frequent nightmares, flashbacks, and panic attacks. As a result, her academic performance deteriorated, and her once vibrant personality became withdrawn and guarded. The trauma had permeated every aspect of Vienna's life, including her relationships with peers, teachers, and family.

Vienna's story is a distressing example of the flaws within the education and law enforcement systems. The assignment of a school resource officer who had previously exhibited abusive behavior raises serious questions about the selection and vetting processes in place. It highlights the urgent need for stricter background checks, comprehensive training on trauma-informed practices, and improved communication channels between schools and law enforcement agencies. It is crucial that educational institutions prioritize the emotional and psychological well-being of their students, ensuring they are not subjected to further harm or distress.

In the face of such adversity, Vienna's bravery shone through. With the support of her family and empathetic members of the community, she found the courage to speak out about her traumatic experience and advocate for change. Together, they demanded accountability and justice for her brother's assault, while also raising awareness about the negative consequences of placing officers with a history of violence in schools.

Vienna's journey to heal from the trauma she experienced at school serves as a sobering reminder of the urgent reforms needed within the education system. No student should ever have to face their abuser within the confines of their educational environment.

Vienna's resilience and determination to bring about change should inspire us all to work towards a future where every child can receive an education free from fear and violence. It is our collective responsibility to ensure that schools are sanctuaries of learning, fostering an environment where students can thrive and grow without enduring further trauma.

Sincerely,

Vienna's Grandpa

I think we need to continue listening to the students, many of whom have indicated that having deputies in schools makes them less and not more safe. However, each school needs to have alternatives in place to address prevent and address problems, violence, or potentially volatile situations on campus that are often handled by deputies. Decisions should be based on data, not anecdotal reports which often site an increase in fights on campus with no supporting data and no tracking or reporting of harms related to the presence of deputies in schools.	Nina Harawa
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Please continue to keep school resource deputies on campuses. Not only is it an extra layer of protection against school violence but it can be a great opportunity for kids to experience positive interactions with law enforcement. The deputies work with some of the most at risk students. They are an ally in law enforcement for these students and it would be a shame to remove that opportunity.

My name is Dr. Juliet Fine and I am a principal of two high schools located in the Santa Clarita Valley, Academy of the Canyons and Learning Post Academy. It is absolutely essential that we keep our School Resource Officers. They are a critical component of our school safety team. There have been many occasions where law enforcement on almost a daily or weekly basis is needed to support the health and safety of students. I have been an Assistant Principal at a large comprehensive high school, West Ranch High School. I dealt with drug issues, fights, theft, digital media issues, and school threats.	Dr. Juliet Fine
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Students, post-pandemic need more behavioral support. Some students display their behaviors and can be violent and aggressive. Some break laws and having a relationship with local law enforcement allows my students to connect with law enforcement informally to ask questions, get support and intervene when necessary. They are a preventative measure and stop issues before they occur on campus. Their presence alone demonstrates a commitment from the city to support our youth in keeping them safe. They are a physical deterrent. In our community, a school shooting took place and our school resource officer was an important member of the administrative team to support this crisis. We cannot do our job in today's society without the support of law enforcement. They must remain at our schools. Their partnership is critical with families and students.

It is incredibly helpful to have Sheriff Dept. personnel consistently on our school campus. They have helped greatly in developing a respectful relationship between our students and law enforcement. Additionally, they add another layer of campus security. Our students and staff appreciate the law enforcement presences which helps ease the tension and stress while adding to our sense of safety. Feeling secure allows the opportunity to focus on work and students. Whenever there is an issue we do not need to wait for a patrol car to arrive. We have help already here.

I think having the Los Angeles Sheriff working with the school is great!

The deputies on our campuses are an invaluable resource. They develop relationships with students and work hand in hand with school administrators and staff to provide positive interventions for struggling students. Our community experienced a school shooting in 2019 and we believe the feeling of safety provided by the deputies on campus is imperative to continue.

Kathy Hunter

I am strongly in favor of having Sheriff Deputies working in our schools. It's important kids build trust & a relationship with the students & provide feedback to administrators & parents.

Lynn

Deputies at schools make me feel like my kids are safer at school

Having a Deputy assigned to our campus has been a huge asset. They are a huge part of safety on our campus and I cannot imagine feeling safe and having to service our students without a deputy.

Christine Reynoso

It's crucial for our schools to have school resource officers staffed by Sheriff's Department.

Suvena Mistry

The deputies who work at our school help improve the safety. As someone who works in the school system, I feel it is safer to have one on campus

DO NOT REMOVE RESOURCES OFFICERS FROM SCHOOLS. They are the only thing giving a school shooter pause about targeting a school. If you do this, the blood from any violence on campus is on your hands.



Anonymous

As a parent of 2 students who were on campus during the shooting that took place at Saugus High School, I can tell you that it brings an immense sense of peace to know that there is a Deputy assigned to my child's school. It is as much of a deterrent as well as knowing that someone is dedicated and within close proximity to the campus. I know this isn't a full proof plan, but there has to be something on the campus to help minimize the potential threat to the students on campus.

Kullen Welch

As a district employee, I have worked hand in hand with our Resource Deputy and find them to be above reproach and prejudice in how they address the school staff and student body or our school district. They address situations with a lense of respect and authority. They, not only deal with potential threats, but also with the well being of our campus. Not only for the student, but also for the staff, families, and communities as we all feel our campus is being supervised and cared for. To remove them would be a great disservice to our communities and to the lives of the young people that are on campus. To remove them, would be inconsiderate of the families that have had to go through the tragedy of a school shooting, and who still have children in school.

Sheriff deputies are important members of the school safety team. They support students, staff, counselors and administrators on a daily basis. They work with families to provide support and community and county resources to get families the help they need. Deputies provide security to schools to keep them safe from potential threats. They help deter potential threats and support staff in keeping our campus safe.	Robert Fisher
Having a School Resource Deputy on campus gives our students and staff the additional sense of security much needed in schools. While the Saugus HS shooting was in 2019, it is still fresh in many minds - students, staff and community. The regular media coverage surrounding violent incidents on campus across the country will make sure that the threat can come at any time and will never put at ease our children and family that work on a school campus. Please consider keeping deputy sheriffs on campuses throughout the county.	Mia Reed
There should always be a police presence at ALL of our schools. Our children need to feel safe and protected.	Breanne DeMack
I am comfortable with the deputies working in schools.	
Absolutely Necessary- would be complete neglect to remove deputies from schools.	Julie Behrens
Deputies are essential for our schools. Teachers and school staff are there to educate students. We all know that teachers go far and above what they are hired for, but they need to focus on helping students learn and grow and need to leave the security to the sheriffs and District.	Adam Holland
I feel safer with sheriff on campus	
I am a parent of current Hart District students, Hart graduates and I am also a retired LEO. My 2nd child was on campus, just feet away from the horrific shooting in November 2019. I can tell you first hand he felt more confident returning to school, knowing the school resource officers were there and as a parent, it provided me with a sense of assurance as well. The school resource officers are an important part of the school community and NEED to remain in place. Kids need to feel safe in their environment in order to learn and having the Resource officers on campus is an important part of that feeling of security. Please find the funding and keep this very important program part of the yearly budget.	KAREN WIDMAN FROST
I live in Santa Clarita, am a Saugus High graduate, and have two Hart District students (8th and 11th grades). I am in STRONG support of keeping our deputies on campus. Please allow our deputies to stay on campus, and do NOT make a one-size-fits-all rule for all 10 million people of L.A. County to remove them. We in Santa Clarita feel safer with deputies on campus, and it allows the deputies to get to know the students, so the students can approach law enforcement to report threats more easily.	Lisa Howard
I strongly believe deposited are needing working in our schools. We have a responsibility to keep our children safe.	Stacy Avalos
I work in the high school setting and think we definitely need out school deputies. I actually think we need more then just one deputies for two schools. The are a huge asset to our schools and it would be very detrimental if we were not to have them.	Lindsey
We are living in a time of escalating violence in our County. To even consider removing Deputies from school campuses is to leave our children even more exposed to potential violence in a setting that should be a sanctuary is ludicrous. I beg you to reconsider any suggestion of removing these law enforcement officers from schools so they can continue to keep our children and Grandchildren safe.	Patricia Widman
Please keep the school resource officers in our schools! They are so important for general safety and prevention! They are worth it and needed!	Kathy Card
We need deputies at schools.	
Yes we need deputies in school grounds !! Our children depend on them and they deserve to feel safe at school.	D

People choosing to think removing officers from campus looks at them as punitive rather than the preventive and collaborative Inter agencies that work together to improve the student outcomes. The councils should be speaking with administrators who work with them day in and out so you can hear how much is prevented by having these relationships, how many diversion and restorative practices occur naturally by that relationship being in place, rather than focusing on the minor majority that commit major crimes as juveniles and have to be arrested.	Sherry Rickenbach
I feel very strongly that there should be deputies working in schools. You already know the reasons, I am sure. Safety safety. Safety. Donna Ashmore	Donna Ashmore
Deputies working in schools-yes. Why? Schools are the foundation of someone becoming a productive person and it's a home of our most precious gifts  our children. We spend money on material, advertising, and why not spend money to protect our children. You need more money, say it. We will give it to you. You need more deputies, say it. We will get them for you. Send those deputies and help us create a safer place for our children.	Hugo Guzman
The safety of students should be priority over the "optics" and "feelings" of activists. Let's start having common sense again please.	
Yes Please 	Mary Andres
It's NOT the time to remove Deputies from school campuses. The use of drug odc, and assaults that occur on school campuses in the Los Angeles County area. We need to keep the deputies there !!	LeeAnn
Deputies belong in schools. We must always protect our children. That needs to be a priority.	Filippelli
Having deputies at our kids schools is extremely important. If it wasn't for LEO that responded at Sagus High School shooting, the outcome would of been so much worse. Not only does it bring parents like myself more peace of mind, it also helps the children build rapport and relationships with LE. I strongly support having the sheriffs at our schools.	Susanna Sigston
All schools should have onsite deputies. Protecting our children are of utmost importance.	Keila
I appreciate the Sheriff's working in our schools. After the Saugus shooting how can LA County cut this service? This is an outrage.	Nancy Fairbanks
They are much needed! Please do not get rid of them.	Giselle Price
I am parent of 2 children at Castaic Elementary School. I feel safe knowing our LASD deputies are there patrolling and being a strong presence in our schools. It helps keep me at ease knowing they are safe because an armed officer is there help protecting my children. Any lunatic can come in and do harm to our children at any time and it is important that they are there to help stop them.	Jimena Toscano
Absolutely I support law enforcement on campus !!	
Schools are safer with deputies on campus	Michelle
Yes they should definitely be at our school to protect staff and students.	
As a parent I feel that having an officer on campus is very important!! I know that it provides a safe feeling for the students!!	Tara
Taking deputies out of school is the dumbest idea I have ever heard of. Why would anyone in their right mind want this after everything that is happening in this country?	Suzanne
Yes! We need them in our schools!	Rosanne Crees
I'm a local LA County resident and co-parent that currently has LA County Sheriff's in the schools. It is imperative to continue to have the relationship between sheriff officers and students continue for the safety of everyone on campus.	Karen Haleen
We need officers in school for the safety and protection of our children !	
You would be doing students, staff and communities a huge disservice by removing school resource deputies from our school. As a parent and a community member I urge you to continue this program.	
Please allow the deputies to work at our schools.	

Deputies on campus are a necessity. The community needs to have and/or develop trusting relationships with the officers.	
Why would we even consider taking officers off campus?! What happened to children first? Why would we not protect kids? Absolutely ridiculous to even consider removing. My youngest daughter had a kid next to her in class that was escorted out of classroom by the officer on campus when the school was notified of a social media posting that shared he had a gun in his backpack. Thank god for that officer who diffused and removed the child and the gun safely.	N/A
We absolutely love our school resource officers/sheriff deputies!!!! They are always engaging and provide safety with just their presence alone. We are so grateful for each and every one and for all of their dedication and service to our schools and children.	Gwyn
I completely approve for Los Angeles County Sheriff Department Deputies to be working in school I. It is necessary our students need to be protected at all times and not have to wait in the event of a tragic event.	
As a teacher and parent in Los Angeles County, I believe it would be a grave mistake to remove the deputies from our campuses. In fact, I believe we should have more deputies involved in our schools. With increased student-to-student violence and surging on-campus drug use & distribution, the presence of deputies is imperative. Our students have so many influences distracting them from learning and they deserve better.	
Deputies are necessary on school campuses. They serve in many ways- protecting, bridging friendship with the department and are the professionals in security matters, especially when there is danger on campus.	Antoinette Marie Wiles
Deputies need to remain in all public schools in Los Angeles County and contracted cities.	
For the safety of our students yes we should have deputies working in our schools	Cynthia Jackson
Yes. The schools definitely need them	Emily
Yes, Los Angeles Sheriff Department's deputies should work in schools.	
The sheriff's are 100% needed on school campuses to provide the feeling of safety and protection. These individuals are irreplaceable. This will be our last straw with CA public schools if they are removed!	
PLEASE allow officers to work in schools to show a positive influence of the police and to also show that bad behavior at school will not be tolerated. Thank you.	Erin
Please keep law enforcement in our schools.our children and faculty members need to feel safe..	Sheila Yumbar
School based deputies are an important facet of remediating behaviors that can be problematic later in life. The School based deputies are familiar with the challenging students and can help introduce early intervention.	Christine
Additionally the Deputies provide all students to see and expect a positive interaction with law enforcement despite messages from traditional and social media	
Please do not take deputies away from our schools!! They are a valuable resource!!	
They need to stay in the schools.	Andrea
yes yes yes we need deputies working in the schools.	
It is valuable to have a sheriff on campus. It not only deters incidents but I have seen positive interaction with the students. I also think it makes the students feel more secure. But one sheriff should not be assigned to to many schools. Then they are spread thin	
I think it makes our schools safer for students and staff to have a deputy on campus.	
I believe for the safety of the students and the peace of mind for the parents that it is beneficial for everyone.	
DO NOT REMOVE DEPUTIES FROM SCHOOLS WHAT IS THE MATTER WITH YOU PEOPLE!!!! Keep it up with your agenda and schools will have NO STUDENTS and NO FUNDING!	
KEEP the deputies on campuses! Clearly they are needed.	
Please continue deputies in the schools in Los Angeles County.	Nancy Owen
School deputies have been a helpful resource to the two schools my children have attended in Santa Clarita. Please keep this valuable resource in place. campus safety needs to be a priority.	

Deputies on campus is a MUST! Nowadays, people are eager to hurt those who don't agree with them or hurt their feelings. I feel more comfortable having law enforcement close just in case.	Krystal
Best resource money spent. 100% support this	Marite
We urgently need more deputies on site!!! We need deputy presence and mental health resources for these kids. Having a deputy on site provides a good role model and may deter school shootings or at least to be present at the time of an emergency before more kids get shot. Our entire Santa Clarita community was scarred from the Saugus shooting. We can't afford to wait on Sheriff to respond to these emergencies after the fact.	
Yes, the deputies should be working in the schools, for the safety of all.	
We need to continue to keep the safety of students seriously. To remove Sheriff deputies from local schools is to invite more drugs, crime and even the possibility of more shootings. Please keep deputies at all local schools and if possible, double them!!	Mercedes Shaw
Children need to feel safe at school. It's the one place that many escape their own reality. Where they should be protected and only priority should be to focus on learning. Instead they fear the unknown of the possibility of being shot at school and that fear consumes them and distract from what their focus should be. Parents should feel that their children are safe while they are at school. We NEED to have deputies on school sites to protect these little humans. They will face the hard reality once they are out of school and on their own but we as adults should protect them while we can. I urge you to please help make having a deputy on school sites everywhere happen. Our children need this.	Samantha
There needs to be MORE deputies at and patrolling our schools. The idea of removing deputies from schools needs to be taken off the table completely. We are living in an age of more school violence and shootings than ever before. Even the local elementary schools have had transients hopping fences and trespassers on the campus multiple times a year. We need MORE deputies now around our schools.	Nicole Hanlon
I believe they play a vital role in keeping our campuses safe. In assessing high risk situations and assisting with safety for students and school staff.	Nikole
Please protect our kids! Do not remove deputies from our school campus	Roland leclair
The deputies definitely need to be present at the schools. This is not only 2 fold but having the deputies at the school are a deterrent to possible mass violence incidents and they are also good for community outreach.	Todd Costello
Yes they should be there	Jackie
Deputy presence on campus is important.	Elysa Kaswan
As both a parent and a teacher, I feel it is absolutely necessary to have the presence of sheriffs at our schools.	Janet
Yes, we need Deputies on campus to protect our children and staff	Leah Phillips
My son was at Saugus High School during the shooting early that morning. The breath literally leaves your body when you here that type of news. What is the only peace I feel is knowing that the brave deputies are assigned to every school in this valley. I have 3 boys at 3 different schools. I would not send them to school because I wouldn't feel safe without the deputies at school.	Christine Ruiz
I have been a teacher and administrator working with the School Resource Deputies in the William S. Hart Union High School District in Santa Clarita for the past 20 years. Our deputies have always been shown the utmost professionalism when working with our students. They provide a necessary service to our students and administrators. Their expertise in the law is important to be available to the administrators at our schools. They educate, collaborate, and facilitate important information for staff and our students. They provide important intelligence for administrators to help keep students safe. Such as information regarding confirmed gang affiliation and identification of behaviors that potentially can harm others. Most importantly they develop relationships with staff and students and their families.	Matt Hinze

There are countless situations where the deputies will sit and collaborate with all stakeholders to prevent and find alternatives to involving students in arrest and the legal system.

These school experts provide a critical role to help educate our students. The experience students have interacting with our school deputies is by far more positive than they may receive in the context of the general public.

It is absolutely insane to think these deputies that volunteer to work with children in our schools should be taken away. The impact of removing these community servants will have a far reaching negative impact on our students, schools, and the community at large.

Our locally community and school district completely fund the SRDs in our community and we overwhelmingly are supportive and wish to have it continue.

Please, please, please continue to allow our community to be supported by Sheriff Resource Deputies.

I highly support and encourage having at least one deputy on campuses. It can help deter dangerous behavior/activity. Robin Baerg

I think they are needed in schools. Quicker response to fights active shooter and drug detection Shannon

I am a licensed marriage and family therapist in the Santa Clarita Valley and I wholeheartedly support SROs being present on our campus. I work for our local junior high and high school district and truly value the support and presence on campus. This is a crucial resource for the safety of our students and staff. They not only support our campus in a safety matter but as a support for mental health resources. They are a critical factor in assessing for threats to our schools. This is a nonnegotiable resource.

Keep deputies in school. Add more training. Valuable resource and role model Chris consolo

The fact that this is even on your agenda is appalling. Our kids deserve to feel safe on campuses. How about focusing your resources on putting mental health counselors on campuses to assist with lowering crimes and student safety. Chris

We need them at all schools

As a parent with two school age children I would welcome LASD in our schools Art Welch

If you remove law enforcement from campus that is irresponsible and moronic. Kids could die!! Jane Saporito

I am 100% in favor of LASD working in schools. I think there should be one on every campus including elementary schools. Living 20 minutes away from where a school shooting occurred not only solidifies my opinion as to the necessity of them being on each campus. Removing them from campuses simply means a longer response time for emergencies. Having them on campus is also a deterrent for someone who is thinking of committing a crime. LASD should be on every campus, every day during school hours.

Definitely want deputies on campus. 100% YES.

They are so essential for the safety of our students!

We need our children protected. If there have been incidents of misuse of force, then that deputy is who needs to be re-educated and replaced. But you don't just get rid of the safety net because someone made a mistake. Also, there is so much parent accountability not happening behind the scenes of these incidents. We have had far too many school incidents where innocent children have lost their lives. While politicians argue about causation, we still need to protect our vulnerable children, big and small. Provide additional training and education for deputies struggling to make acceptable, in the moment choices. Also, do not be afraid to address the parents of students who find themselves needing law enforcement intervention. Connie Heiney

The thought of removing or minimizing deputies (police officers) on school campuses is unacceptable in a culture where good is evil and evil is made good! Children should feel safe when attending school! Teachers, principals, and staff are NOT trained to protect these children! The ill ideology's of our school officials is terrifying and they should NOT be the ones deciding on how our children should be protected nor should our children be victims to their ill ideologies!! Police officers PROTECT AND SERVE!! LET THEM DO THEIR JOB THEY ARE TRAINED TO DO!!! Not a person sitting behind a desk all day!!!!

As a concerned parent, I absolutely require school resource Deputies in schools. When my kids were of school age the Deputy was crucial to the function on the school. He knew the children and was able to determine when real law enforcement was needed. My personal experience; I was in chemo therapy and my teenage child got in trouble. The school resource Deputy knew my child and knew this was not a common occurrence. He handled appropriately. We met in the principals office and worked together to set forth the best possible course of action for his future.	Christine Badaracco
I have two kids in Hart school district and I only feel my kids are safe with the deputies on campus!! I wish protecting our children wasn't political and we just cared about safety over politics! Please leave the deputies on our campuses!!!	Jason Fumarolo
The presence of law enforcement in schools is necessary. As a firefighter in Southern California , I have responded to not only violence in schools, but medical issues. Some medical issues that deputies are trained for (i.e. the administration of narkan in overdoses). While some may see deputies as intimidating, the fact of the matter is that we live in a world where aggressive violence doesn't stop at school perimeters. I don't know how to solve the problem of school shootings or juvenile drug use, but I do know the presence of deputies in schools is a positive one. If an active shooter situation occurs, the deputies will have little to no response time. If it can save one life, it's worth it. We said that about Covid, about the masks and the vaccine. It applies for our children. This unfortunately is the world we live in now, and it's better to have men and women trained to respond to threats to our children on site, then to wait for the nearest unit to arrive on scene.	Tim
They are there to protect our children. We need them	Laurelle Mathis
Please continue to keep deputies on campus and keep our children safe!! 	Morgan Mortensen
Deputies should be on all school campuses	
We absolutely need the presence of the LA County Sheriff's in every school. We need to be adding instead of taking away! These children and staff are in desperate need of peace and security that the Sheriff's provide everyday!	
I strongly support the use of LA County sheriffs deputies as school resource officers & want them to continue to be used throughout LA County schools. Living just minutes away from Saugus High School I know first hand how important our local sheriff's deputies were in responding to the tragic school shooting & aiding victims & terrified students. It is important to continue having officers on campus for the safety & protection of students & staff.	Terri Wheatley
I understand budget cuts are essential in this economy, but pulling school sheriffs from public schools is not the answer. I endured a local school shooting & it was horrifying. Kids now feel safer approaching our local deputies with problems. They need to stay. I am happy to provide you a list of pointless social programs items that can be cut if you need help understanding where to cut from.	JT
As a mother and educator myself- I am here to help our far removed from society politicians make good decisions for our community	
I welcome this, as it has multiple benefits to the communities. It will enhance a sense of safety for our children, and the staff of those schools. It will give the parents and thier families of that community, regular daily interactions with our sheriff's department. This can only further the relationships between law inforcement and the citizens of our communities.	Larry Lawrence
We need sheriff working in our schools, working with our kids and protecting our teachers and students. We need the world to know our LE are a treasure to our community and building relationships in the school years is an important part of changing that narrative.	Erin Schoenfeld
It is necessary and a requirement for us to keep our kids in public school	
I think having a deputy is essential, for safety and as a deterrent.	
I agree there needs to be an authority on campus higher than a teacher.	SB

Having our deputy on campus is vital to maintaining a healthy and growing school community. He helps kids understand the potential real life consequences of their actions and also assist staff and students in keeping our entire campus safe. His presence alone is comforting to our community after having a mass school shooting. Please continue to value and support our school resource deputies.

As a principal of a comprehensive public high school in Los Angeles County, having a dedicated SRO assigned to our campus has been a comfort in times of need, but also a reliable partner to our ongoing need for safety in our schools. School Resource Officers jobs are important for our campuses. The relationships that SROs can establish, with students who are in most danger of disrupting our campuses, is critical to the success and well-being of a high school campus. Young adults can get caught up in gang violence or other trouble outside of school. While inside school it should be a place for all students to learn and feel safe. Keeping a SRO on each of our campuses provides that buffer to keep out the bad and protect the good. Force is rarely, if ever used on our campus. Racial tension actually was minimized by having our SRO, after relationships have been built with, by having understandings of what was happening in the community at large and how students should be protected by that while in school. Racial profiling is not occurring on our campus and while that may be the case in other county schools, most SROs have the good in mind when it comes to working with students and to fold a program due to a few bad apples, would not be keeping the majority of the hardworking deputies in places where they are making a difference.

Jason d'Autremont

Schools will be safer with deputies working in schools.

We need law enforcement officials in our schools. This whole anti-cop agenda has to end. Statistics are showing more school shootings than better, overdosing is the new normal and bullying is causing so many deaths. Law enforcement is not to blame for parents not their children proper behavior and manners. We need our Sheriff's at schools if we lose them and if anything happens to our kids because of this anti-cop agenda, I will fully blame the COC and schools district. You're asking for a federal lawsuit.

Deputies should 100% be kept on campus. They build vital relationships with students to keep them on track in school and in the community. People who think they know something about deputies on campus clearly don't work on a school campus and see the benefits.

With campuses being so open and gun violence so prevalent , as a parent I feel that it is more than validated to have deputies on campus. My child feels safer and the response on the Hart High campus to smaller incidents help keep it safe.

Raakhee Cuneta

Keep Los Angeles sheriffs department deputies working in schools

KRYSTIN pascolla

Will today's society it is imperative to have our students feeling safe and secure with a deputy on our school campuses.

Jessica Hodgkiss

Keep the sheriff department on campus. They are needed for safety and mentoring.

I feel that with the increase in crime due to Gascons catch and release we need deputies in the schools!!!

Lisa

School resource officers are a great asset to all schools. They help build relationships with at risk students and the school. They provide their knowledge in regards to safety and protection to administrators and are already on campus should a situation arise.

Brigitte

I believe they are an absolute necessity, helping to keep our children safe. I would like to see more deputies at our schools protecting our most valuable treasures, which is all of our responsibility! If the kids can't rely on us to keep them safe then we have failed them completely.

Clifford McKenzie

I am a high school teacher, and a parent of 2 children. School deputies are CRITICAL to our school safety. Each and every Jr High and High School should have a school deputy.

As a parent of children who were at school during the shooting at Saugus High I believe deputies should be on all campuses

Lisa Nuttall

Campus deputies are critically important!

Karen

Progressive policies created the rise of criminal behavior and our kids should not have to keep paying the price for the failure. Keep deputies working to protect our children. This is what you are elected to do.

For the Safety of Students on campus this needs to continue. If a school site is left unattended by Sheriffs it puts students, and staff at risk of school more shootings, or a school that if a school shooting occurs at there is a greater risk of more loss of life. Sheriff's also being seen on campus also gives some students, and parents a sense of security as well. The Sheriff on campus also serve as a resource to students and staff who may know of a threat and it can be reported more quickly to avoid a problem.

The importance of having sheriffs on LA schools can not be said enough. Now more than ever, with mass shootings on the rise, mental health of our youth on the decline, and tensions with the community and law enforcement, we need to maintain and strengthen this service to our students. Simply putting "safety officers" or "campus volunteers" is not enough to keep our children safe. I ask you to please keep deputies on school campuses!!!

Courtney G

I was a teacher at Saugus High School for 25 years. The deputies on campus were vital to the healthy climate of the school. I can remember the names of every deputy who served our campus and the many times they stepped up to assist in a myriad of ways to contribute to the safety and well- being of our staff and students. It would be a terrible shame to not have their presence on every campus.

Linda Clark

We need one in each and every school!

Bigelow

I fully support deputies on all school campuses and adding additional officers to schools!

Jennifer

It is outrageous that this action would even be considered. The LASD SRO's are a necessity for the safety of our children.

Michele Krantz

We need our deputies to work in the schools. This will keep our children safe. This shouldn't be a question.

Denisse Ireland

I feel it is of the utmost importance to keep and even increase the presence of LACSD deputies on our school campuses. Schools have become and easy target for violence. Our children need to have the same security as our court houses, federal buildings, state capitol buildings, city halls, and every other law makers office or buildings. Our children are as important as the adults in our community and should be given the same sense of security. It's time to stop making the Sherriff's out to being the bad guys, and hold bad behavior accountable. School violence has escalated tremendously over the past 10+ years. To even consider providing less security is dangerous and frankly insane. DON'T REMOVE THE PRESENCE OF LA SHERIFF DEPUTIES on school campuses

Robyn H

Do not get rid of them! They are crucial to the safety in our schools.

Please not only keep them in the schools, but add more.

Every deputy should stop at a some time during their patrol day. This would familiarize the deputy with the school campus layout as well with school staff.

This could save lives in an emergency as well be a deterrent.

Ron Frye

Having sheriff presence at schools is priceless especially with the climate and what is going on with our world. If anything we need one assigned to every school.

We don't need deputies full time on campuses. The stations do not have the personnel to staff these spots. Oh that's right....we will just make station DB fill more patrol spots because between MANDATORY carps and MANDATORY OT and our own caseload we don't have enough to do!

No comment

I can't imagine Hart District schools without a campus deputy. Our campus deputies are part of our campuses and a part of our Hart district family. Not only do they fill a valuable role in maintaining campus safety but like all campus staff our deputies connect with students - they interact, they inspire and they help create a positive campus community. Please consider your decision regarding campus law enforcement carefully - it will leave a huge heartfelt hole in the Hart District if we lose our campus law enforcement relationships!!

Erica H

I support sheriff deputies on campus. I feel that it is an important safe guard and deterrent for our students and staff.

Rebecca Christiansen

We need LA CO Sheriff deputies in our schools!	Tina Gregor
Keep them.	Sarah
They are VITAL to our schools. Please don't take them away. They build such important relationships with our students. Thank you, A current high school Math Teacher	
ALL SCHOOLS SHOULD HAVE DEPUTIES!! PERIOD. FULL STOP. The safety of our children needs to come first in LA County and removing deputies from any campus does not make them safer. Kids need boundaries and deputies help enforce behavior and rules just by being there. I fear for students on campus who don't have a deputy because kids who don't have accountability do stupid things, theft, assault, sexual assault. Having a deputy on campus is a must and this needs to be recognized, how could you even consider taking safety and security away from our children in todays environment. KEEP THE DEPUTIES ON CAMPUS.	
We need one at each school at all times! They make everyone feel safer and behavior improves when they are there.	
Not a bright idea in the least. I thought you were smarter than that to even consider it?!	
Why do you people always want to make things easier for criminals? The fact that you even have to ask this is proof you all lost your mind. Keep the cops in the schools.	
Children DO NOT NEED POLICE!!!	
Deputies are essential for the safety of our students and staff. As a survivor of a school mass shooting, knowing a deputy is on campus reduces the stress I feel.	Kristi
Their presence in campus is a positive experience for most kids.	
Please keep the deputies in our schools! We need our children home safe each day! We need the littlest ones in our families and community to be protected, especially when they cannot fend for themselves in a state full of roaming criminals! This is the very least we can do for California—whether you're republican or democrat, it's the right thing to do! Let's give our children success and safety! Let's give them a chance to grow and learn without fear of (preventable) school instances. Please hear the cry of your citizens and the unheard cries of these children! We speak on behalf of them! Please honor God, your fellow CA citizens and choose a better life for these little ones! We all need them and love them very much! Thank you in advance for making this happen by keeping our deputies in the schools and giving your very BEST to protect and serve our children with the highest care of love and protection!	
Absolutely they should be in schools.	Di Z
Deputies need to stay on school campus!	
I fully support having sheriff on all school campuses	Tracee
I think for the safety of our kids deputies should remain on campus. My child attends a High School that had a school shooting. They feel safer at school knowing there's a deputy there to protect. I think it would mentally hurt my child if LA County decides to terminate this program. Please leave deputies in the schools. Our children deserve to feel safe and protected.	Stay unknown
Having law enforcement presence on campus should be mandatory. This presence helps students and parents feel safe. Schools should always be a safe place.	
I am a teacher and wholeheartedly support law enforcement on campus. I currently work on a campus with a school police officer. We all feel safer and know someone has our back if the worst happens. He means business, but also gets on well with the students—high fives, jokes in the hall, and fatherly presence.	Catherine Purse
Police aren't needed in schools. Private security is a better option in my opinion than an actually police force.	Rebekah McDonald
I feel it is vital to have law enforcement presence on campus as crime is rising and our students deserve to feel safe.	Baylee
As an educator, I see a daily need for our SROs. They are vital to school safety and a positive presence with our at-risk kids especially. Having a dedicated officer form relationships with students and get to know them personally helps deter future behavior issues. It also allows students to grow up with a positive police presence so they know they can trust officers to help them.	

Also having been on lockdown several times for shootings and other school crisis, I am grateful to have dedicated SROs who know our campuses well to make their response times quicker as needed.	
We absolutely NEED Deputies on campus, not only as a safety measure but, to keep an open dialogue with students, keeping healthy relationships. LAUSD has seen an increase in crime and violence since removing school resource officers.	David Scott
I dont believe LASD is necessary at schools. I believe it is counter-productive. Deputies do not deter crime.	Jonathan Sanchez
I strongly believe sheriffs deputies should be at all of our schools!	Kelli Quezada
Highly recommend . We all feel safer with police presence . Id pay mpre taxes just to have it even when my children are out of school	Robin clayton
Deputies are an essential part of CA public schools. It would be a huge mistake to remove them. Schools are barely safe with them. Take them out and they'll be completely unsafe.	
With all the behavior, and gang activity how can we not have them in our schools? They offer assistance when needed and keep our schools safe.	
I definitely want deputies who are sworn law enforcement officers to be present on all school campuses to protect my children. My three kids as well as my husband and I, feel more safe and protected having them there.	Amanda Costella
Yes we need a deputy at all schools.	Deanna Medina
With the rise of violence, bullying, drugs and school shootings we need more law enforcement on campus NOT less. Our children deserve to go to school knowing there are people there that are trained to protect them and befriend them. It is not the job of teachers or administrators. Law enforcement is needed at every school!!!	Linda Maddux
Our students deserve to be safe on campus. Our deputies are valuable and are needed on every school campus. Please stop taking resources from our communities. We support our law enforcement.	
Yes! I think the deputies should continue working in schools to provide safety and a peaceful setting for the students	Ingrid Alvelais
I think have a deputy present at all schools should be mandatory, from elementary to high school. We need to keep our children safe and teach the children to respect the law as well as know there are punishments for actions. Please keep the deputies in the schools.	Angela Lynn
Yes, of course, for so many reasons. Please protect our children, our teachers and all the staff without more gun control. Our youth need to interact with LEO in positive ways.	Paula Trujillo
Having a deputy on campus really gives a sense of security for the students. Please don't remove them.	Dejah
If we don't have deputy officers, we have criminal injustice reeking havoc on our communities.	
As a teacher and parent, I feel that the school resource officers are a valuable asset to the schools they serve. Please keep deputies at the schools!	
We desperately need LA county sheriffs back in the schools for the safety of students and teachers.	Richard Hilstein
Our schools need deputies working in our schools. Our children need to be safe and feel safe while attending school. We need a deputy at every school.	
We need deputies at our schools. If our children are not protected after a local HS shooting then we have a huge problem on our hands. The parents will fight for this. This needs to be taken care of before somebody else does.	Jenn McCall
Please allow the deputies to work at the schools. Our kids need to feel safe and parents need to feel confident our children are safe attending school.	Debra C
Yes patrol the streets near schoolyard and on campus as much as possible. Create more jobs for the sheriff department	Kayleigh Whitman
I work in the office at a school. All of our deputies are wonderful and thoughtful to our students from what I've seen. In this day and age, there are so many threats to schools	Debbie Calvo

and there have been so many shootings across the U. S.. Including at a school I worked at. It would be a terrible, terrible mistake to not have the deputies in our schools. Please support our kids and workers and keep this program in place.	
Please please do not remove the deputies! That is the MINIMUM that needs to be done in order to keep our children safe and we CAN NOT remove them.	
Deputies need to stay in the schools! Kids feel safer with them there.	Jennifer
All schools should have an armed deputy at all times.	Azure
It is essential for the safety and security of our children to have a piece of mind that there is a trained police officer present on the school campus. It is deterrence and peace keeping.	
I believe that removing deputies from campus will decrease the safety of our students. The many law enforcement officers that I know have the best of intentions - I do not envy them the hate they receive, and they still care. Imagine the destructive elements having no checks and balances - it will only get worse.	Kathy M
Having resource officers on campus is vital to our children and staff safety and in building trusting relationships with the authorities in our community.	Jennifer Mastopietro
They need to stay in your schools.	Brad Bayliss
Please keep the Sheriffs Deputies on the school campuses!!! Do not remove the Deputies!! These deputies are a necessary safety for students. I hope the Board of Supervisors increases the program and adds more deputies to patrol all schools in LA County.	Jeff Buterbaugh
Campus resource deputies play a vital role in the security of our school campuses, and the safety of our students.	Lauren Dunn
I feel that a deputy presence at school is so important for the safety of our children. We live in an ugly world where parents barely feel safe sending their kids to school for fear of what could happen. There is a small amount t of peace knowing that there is a deputy there to help protect them if a situation should arise. Taking deputies away from schools is a terrible and irresponsible idea.	Erin
I would not feel safe sending my child to school knowing their is no deputy assigned to the school.	Albert
Keep Deputies in schools!!! As we all know how much change has taking place in our youths, adults.....that are higher percentage of more anger, stress, outrage.....it would be more of a "Free for all, I do as I please" And every situation that May occur will be hear say, she/he did..... no one saw what happened..... KEEP DEPUTIES!! To set the boundaries to help avoid situations don't wait for something serious to happen and then decide go back to what made since in the first place.	Wilma Feank
Yes, there should be deputies working at the schools.	Natalie Bacon
School safety should be the #1 priority for our children. In order to protect students and faculty and to secure the campuses, please keep deputies on campus in all schools! This is a matter of life or death. There should be no question about this. Especially these days! Deputies need to be on school campuses 100%.	Alyssa Nguyen
As a mother of three, I feel more safe leaving my children at school knowing there are sheriff deputies there to protect if something were to happen.	Heather
Resource Officers need to be present for the safety of the whole student body. They help build community amongst the students and themselves. They're not only there for the safety of the students, but all staff members. Take a look at schools within LAUSD and how unsafe there campuses are. Learn from their mistakes as they're trying to get resource officers back on campus. It's not the counselor and behavioral specialist to do the jobs of deescalating situations between students. Deescalating situations are for resource officers who have had the proper training.	Brandee Herrick
I think is is performative and unnecessary	

It's important to have deputies on campus for the kids and staff safety. When I went to HS we had two officers on campus and everyone knew the reason they were there. We never had a problem, however times have sadly changed.	Greg Stair
If they can't even do their jobs on the streets what good would they do in schools? Cops are not there to prevent crime. They literally wait for something to happen. Useless. Instead metal detectors or a different preventative measure.	
It is extremely important to have deputies on campus, elementary schools, JR high and high school. I think the more the better, and armed. We also need metal detectors at school.	
Keep the Deputies in the schools	
Safety is always of utmost importance. In order for learning to take place, it is imperative for students and staff to feel safe knowing they are learning and teaching in a secure campus. Knowing a trained public officer is on campus, ensures public and stakeholders that safety is highly regarded.	Monica Ibarra
Please keep the police at our schools!	Debra Romero
This is a necessity for our kids! Having deputies at the schools helps in countless ways. When safety should be our top priority in schools these days, removing deputies is not the direction we should be perusing!	
Children are safer when deputies are on campus!	Diane Napolitano
yes! EVERY school needs this immediately!	megan koskie
Please keep resource officers at every campus! Please save the lives of our children, and also for the safety of our school faculty and staff.	Talia Regan
Please keep the police in our schools and protect our children.	Gail Glyzewski
REOs have been so very important to our schools I. Many ways. The appearance of law and order on campus is a huge benefit to the atmosphere as a whole. The interaction between students and the officers can crest a first impression of caring and friendship. First impressions are so important. Safety. First and for most safety.	Linda Storli
I feel that we need to have officer presence on school campuses. In 2019 there was a shooting at one of our local high schools and I think the presence makes us parents feel safer.	
I believe it is essential for LA County Sheriff deputies to be working in schools. We live in a more dangerous world and it is important that we have police presence in our schools to protect our children.	
I've worked in junior high and high schools and our deputies are needed on a a daily basis and an asset	Tanya
Keep deputies in our schools they are a vital resource for our kids.	Jonathan B.
Deputies need to stay on campuses. Please, let's not follow in the footsteps of LAUSD's decision to remove officers from their schools. It had been a complete disaster and we don't need that at our schools.	
Keep deputies in schools!!	Claudine
We need our school deputies - they are a liaison to the community, a resource for our students and have helped me and my fellow teachers in key moments. 🙏 Done (in memory of School Deputy Pete Romo who saved my life)	
With the increase of school shootings, why wouldn't parents and staff want LEO's on campus? Why should teachers and administrators have to deal with school violence (fights)? Every parent should take responsibility for their kids behavior and support the staff on campus and encourage safety. School Resource Officers are helpful with keeping our kids, staff and schools SAFE! Why do we continue to allow a small core of people dictate for everyone. This is not ok! People are so quick to blame LEO's when we all know it starts at home.	Elaine
I strongly support the presence of deputies in our schools. No need to make them an easier target by removing the few resources these kids have.	Kerri Siano
If you truly care about student safety, please keep the police/sheriffs in schools	Elena Aliano
Yes please. Protect our children at all costs. Thank you.	Mahrissa Santilli
Deputies in the schools are a must for student and staff safety.	
They are absolutely vital. Did we forget about the Saugus Shooting already?	Jennifer Joyce

The safety of our children should be number one in this county. There is no reason a deputy should be removed. You remove the safety, there will be more violence and more lawsuits in the community! Please continue the safety of our children to additionally reduce lives lost and mental health! Don't do this to us as civilians, we need sheriff's for protection and even more than just sheriff's. Please please understand the plea we are asking for!

This is an absolute must with issues that have been happening at schools across the county. Our schools need a deputy. Cassandra Coleman

Keep law enforcement on campus

They need to be on school campuses Pat Fellows

Deputies need to stay on campus. The more security, the better for our children's safety... we are already understaffed with campus supervisors, please don't also take away law enforcement, who are trained to keep everyone safe!!

Police officers work hard to protect and serve our communities, for our children's safety and our peace of mind we need officers readily available at our school campus' it's baffling that they are still being portrayed as bad guys when it's the opposite. We need to stop vilifying our officers who put their lives on the line for complete strangers. Don't subject their truth for ignorant beliefs of others who just want to diminish the work that these men and women do. The vast majority of people and parents are grateful to have officers on hand at schools. Wish they were available in all schools elementary, middle and high schools. Ana Genizzotti

I think it is necessary and important. Teens nowadays have more problems with peer interactions and drugs.

I agree with having deputies on campus. They bring security to the campuses not physically but mentally as well. Carol Melendez

Please keep deputies in schools for student and faculty protection Nancy Dorfmeier

The policies of the democratic leadership on both a local and state level have destroyed everything at both the state and local level. The last stand we have for our kids is to protect them in the schools. Why would anyone think that removing them is a good idea? Why would we want to degrade our schools any more than they have? We need to increase police presence everywhere. We need citizens to stand up to these rogue politicians who are systematically destroying what has taken years to build. We will be better off if our so-called "leaders" would make less decisions and please just ride out your terms. Los Angeles is the next SF so please stop making anymore "changes." You're destroying our cities!

Absolutely DO NOT REMOVE school resource officers from campuses. Denise Lite

I am an employee at a high school. I depend on our SRO daily, not only for the protection aspect, but for the medical aspect. With the rising number of overdoses, his expertise and training is crucial. Removing them from our schools would be a terrible mistake. Lori Meottel

I can't imagine not having a deputy on the school grounds. The kids and parents feel safe knowing that they are on campus please do not take this peace of mind away from our schools Sueann Diaz

I am a teacher in an elementary school and think it's a great idea to have officers on campus. The children would benefit from seeing our police officers in a positive light in school communities. Maybe this will help with the discipline problems we are facing even with very young children. Heather Best

The presence of law enforcement in schools in this region is absolutely needed and critical. We are hearing constantly about fights and incidents at our high school that require the use of law enforcement to manage. Please help continue to keep our students and staff safe by keeping a law enforcement presence in our schools.

Please keep sheriffs at our schools!! Especially junior high and high schools. My daughter was at Saugus High during the 2019 shooting. We need those extra eyes and ability to respond quickly!!

Please do not remove officers from school campuses, this could turn regular citizens into vigilantes and the county's issues could become greater. Parents may not feel safe and opt for home schooling. I'd like to add options/solutions: If budget is the case then instead of new books use funds to keep officers. (history doesn't change, unless it has all been lies. You want to add recent history use inserts, math also the same, in every language! Science is ever changing maybe you can use pamphlets and hands on. Ot S. Rivera

politicians making over \$100,000 yearly can be required to donate 3% to their county's schools. I mean I used to ride the school bus for FREE! and now we have to raise funds to use for sports and or special events!?! Please keep officers on campus, think of the SAFETY of our children, they have been through so much and this county has been selfish. Thank you.

We need them at our schools

Do not remove the police from the schools. John Savage

Having deputies on campus is the most important thing for parents. You can never take is away from our schools. I actually wish you would add this to elementary schools as well. Jackie Willen

ALL levels of schools NEED SRO's to help keep our students and staff safe. Tabitha

No police in schools.

This is essential. Society has to realize there are evil people, and insane people who have a sick mission to harm innocent people like our kids. A law enforcement officer on site is kid protection 101 at its most basic level. It's very simple, and it's a must. Allen

In Saugus, we dealt with a shooting. Removing the officers on campus would be a detriment. Stop trying to save money at the children's expense. Police need to be a presence everywhere! Karan Carville

Deputies are needed for the safety of everyone Alyssa

We need one stationed at EVERY school. Our students, the ones schools are for, do not feel safe and secure in their environment. How can you learn when your first hierarchical need is not attended to? Kellie Kontis

Unfortunately at this time I do feel we need an armed lawful presence in our schools

Absolutely. Sheriffs presence in schools would make me as a parent feel safer. Especially with everything that's gone on lately.

Our family STRONGLY SUPPORTS LASD deputies working in our schools. Ann Cryer

Keep police at our schools. Protect our kids please. Thank you for your service. You are very much appreciated by our family and most of our community. Debbie

We need this program in our schools. They add security and comfort for both students and parents. Autumn



As a school mental health therapist, the work of deputies on our campuses to keep us safe is invaluable. Suzan Tessier

Being a school that has suffered through a shooting and the aftermath, please leave the deputy in place.

This is sadly an extreme necessity. Shootings are more and more and without proper safety measures innocent children are losing their life. The county spends money for so many other things but protecting the innocent children who are our future leaders is imperative. I'm a mother of 6 kids and shouldn't worry daily as I drop my kids off to school. Rachael Cleveland

The San Fernando Valley, have been doing this for years they had satellite stations at the schools. It was the best thing to ever happen. Keeping everyone safe. Everyone knew they were there. So this discouraged anything from happening. They would let their presence be known at all times. No name

Our children deserve to be protected and feel safe enough to attend school. It is not a punishment to have officers on campus - it is their right. If you care about the kids more than a small section of the public who believe the police are bad for kids, let these officers do their job - protecting our kids!

As a William S Hart employee and a parent to 2 kiddos, I  agree there needs to be at least one Sheriff on every campus. This goes for every school, this world is scary, their presence is  needed!! Carrie Hanks

April Rego April Rego

Please immediately remove police officers from our schools. Their presence only strengthens the school to prison pipeline by increasing arrests of students of color. Their presence on campus deepens the mistrust of police by marginalized communities instead of actually keeping them safer. With police presence at school, situations that

could be handled by staff and normal disciplinary routes are turned into traumatic criminalized events by police intervention. Please allow our child a safe environment to learn and grow by removing police presence from schools. This is a must for every school. We need a deputy at every school .	
I would love for the deputies to be in the campus.	Anna carr
Absolutely, keep resource officers in our schools !	Heather Perez
Having officers on campus allows kids to feel secure and gives us parents peace of mind that our kids will be protected if needed.	Dahiana Martinez
We NEED deputies in schools. If they are removed, I promise I will remove my three children from public education. Law and order need to be priorities for the safety of our children and community.	Amy
You guys are absolutely crazy to remove law-enforcement from schools.	
This is a vital resource	
Please keep deputies are in our schools for the sake of our kids	Bev Wright
As an administrator in a public comprehensive high school in Los Angeles County, I'd like to provide my full support of the presence of deputies on our campuses. As an Assistant Principal, I work closely with our School Resource Officer in supporting school safety for our students and staff. The School Resource Officers foster positive relationships with students on campus, parents, and staff. They also offer us a valuable tool in partnering with law enforcement to ensure the safety of our campus. In situations where we have needed an officer, they are there within seconds or a few minutes rather than waiting to call the station and someone show up much later and not able to respond as effectively to a crisis. This happens regularly on our campuses and we appreciate the officers immensely. I am also a parent of a student at a public comprehensive high school in Los Angeles County where a school shooting took place in 2019. The presence of a School Resource Officer on campus provides my student and myself as a parent the comfort of knowing law enforcement is on site in the worst case scenario. My student also knows that this officer is someone she can go to for help on campus, which makes her feel more secure. Thank you for continuing to support the presence of deputies on campuses.	
This is a wonderful way to protect our students, teachers, administrators and school employees. We need to make sure that someone is there trained in de-Escalation but is also prepared to use force is needed.	
They are vital to the ongoing wellbeing and climate of the schools. It's comforting as a teacher to note they're there. My husband is also a local principal and relies on their continued support. Please don't take this critical help away! I beg of you.	Denise Turner
Please keep the officers in the schools. They are a Vital part of the safety of our children!	
They should definitely be allowed in schools. Anything to help our kids feel safe, if someone is concerned about high profile use of force, teach your kids to respect their peers, teachers and law enforcement.	Brianna
Yes I would love to see a deputy at Rosedell elementary.	Sara Cunningham
We absolutely need the LA County Sheriff Deputies at ALL of our elementary, middle, and high schools. It's imperative to the safety of our children and staff. No better money will be spent than on protecting our schools from harm. Please make sure we have deputies at all Castaic schools!	Taylor Foley
Police presence on campus promotes safety.	Joy
I am a Rancho Pico Jr. High School principal in the William S. Hart UHSD. I have worked in administration for many years and have partnered with SROs to help keep my school safe. Together we meet with students, parents, and families. They have mentored students and worked with families on many occasions. I rely on SROs for advice, safety concerns, threat assessments, and interventions. They are a vital member of our team.	Catherine Nicholas
These deputies add a layer of safety needed in our schools. They are largely trusted by the school communities and counted on for crisis situations. - Dr. Janet Stier	Dr. Janet Stier
I feel we must have deputies on our campuses for the safety of our students	Keith Giles
We need these officers in our schools. Please do not remove	Anna Griesse

I think it is essential deputies be at schools. Children/teens should not go to school worried but instead with a mindset of learning. Same goes for parents. I would take great comfort in knowing there are deputies in the school when I drop my child off.

As a high school principal in the Santa Clarita Valley I directly benefit daily from the positive support my SRO provides for my school community. Not only was he on campus during several bomb threats and lockdown situations, he is also always on hand to help build relationships with students and staff. Our SRO knows all our staff and most of our student body. Parents regularly reach out to him. He is a member of our team and supports us to ensure that our school is safe and thriving.

Genevieve Peterson
Henry-Principal at Saugus High School

Our SRO enables me to do my job. He is a trusted adult and a mentor to our students. He has made countless home visits to check on students in crisis and has worked with my administration to ensure that students get the support they need.

Our campus is a safer place with our SRO. Not having an SRO would severely limit our ability to serve and support our students.

It is absolutely necessary to have place on all school campuses.

Dessie Vescio

Los Angeles County Sheriff Deputies should be on campus and accessible for students throughout the day. A deputy can provide security and de-escalate situations before they turn violent or deadly. They perform a service to all residents, by promoting public safety.

Jenny Turnn

I would love to have deputies working in the schools. Having them there creates a safer environment and personally making me feel calmer about sending my kids to school

Natalie Irwin

Our kids do not need the presence of deputies IN their schools. Their presence raises tension and presupposes a need for law enforcement. When all you have is a hammer, every situation looks like a nail.

Jennifer Heinisch

I am strongly in favor of Los Angeles County Sheriff Department's deputies working in schools! It provides reassurance to both parents and students that incidents will be quickly responded to, as well as knowledge that the best trained individuals are looking out for dangers that may not be apparent to the untrained. It's unfortunate that this is necessary, but school tragedies highlight that it is needed. I am sure that it also allows educators reassurances.

Christina Zigler

I think it's great to have deputies working in school to help prevent violence in high school. Consider the rate of school shooting are getting really crazy lately I think it will be nice to have deputies in school ground to keep the school safe.

Angie Hsieh

I'm in full support of keeping deputies on our campuses. Please keep our kids safe.

I think they need to stay in schools, they should be at elementary schools too.

I would prefer that there are sheriff's on campus. We need better security for our children.

Samantha Piercy

Please keep them. They keep our children safe from harm in schools.

Jennifer Carter

Yes to deputies on campuses! What a great way to create positivity between law enforcement and youth. Also, safety and quick response will improve.

As a junior high teacher, I have seen the importance of having a deputy assigned to our school. I think it is an important resource to keep.

Yes, deputies should absolutely be assigned to schools.

I don't think police officers/ peace officers/ sheriff department- belong in a school setting unless we are trying to turn schools into jails. Research has shown that it creates a hostile environment, leads to more minorities being incarcerated, and hurts students mental health.

A school is a place of education. At least that's what it is supposed to be. This is a place where KIDS go and make mistakes. We always tell them that mistakes are encouraged, and that is how one truly learns. Having law enforcement in any capacity- shows the opposite. This environment needs to be welcoming and safe for all.

If sheriff department has a bad PR issue, it's not up to our kids to fix it. It is up to the adults who created it. Our kids are not a prop.

Deputies should be in schools to ensure student & teacher safety. In critical situations, help can be minutes away and having that resource on campuses can save lives.	David Rosenthal
Sheriff's in schools? Sounds like a disaster waiting to happen. Not to mention the over policing of our families of color in the SCV and beyond. If the school administration cannot handle the children they are charged with educating, should they really be in charge? Our Sheriff's have a lot of ground to cover and their expertise should be focused on the criminal element in our community, not on our children.	Tina
I absolutely want LA County Sheriffs in our Junior Highs and High-schools and would love them in Elementary Schools as well. We had the school shooting at Saugus and many more would have died if it weren't for the off duty Sheriffs and other law enforcement heroes who rushed in to help. To even consider removing them from schools is offensive and shocking.	Heather Manskar
Cops don't belong in schools and their presence has only had negative impacts, especially against our Brown and Black students.	Kat Walker
Keep the deputies in our schools! Keep our kids safe!	Kathy
Totally agree and love the idea of having deputies on campus	
Schools must have resource officers. I was at Saugus high school the day of the shooting do I need to say anymore ?	
I am a parent and an elementary school teacher in Castaic. I think it is necessary and beneficial for sheriffs to be present on campus in elementary, middle, and high schools. I think their presence is a deterrent for some and a comfort for others. I really think it's important for this to continue in schools for the safety of all.	Beth Smith
We need Deputies in our schools! We need to keep our kids and teachers safe!! We live in a time of such uncertainty - please keep our deputies in school!	Jill olmstead
Please keep deputies in our schools. Their presence is a stabilizing factor for our students protection.	Sharon Simons
WE NEED DEPUTIES ON CAMPUS AT ALL TIMES! Protection is needed.	Ash Z
We need them in all our schools, for the safety and protection of our children	
Removing deputies from campus would be the worst decision. Allow our kids, and parents to feel safe while sending them off to school.	Courtney
As a teacher and a mom of three students, I see a great need for SROs. At the high schools and junior high schools their presence is needed. Fights, drugs, and security are reasons we need them. An additional need is for school community members to feel safe. It would be wonderful to have officers on campuses not only for security, but to work directly with all students to give them positive experiences with law enforcement. There could be education classes, trainings, etc., giving students opportunities to get to know officers and have positive relationships with them.	Lisa Soares
I feel that there should be LA County Sheriff Department's deputies at every school in LA and SCV.	
We NEED to keep our deputies in schools! Having them there provides a sense of security to our students and staff.	Julie Smith
Having Deputies on high school campuses is necessary in our current times. Not only to be their for protection and direction in case of on campus shootings but also to protect students and teachers from students who are causing dangerous situations on campus. As a high school volunteer I have personally seen fist fights start within moments on campus in more then one time it turned violent quickly and resource officers were necessary to get things under control. We have also had several gang fights involving weapons on campus that required professional help to resolve. Teachers and administrators should not have to step in unless absolutely necessary they are not trained to deal with violence and physical outbursts as our deputies are.	
100% for the safety of our schools and children.	Ivette Garcia
Keep them in our schools.	
100% there SHOULD be deputies in our schools.	Becky
Keep deputy presence on campus! It is vital! Our community had a shooting and law enforcement saved lives. Our kids need to feel supported and safe.	Charity Hester

Anything that will keep our kids safe	Sandra marshall
I believe this is a necessity! Anything to keep our students safe and them to have the feeling of safety while at school is priceless!	
It has proven that on campus violence has become a norm, sad to say. Our children should feel protected and it should be with our police department on the campus on a regular basis.	Diana
They are necessary for our kids as well as school staff. Don't be short sighted because of a few woke individuals.	Pam Mencuri
The safety of our kids is a priority, Saugus High School already had a shooting back in 2019.	Lucia
I think all public schools should have police officers on site to protect our children from mass shootings or criminals that aren't being punished in our political climate. If politicians are protected at their offices, then we should protect our kids.	Ed Ulloa
School resource officers have never been more important and valuable in schools than now. With the rise in school shootings and school violence, it is imperative that there be a deputy presence in and around our schools. It is valuable as a preventative measure and it is valuable for attacking a situation quickly and effectively. We should be increasing deputy presence in schools rather than removing them.	
I think that there needs to be sheriffs in school to keep fights to a minimum, so they learn to respect their teachers and other authority (and to see a positive authority figure) and as the first on scene for a school shooting.	Sylvia B.
100% YES to Continue having Deputies in our Schools!	L. Scott
Please, please continue to have deputies/police on site in our kids schools. Protecting our children should be your top priority.	Anabella Obaidee
We need a sheriff at our schools for our kids to feel safe.	Teri
That would be a wonderful idea. Unclear why there isn't officers in school already. The presence of an armed Police Officer will deter any gunman or criminal to come near a school.	
This is an absolute must for the safety of our kids.	Tarana Sherzada
Although there is a history of racial profiling of students, I strongly believe deputies should work in schools. I am a teacher for LAUSD and feel safer with deputies present. My daughter is a person of color, and I believe she is safer with deputies present at Saugus High. My older son was a student at Saugus High at the time of the shooting, and I am forever grateful for deputies who responded quickly. We need them in school! With new awareness and better training, relationships can be restored. Now is a time to re-build and focus on improving our future, and I believe deputies should be a part of that.	Jane Plaza
Imperative that police forces remain on campuses, the fact that this is being considered to remove them is ridiculous. Protect our children!	
As a parent of two LAUSD aged children, i feel very safe to drop off my kids at school knowing and seeing that there is a police presence on site for just the school. I want my opinion known that i wish for the law enforcement officers to remain on campus for whole school year and going forward.	
I think it's a great idea	Jennifer Harreres
I support law enforcement in schools.	
There should absolutely be deputies on campus to keep our children and staff safe. Outrageous to think this is not needed after the continued violence and murders at Saugus High School! If there is a problem with racial profiling, train the deputies. If there is fear or angst amongst students and staff, communicate with them more. Do not remove a safety measure. Instead communicate and train!	
Police on campus concerns me for those that are often harassed and unjustly targeted by police. On the other hand if they are "well trained", meaning they have diversity training and are well equipped to de-escalate a situation without force, then I can see the benefit.	
I feel the presence of our sheriff's department is important to our children's safety	Leland mills
We need deputies on campus!!	Micah Roberts
I would love it! Thank you for all that you do!	Lauren Gonzales

We absolutely need to keep school resource deputies on campus in all of our schools. That is our only line of defense against an outside attack on the school or an attack from within. Removing these deputies puts our kids in grave danger and the decision to do so would rest on the county and create an incredible liability issue should something happen following their removal. I demand that we do not remove resource officers from our school. There is absolutely no benefit to doing so.	Brittany Petersen
Please keep deputies on campus and keep our kids safe.	
our kids need to be safe! we need public safety. their lives count on it !	lisa
We need Deputies at our schools	Alan Roberts
I work in a Santa Clarita elementary school and have children of my own in the Hart District. We absolutely need deputies on campus! The number of issues on campus is staggering. Frankly the idea is not having deputies on campus would most likely lead to me pulling my students from the district entirely. The reality is that there should always be security there. Instead of increasing it you want to remove it? This is after the Saugus shooting and having a kid at Hart arrested with a hand gun and a loaded clip. I hope that you think about the safety of our children and not just the money.	Jeana Rodgers
School resource officers ARE a necessity for safety in ALL public schools INCLUDING Elementary Schools.	Casey Greenlee
We need to protect our children	Francis
We need law enforcement on campuses to protect and provide safety for the students and staff against criminals. LAUSD removed it's law enforcement and violent crime is higher now than the last two decades. Robberies, assaults stabbings and Shootings on and around campuses are common and continue to increase.	Juan Escobar
I like a Sherrif to stay on site at my daughter's high school. There was a shooting at Saugus High when my kiddo was a freshman so I feel it's a necessity to keep a Sheriff in order to help reduce her PTSD and keep kids safer on a daily basis. Violence is outrageously on the rise these days in Los Angeles and I feel the Sherrif on campus can help elevate the violence coming into the schools.	Stacie Rosane
We need more police presence in schools.	
Please KEEP deputies on school campuses!!! This isn't even anything we should be questioning. Keep our children safe!! They need to feel as if we care about their safety and keeping deputies on campus always!!! We should have more in my opinion!! There are retired military that would gladly stand at our schools to protect our students, protect our future generations!! KEEEEP THE DEPUTIES WORKING IN SCHOOLS!	Carri
We need our deputies in the schools. It not only provides a safer place for our kids to learn, but provides a positive interaction with our kids. It help to instill positive attitudes towards law enforcement, something this community needs a lot more of.	
Why is this even a question??? Of course they should and must be there. For those individuals (students or parents) who feel "threatened" they can transfer to an online school or a private school.	Michele
Sheriff deputies are a necessity at school campuses if anything we need more presence	Samantha Burken
Our SROs are essential to safe schools. As an assistant principal in the WSHart school district, the SROs worked discreetly with me in a variety situations from child abuse, attendance as well as illegal activity. They worked to build positive relationships with students and community.	Jamie Timmins
I strongly object.	Duncan Mandel
I believe that deputies working in school is a must for the safety of our kids and the school staff. It serves as great deterrent for anybody who has malicious intent to enter the school and cause harm. I believe that deputies should be supported for their role and also they should be in uniforms.	Dr.Aakash Ahuja

We need deputies working in our schools. This is critical for the safety of our kids and staff.	
Yes they should be allowed to be on campus to keep children and staff safe.	Laura Diaz
Yes, yes, yes. I feel our schools need the extra protection.	Anita
It is wonderful to have them in our schools. It's must continue!!!	Franca Campopiano
Deputies on campus is a necessity to the safety of our schools.	Diana Schein
Yes! Sheriffs are a must at school campuses!!! 10000000000000000% Protect our kids!!!!	Veronika Tredl
They should be in all the schools. There should be funding put aside for that purpose.	
We need them! It would be ridiculous to remove the only safety there is. They're already understaffed. They need to hire more deputies! Need more proof look up how bad San Francisco is doing without their police. It is unsafe and poorly thought out decision to remove them..... we need to keep our deputies.	Jessica Lynn
Please provide an armed deputy at every school.	
Schools are soft targets for mentally unstable criminals. It is easy for criminals to get access to school campuses and start shooting, knowing their targets are defenseless. Having deputies on school grounds, who are armed and trained how to take down an active shooter is essential for school safety and can save lives. The increase in violent incidents on schools grounds is a direct result of the "defund the police" policy and other soft on crime policies pushed by politicians and other anti-police activists.	Susan Gilbert
I am an administrator in the William S Hart Union School District and we are in need of our School Resource Officer. We are in contact with questions, having them meet with students and check in, as well as having them as a resource when there are any situations on campus that need to include law enforcement. They build relationships with our students and are such a valuable resource to administration, students and staff.	James Mackey
The officers on campus provide a higher level of security and can deal with issues differently than a school can.	
They are needed at the school	Nicholle
Having deputies at our schools would be helpful.	Nicole Dorst
I work at a school and value out resource officers. They develop positive relationships with our students, staff, and the community. They keep us safer and are able to intervene when needed so small problems don't escalate to larger one. Please keep our deputies in our schools!	Sarah Newman
As a Classified school employee I absolutely want a deputy on campus at all times. There's already been one school shooting in my District. There are numerous teens who have brought drugs and weapons to school whether parents know this or not. School employees need all safety measures in place for our sake as well as the thousands of students on campus. The fences around the campus are not enough.	Tamara Essler
My husband and I want sheriff officers in schools. Our kids are safer with them there.	
Please 100 % agree to have Sheriffs walk the school campuses	
I think it is very important to have SROs on campuses. I work for a school and have had many interactions with them and the job they do do us is vital	Tracie Tewksbury
Sheriff deputies working in schools will keep our most precious children safer!	Annie Duplantis
stand down. you are not teachers. the chances of you being useful or effective are near zero	just a bloke
The addition of deputies on the Saugus campus provides comfort to many of the students. They provide an extra layer of protection in today's volatile world where it feels like anything can happen.	Jennifer Johnson
We need them to help protect our kids	
It is absolutely essential that Deputies are specifically assigned to schools, either shared at the elementary level, and a permanent Deputy assigned to each Middle and High School, as well as JC's within the county.	Roger Stephenson
Yes	Jasmine

I would prefer to have LASD on or very near campuses. While it is unfortunate that I have this concern, I am realistic about our government's failure to properly address mental health and crime currently impacting our city, state and country. Give the lockdowns we've had in SCV, it would be irresponsible not to have a presence on campuses.	Kevin Eng
I am completely in favor of this	Caitlin Amans
They are necessary in keeping both staff and students safe. Schools are extremely vulnerable and critical to a child's development. Taking away protections could result in fatal consequences for people in educational settings.	
It's important for sheriff deputies to work in our schools. Students need to see a constant law enforcement presence, both for positive issues (safety, ease anxiety, promote good will between teenagers and the law) and negative issues (so misbehaving/unlawful students know there is a constant law enforcement presence on campus)	Erinn Hicks
When a specific deputy is assigned to a campus, they can get to know students, and students can become familiar with that deputy, and with law enforcement presence in general.	
I am for them working at schools.	
I would feel safer if deputies working in schools. I have two highschool kids and myself also work at an elementary school.	Carolina Tumpal
Keep them in the schools... they are amazing in deterring crimes. Pro active and easy to approach for the kids. You would think the lesson was learned with "defund the police" and how well that turned out	Brian Hickey
I think it's very important to have deputies on school campuses. It provides a sense of safety for parents, students and teachers. Please don't remove them for schools, we need them.	
Having deputies on campus is an absolute must. In these unfortunate times of continuous school shootings, having the sheriff presence will either make a shooter think twice or will be a quick response. Schools aren't funding metal detectors, bullet vests for our kids. Having deputies is the one thing that gives parents the sense of security for our children. It would be the absolute worst decision to take that safety away from our children. The families or kids that have an issue with deputies is most likely because they're guilty of something. Drugs on campus are at a whole new level. Please keep our deputies on campus.	
This is absolutely insane that there is even a discussion of removing officers from schools! What is the plan for when an armed shooter comes to take the lives of innocent children? Are you going to ask the shooter to place the gun on the floor please?! If you're in a situation with a person who has a gun, your best chance to survive is to have a gun yourself. It is a sick world and no matter what you think, evil is out there and our best chance is to be prepared for the worst. There is no law that will prevent evil people from doing evil things. We should not only have deputies but the best deputies! The highest paid and the most trained. We need to protect our children. It is time to leave the politics at the door and protect our kids!	Debra Van Horn
I think we should have deputies on campus. I remember having them on campus when I was in school. I need to know my third grade son is safe the ENTIRE time he is on campus.	Nicole
It is an absolute necessity to have law enforcement on our campuses. Drugs are prevalent on these campuses, as well as the possibility of outside dangers entering them and harming staff and students.	Jill
I have children in LA County schools. As a parent, my priority is school safety. Please have LA county Sheriff Department deputies working in schools and keep all children safe.	
If anything we need more deputies working schools. Why should a very small segment of society dictate what is best for the entire community?	Kevin Zarley
Deputies working in schools is an important resource to have on school campuses to keep the school community safe. School deputies build rapport with students at proms, provide a safe presence on campus, and are an important resource to school administrators when students have broken the law. Additionally, school deputies are an important liaison to the Sheriff's station in times of crisis. In times of the worst possible safety scenarios, their presence on campus can potentially be the difference between life and death.	
School shooters will be waiting for the poor children to have no protection.	

We should definitely have police on campus	Deborah Roberto
We absolutely need them now more than ever before. We are living in very different times now compared to the 80s. Everything has changed therefore policies need to change with it too. Our schools are no longer a safe zone and need protection from our sheriffs departments at all times.	
I work at a Junior High & it's imperative that we have a School Deputy for the safety of our students & staff. I'm appalled that this is even being brought to the table!! Come work at schools & see for yourselves!!	
Keep deputies on campuses, and keep our children safe!	
Deputies are essential!! They provide a positive role model and make life long positive connections. I want that security for my children!!	Kevin Card
The deputies are critical to the success of our youth! I have worked with school deputies and am forever grateful for their help in assisting my daughter with a student harassing and even making death threats toward her in elementary and jr high school. Without this program we would have sent a young troubled girl into the legal system and taken up even more resources. With deputies we write able to get the girl the help she needed and safety for my child.	Dia Vasquez
Yes deputies should be working in school.	
Please do not remove School Resource Deputies from school campuses. Their work is essential to maintain a civilized and safe environment in schools. Besides, we need them in the event of an active shooter to protect students and staff. Nowadays, unfortunately, no school is exempt from this dangerous risk.	
Yes, School Resource Deputies are needed in our schools.	
Our schools need the safety and security that these deputies bring to each and every campus they are on. For many students they provide a sense of safety against crime and violent activities on their campus.	
On a day-to-day basis their presence is reassuring and an opportunity for positive interaction with law enforcement. The deputies become the eyes and ears for the Sheriff's department on our campuses regarding things like drugs, gangs, and other criminal activities.	
With deputies on campus they are in a much better position to quickly respond to any emergency situation that may occur. They use their professional training to assess events and request the most appropriate response of other personnel and equipment in the most timely manner. When minutes and seconds count, this can be crucial.	
Please do NOT remove Deputies from our schools. Our children deserve to feel safe and if you believe that Deputies pose a threat you are on the WRONG side of the issues facing our society. Do NOT fall for the loud mouth rethoric that is out there. Save our kids. Provide them the safety of armed law enforcement!!	Andrew Kukla
I agree to having LASD on campus, they will help prevent and keep some sense of security to students, staff and parents. Having law enforcement on campus is the fastest response if anything where to happen when 911 is called or LASD is needed.	
As a parent of 2 Saugus High School students, I can't stress enough what a critical and valuable asset our School Reapuces Deputies are. I can't imagine what we did on our school campuses before we had them and trying to alter or remove them would be detrimental to the safety of our school and our children.	James Temple
As a parent of a current high schooler. I highly recommend we keep LASD DEPUTIES stay in our local schools now more than ever. Our children's safety is not up for debate! They are a necessity to every school campus. We need them to maintain a sense of control yet safety.	
Hello, it is very important not only to me but many other parents to have our deputies at the schools. Did we learn nothing from the recent Saugus shooting? We need help for our youth from our local Sheriff's Dept. We need eyes on our kids.	Nina Withers
I am personally in favor of LA CTY Sherrif's working in schools	Brooke Kelley
Having officers present in schools should be mandatory and removing them would be detrimental to the overall safety of our schools. Deputy presence is a benefit to teachers, students, staff and families. Please don't fall to media depiction of law enforcement. Our students need us now more than ever, stand up for our kids and give them peace of mind at school.	Amber

Our kids need the deputies at schools! As a taxpayer and resident of LA COUNTY and Santa Clarita I am requesting you keep deputies at schools!

Schools are not children. We should be planning for that, not for schools to be crime scenes. We did not all move to a safe, family friendly city to have our children spend time everyday in a place where crime is expected and catered for.

I think it is important to have sheriffs in the schools especially with the amount of shootings happening at schools. Saugus high is the perfect example. Michelle mokler

The present of Sheriff deputies on all school campus are extremally important. we are living in a dangerous era which school shooting are happening across our country and can't be predict. Adi Cohen

the only way to stop a shooter is by an armed officer or a well trained gourd. if there special circumstances where a deputy or an officer didn't obey to the law or miss behave, it is probably an isolated case that need to be treated on the personal level, however, if we will have 1 case where an armed deputy or an officer could save the life of any of our children it is by far supersede any other factor. Further more, the present of an armed officer on school campus has being proven as a very successful model in many other countries in the world. we just need to be wise enough and learn from their experience. save the life of our children

Schools definitely must have a police presence. I have a child at Lancaster High School and cannot believe anybody would think otherwise. Unarmed security is not enough.

I think it is important to continue having the services of SROs in our district. They provide a benefit that can not be provided outside of law enforcement. I think it is not only a disservice to our students but our community by discontinuing the ability of SROs in our district. Priscilla Lofton

Sheriff's in public schools is a great use of tax payers funds and should be on every campus! Take away security from public offi ials before you do it to the schools. Protect the kids! Rocque Sandoval

I prefer deputies working in school they have a faster response if soenthing happens a lot of the times when we call 911 or report something to the non emergency number no one shows up so if the deputies are already on campus or near they can respond

It is of utmost importance to keep our campuses safe. Having an officer on campus is essential for the safety of the educators and students on campus

I feel it's very important to continue having the LACSD deputies in place on the school campuses . For safety precautions as you never know what can occur. Removing of them, shouldn't be an issue of discussion.

In today's climate, LA County Sheriff should be stationed at all schools. With the rise in school shootings and other violent acts, their presence is not just wanted but needed. They can be the difference between 1 injury and 100 injuries.

I disagree with having deputies present at elementary schools.

They are definitely needed and are very valuable on campus Sue

I believe deputies should be working in schools

We need LA County Sheriffs in our local schools! It is essential to the safety of the students, staff, and surrounding neighbors.

I think it's great to have a sworn officer at every school. It makes the school more safe and creates a comfortably of kids around sheriffs. Jamie Wollin

I implore you to keep an LA County Sheriff's Department presence at our schools. As our district knows all too well, no school is immune from school violence and multi-casualty events, nor are our schools immune to violence and drug use. I would, in fact, suggest increasing deputy presence on campus for many reasons. First, this is a tangible way in which the Sheriff's Department can build a rapport with our children. While the Sheriff's Department connects to the community through events such as the Haunted House and the Coffee with a Cop, it is equally, if not more important to connect to our youth as mentors and trusted adults that are there to protect and serve the youth. Often, a child's only interaction with law enforcement is a negative or traumatic one. Having deputies on Kerrie

campus allows our youth to build trust in our deputies, and conversely allows our deputies the opportunities to engage with, and learn from, our youth. Second, a presence acts as a deterrent to those who consider engaging in illegal acts on campus. Third, having a deputy (or several) on campus provides a rapid response to any incidents. It increases the likelihood of intervention should our district face another on-campus shooting and it also increases the likelihood that any injured parties could be sheltered and assisted by first responders. And finally, what are we saying to our youth by removing deputies from campus? Many of our students fear for their safety at school. They've seen fights at school, have experienced threats, are afraid to use restrooms due to drug use and sexual activity, and many have even experienced true hours-long lockdown situations. To remove deputies from campus signals to our students that their safety and well-being is no longer a priority; that THEY are no longer a priority. And to those who may consider drug-use, sexual assault, or acts of violence on campus, removing deputies indicates that we are no longer vigilant, no longer care... and that they have free rein.

No absolutely not. I don't agree with deputies working in schools.

Yes please provide LACOUNTY SHERRIFF DEPARTMENT DEPUTY to protect our kids and safety Sandy

Want Los Angeles County Sheriff Deputies present in our schools

I am very pleased seeing Sheriff deputies in the school campus's it gives me a sense of security for my student and child. Living in the area near where the Saugus HS in SCV incident I know for a fact that our deputies had no hesitation to put their lives at risk and protect the students. I can not imagine if the officers were not there to assist the students and staff. Deputies are essential to the safety of our schools staff and most importantly the students. Miriam Ortiz

Our kids have enough trauma with all the lockdown drills, we do not need armed officers on the campus as well

Yes. We agree with deputies being present at schools.

We love having deputies on campus. Parents and students feel safe, and we are thankful that Los Angeles County provides such service to schools in LA County. Sachiko Yokoyama

Allow them to stay

We need the safety and visibility of the deputies to detour outside criminal activity. Deputies on campus often build relationships with students that allow prevention of crime and aides in investigation if a crime does occur. They are positive role models and help keep staff and students safe. Removing them would be a huge mistake. Crimes on campus will rise just ask LAUSD how defunding their school pd has worked for them. Kristina durham

Please keep deputies at the schools. They have a great presence at the schools and help to enforce safety.

We need law enforcement working in our schools. Our kids are our future and need to be protected and not be left behind.

Deputies on campus are there for the students safety. If they were not there and a mass shooting occurred the same people wanting to remove the deputies would be blaming the school for not having them on campus. Always trying to remove law enforcement so crime can run wild. Bad idea Anonymous

Of course deputies should be at schools. Has the school shootings stopped? No there should be metal detectors and police at every school until school shootings have stopped. We should not have to worry while our kids are getting an education. Keep deputies and police at schools Shauna Madden

It is necessary to have sworn officers readily available to assist with threats to school safety as we have seen a dramatic increase to school safety in recent years. Especially in the City of Santa Clarita where we have already had one school shooting occur. Brianna Zaragoza

Our SROs have had a positive impact on our students in the William S Hart school district. Please don't remove them from our campuses! They have provided safety and a mentoring presence at our schools. My sons currently go to Castaic High School, due to the remoteness of the campus, having an SRO present at all times is a comfort to many of us parents. Please support our school district students and parents by maintaining presence of an SRO on campus!

I have two boys in the William S. Hart District. I wholeheartedly support SRDs on our campuses. Their presence on our campuses have had a very positive impact in our district. It is a line of defense I greatly appreciate when I send my children off to school in this world. Please do not take away SRDs.

Josephine Lafferty

Absolutely the schools needs sheriff dept help in campus . Because the teachers etc won't do anything to govern and control the bad kids . This is one of many reasons I moved out of state . The good kids are being bullied. And no one cares !

Kim gillette

Deputies on campus are an absolute must in todays world. They keep the campus and children safe.

I am in favor of keeping the SROs at the school sites. They provide a sense of security to students and staff members. I worked at school sites for 9 years and can personally attest to the assistance that SROs provide to the school that I was working at.

M. Stevenson

I strongly think that the presence of the Sheriff deputies at school sites is essential to secure the safety of our students and staff members.

Please do not remove deputies from our schools. Our children are our future and they must be protected by any and all means. The Sheriff's department was created to protect the citizens so why would we even consider leaving our children unprotected in todays environment.

Ron Tikosky

Having the sheriff deputies working on school campuses are extremely beneficial in multiple ways. First and foremost it continues to provide an extra level of safety to staff and students while at school which should always be a safe place for students to learn and grow as individuals. It also fosters positive relationships and bonding for students across all backgrounds by modeling what a positive figure of authority can be for students. Deputies on campuses often spend their time interacting with students on a personal level daily making these students who need it most feel more comfortable and secure knowing they have someone protecting them at all times while they are at school. By taking these deputies away from school campuses you make schools more vulnerable to violence by taking away the extra level of security.

Sheriff must be in each school to keep our kids safe .

Would feel safe keeping sheriff departments deputies in our schools

I support the deputies being on school campuses

The presence of the sheriff's department at the William S Hart School District is a crucial part in our students success. They support staff and students in crisis situations that arise to ensure everyone's safety, have wonderful programs to help youth who may need guidance, are loved team members on the campuses they work on, and support students when mental health issues arise such as suicide attempts. I strongly feel that each district should be able to make their own decisions on if there will be a deputy present at school sites, as they have been nothing but helpful for our staff and students.

I feel schools need more armed officers on each campus to ensure school students and staff are safe. This is common sense with school shootings! I want to send my children to school and know there are "Good guys on campus" to not only keep the bad guys away but should a bad person come on to campus, they will be stopped before harming anyone. SROs also assist school students and staff in a multitude of other ways! It is absolutely ABSURD anyone would want to remove them. They need to add more to every school site!

T Ostrowsky

I am a school administrator in Santa Clarita. Our schools rely on the collaborative support we receive from the SROs and they are an integral and foundational element of our safe school culture. Please allow districts to operate as they see fit. I fully understand the rationale for reducing police presence on school campuses, and I do believe it is merited in certain environments. However, this does not apply to our district.

I am a parent with a child in a public school. I am left-leaning and in favor of gun control. Despite this, I am very much in favor of maintaining SROs in school campuses. My child and I both feel safer this way.

Amy Gaines

I feel students are safer with a deputy on campus. When an incident occurs, there is no need to call the Sheriff's station. A deputy may be able to diffuse a situation before it escalates. The deputy may be a listening ear for troubled students and direct them to resources.

They should absolutely keep them in the schools. Bring a parent of 3 students who were present during the Saugus high school shooting, I feel it's more important than ever, to have a deputy on campus. I only wish they were able to be on campus the "Whole school day" as opposed to only part of the time like they currently are.	Laurie Bunde
I feel that my children are safer with deputies on campus	Melanie Long
Please keep deputies on all school sites!!!! Our children need to be protected!	
Please do not take Resource Officers out of our schools. They are needed to deter criminal and drug activities in our schools as well as to protect the students and staff	
School resource officers are critical to the safety and feeling of security for everyone using or visiting a school campus. While there have been some issues in the past, rather than considering the removal of resource officers we should be adding more personnel to the program and providing them with more and better training in dealing with human behavior, understanding special needs students behavior and by expanding the program taking some pressure off the limited staff we now have which in and of itself improve officer performance and reduce the number of incidents you are referencing with this request for feedback.	Bill Hinze
They are needed!	Holyvey Hamill
Our collaboration and support received in the educational setting from our Sheriff Department is like no other. They are so helpful in crisis and such a valued member of school teams. As both a parent and educator I strongly feel it would be horrible to remove such a resource.	
Please keep them on campus. With all the school shootings please please don't take away.	Lisa Pope
When violent incidents happen, who do you want there? Who do you call? The police. ESPECIALLY if there is an incident involving our children.	Jessica Velasco
I would love to have a school deputy at every school. Not only would it put parents at ease having a first responder present in case of any catastrophic incident (a school shooting) but it would also serve as a deterrent to hopefully avoid that situation altogether. I also personally believe having a deputy on each campus would be a great example and another set of eyes and another important person in these kids' lives. They can encourage children to make the right choices and watch them as they grow up. In today's day and age it is important to teach our children that law enforcement is on our side and is there to support you. Having a school deputy at each school would do just that.	
Schools within Los Angeles County need Los Angeles County Sheriff's working inside of them. Many of the middle schools and high schools have a large number of student population using illicit substances on campus as well as selling illicit substances on campus. There is often physical fights amongst students that turn into dangerous situations when knife's and other weapons are pulled out and utilized during the fight. We have also seen the rise in school shootings. We need Law Enforcement presence on school campuses to not only help manage the issues, but also be able to immediately step in and protect the other vulnerable innocent children. Many children's lives have already been saved by Deputies being present on school campuses. Removing Deputies puts our children's safety at risk.	Jamie Adama
There should be at least 1 deputy per school campus, more if necessary due to student numbers.	Marie
Please keep them in our schools!!	
We NEED to have officers on campus. They help provide safety and security to our schools. Our children feel safer with their presence. They deter from drugs being brought onto campus. Please do NOT remove the officers from our schools.	
Police presence in the schools is most definitely needed.	
We need them on campus	Michelle wilson
Yes, we need officers at all junior and high schools. It keeps everyone safe.	
Protect our kids	Denise

Please don't take the officers from our schools! It gave my son a bit more feeling of security after the shooting at his Saugus High School. With knowing they were there, he was able to go back to classes. My son even looked for the deputy of his school when he was in public and the officer was always nice! We need these men & women as positive roll models, especially for those of us single parents! Thank you!	Cynthia Garcia
Please keep officers on campus. For the safety of all children please do not remove these important officers away from our children and staff.	
If one school shooting isn't enough, what's the number needed to protect our kids? Keep the deputies dedicated to schools. No, better yet expand the support.	
I feel it is vital for the students and staff to have a deputy on campus.	Jessica
These deputies are definitely a great and much needed asset!	C Soto
Keep them in the schools and add an extra 1 or two. Depending on the size of the school.	
It is imperative to have police/sheriff presence in our schools. It is probably the only thing that deters criminals from more acts of violence on campus. It deters kids from bringing drugs on campus as well.	
This is an incredibly valuable resource for our schools. Students, teachers, and families deserve to feel safe in school.	
We need our school officers!! If there is presence of racial profiling of students then please do a better job at vetting the officers who are put into these programs. Having an officer on campus can prevent unfortunate events such as crime, bullying, and worst yet, school shootings. A school officer should be required on all campuses!!	Belen Cervantes
Please keep police on campus.	Bridget Fornaro
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Yes a thousand times yes. Having a deputy assigned to each school would be a welcome sense of relief for parents like myself. Please provide each school with a deputy.	Amanda Pfau
I would like to see unarmed and "dressed-down" SRO who are on the younger side and not white males, working with schools to mentor students. If they are SRO then they need special training to work with youth - not just any sheriff should be in this position. I don't want to see armed officers or any officer whose presence is threatening to minority students. Especially with the ties of the "thin blue line" to racism, our community's people of color have inherent fear of the police. We need to break that down. We need to bring in positive mentors who will guide our students and not be threatening. When there is an actual crime, the armed police can show up appropriately. Having police standing on campus watching students communicates the expectation that crime is occurring or is going to occur. What students need most of all are trusted adults. My preference would be to see additional funding for social workers on site who can relate to the student population and work as mentors. I would love to have full-time social workers on campus who could have time to actually connect with students during nutrition, passing periods and lunches, and be available as mentors. No more "force". Jessica Larmon	
Absolutely a must!	Brenda MANGAN
I believe that it's absolutely imperative that the deputies are on campuses, The incident that took place at Saugus high school would've been much much worse.	Caroline
Please keep them in our schools.	Michelle mcKown
Working for a school where there was a shooting, I can say that these officers are invaluable and absolutely necessary. Not only do they assist with transporting students in dire need of mental health services and perform valuable services to keep children and campuses safe, but their presence is a comfort to staff, parents, and students alike. Please do not consider pulling this valuable resource. Ever.	Dianna
It is vital that we keep school resource deputies on our campus. There was a shooting on our campus. They saved lives.	
As a student, having law enforcement in schools makes me feel safe. As a white person, I have never been racially profiled. I'm sure that would be very devastating, And I am thankful that I have never experienced that. If racial	

profiling is a concern, deputies should complete a course that teaches them how to avoid racial profiling. Removing deputies from schools would not solve the problem; it would be avoiding the problem	
Please leave the school resource officers in schools they'll improve peace of mind for the students and faculty.	Elliot Zundell
It is imperative that we keep a working relationship with our deputies and keep them on campus. The public is unaware of the numerous events ranging from substance possession, use, sales, violent acts, vandalism, threats to others, threats to oneself, etc. These deputies are huge assets to our school sites and removing them would be detrimental to all school sites. Keep our deputies on our campuses.	Ashley Gore
Let's do anything we can to ensure our students are safe at school.	Becky
Every school should have deputy Sheriff on campus	Melissa Bunce
Yes, I think a deputy should be posted at all elementary and higher level schools!	Courtney Bowers
They are needed	
I am unsure why this is even up for discussion. All Jr Highs and High Schools should have deputies assigned at all times to schools. The number of school shootings have consistently only gone up. Teachers should not fear teaching nor students learning. We shouldn't worry about students or teachers trying to carry weapons to protect themselves because trained officers are not present. It's already such a hard thing to wrap your mind around that we live in a world that school shootings happen but until gun laws are enforced and increased officers at school are a necessity.	
Please keep Sheriff's in schools for the safety of our children	
Our deputies have always been a great resource on campus. I am a 27 year veteran school teacher for Hart USD, and I have seen the value our deputies have on my campus. Their presence is a vital as a symbol of the community's value for the security of staff and students. More importantly, deputies provide a resource for students, and they have built relationships with at-risk students to provide guidance. If there have been some incidents, we should address the expectations and processes for how deputies interact in campuses. However, we should maintain their roles as essential to the campus environment.	Michael T Smith
We definitely need officers in our schools. Our kids are not safe without them!	Cynthia
As a parent at a school that actually had a school shooting it is imperative to have Sheriffs Deputies stationed at a school. They are there to keep the kids safe as well as build bonds between the students and the police. If it wasn't for the officers responding, more students may have died at our school. They should be included at elementary schools also to help build bonds and keep the drugs out.	L Johnson
The sheriff's department is essential in keeping out schools safe!	Laura T.
This has been a fabulous resource to educate kids on how there are GOOD officers available to them. It reduces fear, invites conversation in addition to helping with suicide prevention and other mental health struggles. Those campuses feel safer, especially those schools who have suffered from gun violence. Don't take this away!	C
Not having Deputies in schools is just inviting trouble. The fact that this is even being considered is complete nonsense and shows how backwards this county's leaders think.	Bob
I 100% support having deputies providing security at the schools. My son graduated last year from Saugus, after the shooting we had a hard time getting him back on campus. The only thing that helped him was knowing he was safe with the deputies in campus.	Michelle Alvarez
Are you kidding me? With all of the school shootings in this country, you want to remove a deterrent? As a teacher from Saugus High School, one of the many schools that has gone through the absolutely unthinkable, I can't even believe you would even consider the absolutely unthinkable. Leave our school deputies where they belong: on our campuses protecting the innocent students of our county.	
I am shocked! The only deterrent to the wave of violence at our schools is law enforcement presence. The nature of this danger has caused law enforcement to re-think their strategy regarding responding to school shooting and they answer is quick response and immediate action. Having law enforcement on site is the single most important	Steve Sligh

aspect of protecting our children from such acts. As I said opening I am shocked. I am shocked that doing anything other than adding more of these resources to protect our children is being considered. I should also mention that my child found her resource officer friendly, encouraging and a calming force with his presence on campus.	
Deputies need to be at the schools.	Nancy Graham
We need to build a bridge between the youth and law enforcement. I feel better knowing that my daughter attends a school that has law enforcement on campus.	Lluvia Zazueta
Keep LACS on every school campus. Kids feel safer. Parents feel safer having a uniformed officer there at all times. It also builds trust between students and officers.	Kristen
Absolutely, yes.	Eric
I would like the Law Enforcement officers to remain on campus.	Crystal Boon
Law enforcement has been allowed to profile and display racial bias against minority communities in their day to day activities for a very long time. That same behavior has been brought into the school setting by SRO's and displayed towards our minor children specifically black and brown students. While in a perfect world having SRO's that can address dangers in our schools instantly would be of great benefit; unfortunately most have displayed an inability to control their personal biases and their abusive behaviors that only put our children in greater long term danger. The negative actions and behaviors of SRO's has been allowed for far too long and it is unacceptable. In this current environment they have shown that they can not be trusted with our children and it is a disservice to the physical and mental wellbeing of our students. Schools should employ school security guards who are properly trained to work with children not criminals. They should be on school campuses daily and build trusting relationships with students while at the same time have the training to address any potential risks to the school, faculty and students.	
Keep the deputies in our schools.	Nina Fenster
This is common sense with the world we live in today. Keep our officers at the schools!	Cynthia
Due to the recent influx of violence in schools and school shootings it is pertinent to have deputies in our schools to be the first responders when something happens. Having no first line of defense to prevent potentially catastrophic events is the worst possible thing we could do to our children.	Tatum
Please protect our most important asset, our children! Whether from outside intruders or from inside disruptions, our deputies visibly & presents are greatly needed!!	Jane Woodworth
Please don't take officers out of schools. Our kids need them there for safety!	A
Sadly, I think the law enforcement presence is important on schools. Until we have solved social anxieties that are causing violence, this is key.	Jaci Hoffman
The deputies in the schools should continue to be there. They know the schools they are working at and are the first and best line of contact, knowledge and defense. They are needed for junior high and high schools	
Yes we need armed police officers in it schools. They need more rights than the children or anybody else that is doing the wrong thing.	Nylah Edgeman
I'm very concerned about the use of force and racial profiling. At the same time my child is at a therapeutic school for students with various challenges and some of the students at the school are violent, so having a LEO on site is critical for safety. In addition, the gun violence problem and threat of school shootings makes me want to have an LEO close at hand to prevent harm. The answer is better training and to ensure LEOs at schools are specifically trained in dealing effectively and humanely, and without bias, with students with mental illness	
Pls approve having deputies on campuses. Our children's lives depend on it!!!	Courtney Tole
LACSD deputies should continue to be present in schools. The obvious reason is for safety. While many recall the shooting incident at Saugus HS (where my son now attends), the deputies being on campus have helped with countless other incidents too. Many students confide in the deputies for advise. They are also part of the SCV community. Many grew up in our valley. Most deputies live in our valley, have kids that attend our schools, and coach man of the teams our kids play on. The good from them being present outweighs any negatives by far. Keep them in our schools!	Paul R. Martinez

I can't even begin to explain the safety I feel when there is a deputy working at my school. Jane Larochelle
I am a teacher and the students and staff at my school deserve to feel safe. Students need to see positive authority figures. Students and staff do not fear these deputies. They welcome them and are thankful that they are at the school site. They need to stay at our school sites for our mental health. They need to stay at our school sites for the feeling of safety. They ensure our safety.

I think it is a great idea to keep the Sheriff deputies at our schools. Please do not do a blanket solution that will not benefit all schools.

We need our security officers on campus for the safety of our children and in our communities. They provide an important service. Cheryl Anglim
Saugus High School is where my children graduated from. This is where we had an active shooter injuring & killing six students including himself. My family was locked in our home during this event. We need a presence of SROs at all of our schools.

Deputies belong in schools! They provide protection, deter criminal behavior, and Grant Bruemmer
provide positive direction for students. Active shooters that plan their attacks will commonly seek schools that do not have a resource deputy at that school. Please keep police close to our schools! I am a father of 3 children in la county who attend public school as well as a law enforcement officer who responded to the Saugus Shooting.

Deputies in schools is a must!!! Debra Briscoe

Every school site should have a full-time deputy that is thoroughly trained in equity, diversity, inclusion and prejudice.

I feel like we have a collaborative and beneficial relationship with our Sheriff deputies, and feel like our campuses are safer with them being a part of our group.

We need law enforcement throughout our communities, including at schools. They are a deterrent to many and safe lives, just by being present! Absolutely, they should be stationed at and around each school. What nonsense to say they are unnecessary! Between drugs and the various weapons brought onto campuses, imagine how much more there would be, if the police were not around? Scary to think about. Our children need them and I'm thankful to each of them.

It is imperative that we continue to have deputies on our school properties. The presence deters some criminal action, as well as bringing peace of mind to the student body and the teachers and administration. Lastly, it brings peace of mind to me, as a parent of a child in school. My child attends Valencia High School in the Valencia, California.

Having a Sheriff's in schools is in the best interest of students for safety, but also give but also gives them an opportunity to create good, healthy, respectful, relationships, between Sheriffs and students. Developing and nurturing this relationship and teaching at a young age, will hopefully, then flow into their adult lives, creating more peaceful, atmospheres, respect and understanding between Sheriffs and people

With the numerous occurrences of school shootings, drugs, and overall crime, having law enforcement Deputies on school campuses acts as both a deterrent and peace of mind for families. LEOs already have a tough job that often brings negative feelings from the public. Having LEOs on school campuses provides opportunities for our youth and officers to interact with one another positively. This is a great beginning to making connections and increasing community engagement. Crisinda Ismail

Please do not remove deputies from schools, I have a child that feels safer going to public high school knowing there is a deputy already on the campus if fights happen or her biggest fear, a shooting occurs. Emily Swan

The "one size fits all" philosophy does not and should not apply to the issue of SROs on a school campus, because what works for one district may not work for another. School districts are unique and do not share the same issues that others maybe experiencing and the William S. Hart UHSD student community has a positive relationship with our SROs, our SROs are truly "one Hart" and are "present" with showing their care and concern for our students and their families. The decision on whether to have or not have SROs on campus should be solely left up to each individual school district. The William S. Hart UHSD should be able to keep the SROs, they serve a meaningful role and have forged a positive impact with our student community. The SROs the Hart district works with gain Carolyn McMahon

knowledge of issues occurring in the community that can impact school safety, which gives them insight into campus threats, community problems, and safety concerns. This insight is only gained by being on campus and interacting with our students and their families. This includes, but not limited to, students that may want to harm themselves or are suffering from other mental health issues. SROs in our district have been instrumental working with our district social workers and assisting students (and their families) with providing access to resources they need. Our Santa Clarita community feels strongly about keeping our SROs in our schools to ensure the positive impact they have on our students continue and grow through the positive relationships they forge. Kindly do not make a blanket decision by removing SROs, let each district make the decision they feel is best for their students because not having SROs in our district will have a devastating negative impact on our school community. Thank you for your consideration with allowing each district to make their own informed decision on this matter.

The school resource officers supporting the schools in the Santa Clarita Valley are a vital resource to our community and a support to ensuring the safety of our students. Specifically our school resource officers are a core component of our school crisis response teams. They help support our school mental health teams with threat/risk assessments and help transport students in need of psychiatric assessment and/or hospitalization when students are assessed to be at high risk of harming themselves.

Having our sheriffs present and visible on our school campuses provides safety and security for students and staff. In today's dangerous world, I feel they are essential for the physical and emotional health of all.	Barbara plasschaert
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Safety officers are absolutely necessary and provide a valuable service for schools in the Santa Clarita Valley.	Joseph Wilson
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Yes! Our children deserve a safe environment to learn and thrive in!	Cortnee Peterson
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I strongly believe this is necessary in our school system! I vote to have them in our schools!	Joan Hollingsworth
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Absolutely need sheriffs in schools!! The best deterrent to crime.	Cody Lyon
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I had 3 children graduate from Hart High School in Newhall, CA. Having a Sheriff assigned to the school has always made us feel safe, especially after the Saugus shooting. The Sheriff actually gets to know the school, administration as well as the kids. Please keep in mind every school dynamic is different and decisions should be made accordingly. Please do NOT make a one size fits all decision for all districts. This decision should be left up to the individual district administration and their elected board members as they know the need for their particular demographics.	Elizabeth McAnnally
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As a parent of a child who has experienced bullying at his Junior High School, our kids absolutely need SRO officers. Our children deserve to have the protection of an SRO at all times. I think only have one officer for several schools is too few. Thank you.

I truly believe that having law enforcement at our schools will definitely protect our children	Ruth Gardner
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With the rampant crime wouldn't it be nice for students to know that there is someone there to assist them.	Ed Chilakianq
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Why is this even up for debate? Of course we should protect our children by having deputies in our schools.	Rosie O'Grady
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This is an incredibly important service that is needed for the schools to help the kids. Not only to have a deputy there in case of an issues or emergencies that may arise, but it's an opportunity for the kids to interact with a deputy and see that they are there to help them and that they are humans. I feel it is vital for kids and adults to have positive interactions with law enforcement and this is one way to do that and protect these kids who are someone's child and important to that parent/family.	Diana Anderson
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We need more, not less.

As a school Administrator, I can say with all integrity that the deputy program has only been a positive in our school community. At its best, the deputy program augments our school community by exposing students to positive role

models and relationships with local law enforcement. At its worst, the program provides a consistent presence that conveys to our students and their parents that they are safe at our school. The wounds of a school shooting that left students dead is still fresh in our community. The school resource deputy program serves a critical purpose in reminding our families that we are prepared for the worst.

I believe the schools need deputies at the sites for the students as well as the school staff. Pamela Mencuri
If you do not want the deputies at the schools then you need to allow teachers/administrators to carry guns.

We need deputies in our schools! The safety of our children should come first Alejandra Rodriguez

We NEED to keep our Sheriff Deputies on our school campuses. With all the uncertainties Elizabeth Gutierrez
in our world and mental instabilities we need to keep deputies on campus to protect our youth. Knowing their presence is on campus gives a feeling of security and well being as a parent as well as staff member on campus. I know my children feel the same sense of security. Please do not take away the security that our youth deserve! Knowing they are present holds accountability to mischievous youth and taking them away could cause a delay in time when they are truly needed on campus. Having them on campus also promotes positive interaction between law enforcement and the community. Thank you for your taking my comments into consideration! Blessings!

I think that it is great that the deputies are on school campus's. It makes me feel better dropping my kids off at school knowing there is someone who is trained to handle Kim
situations that may come up. The staff at the schools are also wonderful but the extra help with the deputies is always welcome.

Important to have but metal detectors would be more effective I believe....officers can Joanie
not be everywhere in the school at once or stop a school shooter unless they are out front

I think they need to be there.. i understand that there's a shortage of officers to fill these Amber
spots but hire civilians to do the desk work. It's not fair for the teachers that already work so hard to have be the SROs too.. school is supposed to be the safest place a child has and the SRO work hard to keep that way.. this is something we shouldn't be cutting.. maybe the district office board doesn't get a pay raise this year to kee this going.

There is offices protecting banks , celebrities, and so much more . What about our Carolyn Tucker
children ! We need help protecting them please

I fully support placement of SRO officers at our schools in LA County. As a school Jared
psychologist, I have worked extensively with our SRO officer on our high school threat assessment team. He has always offered valuable insights to the team as we navigate through determining levels of threats. Our officer has been able to safely affect arrests when needed and has taken each opportunity to educate the youth involved regarding making better choices in the future.

The campus's will not be safe without an Officer present. Gloria Hernandez

LASD are necessary to our schools. Keeping the students and staff safe should be number Shannon Williams
1 priority

LASD should be at every school in the SCV districts, period. Pulling them would be disastrous, and detrimental to the children, as well as the staff.

How sad is it that in this time of violence in schools, the main concern is that our sheriff Kim DiMarco
and police departments are not to be trusted to protect our most vulnerable children, teachers and school staff. With the threat of, not if, but when, violence will occur in our schools, protection must be given. Who do we call when we need help? The police and sheriff yet we shouldn't trust them? We have a soft on crime DA. We worry more about feelings than responsibility for offenders actions. This includes students whose bad behavior is tolerated, allowing for teaching to be interrupted and fear within the classroom all because we don't want to upset the feelings of those who need to be disciplined.

I would like for Sheriffs to continue being present in school th environment. N/A

Please keep them there for safety.

Yes, it's important and essential for safety of students, staff, and gives parents peace of mind.	Mary A
Please keep the deputies in the schools for the safety of the students and the teachers.	
I great to have them on campus	
Continue to provide deputies in schools	Edith Alangui
Our schools need deputies on campus	Jessica Tarbinian
With today's times, it is very important to have a deputy at the schools to keep our kids safe.	Nikki Smith
i feel it is imperative that we maintain the highest level of safety for the students and staff at all schools and believe deputies should be assigned to working at schools. there continues to be a surge in mental health and generational trauma which impacts society as a whole. education needs to be a safe and secure place to maintain progress with our youth to become educated and healthy adults	
SRO's are an immeasurable asset on school campuses. As a parent and as a former staff member at Saugus High School in Santa Clarita I witnessed their impact firsthand. They are partners to the administration and staff on campuses. There are students who feel safe to come to school only because there is an SRO on site. I can think of no better example of community partnership than the SRO program. I implore you to continue this program.	Kari Dahlquist
Keeping our kids safe, I'm totally for it. We need more safety in all schools!!!	Mercedes
As a former employee of the Hart District, I worked with many SRO's. It's the same as with teachers--there are great ones and there are mediocre ones. I'm not sure how much of a deterrent the SRO's are, though. One thing I would suggest--less equipment. Twenty years ago the SRO did not wear a flak jacket and carry 19 lethal weapons around his/her belt. Nowadays they look like they are SWAT team members. It is not a look that attracts a lot of trust from teenagers. Sure, it could be more of a risk to come to campus without all that equipment on, but the staff do it every single day. I think the military-style uniform turns off too many kids and misses the opportunity for connection between the SRO and the students.	Patrick
Please do not make a decision for our Santa Clarita Valley to take the right to choose away from our local school districts. We have had an amazing experience with our SROs on our campuses. They get to know the students. They are friendly and warm. They know the staff. They are part of the team and part of the community. It makes it less terrifying for our suicidal students to have a familiar face on the crisis response team- because that officer has been on campus daily or at least regularly. Our SROs have been able to positively influence and mentor students away from crime. We want to make this decision for ourselves, not have it mandated to us. We want our SROs!	
Are you seriously asking the parents of students who were at a school shooting if we should get rid of SROs? Shameful.	
I am a 25 yr veteran of the William S Hart UHSD in Santa Clarita. The role of the SRO is vital to the roll of campus safety, wellness, and community collaboration. The SRO's are a common place on our campuses and in our community. They are not a part of our leadership teams, but also service the surrounding community as an officer of the law and liaison of the school.	Dr. Pete Getz
We need our Sheriffs on duty at schools more than ever! Please keep our kids safe!!	
This should not a debate about who, where and how many times certain ethnic groups have been engaged by our on site school officers at certain schools as means of their removals to be on our campuses . This is more about having these resources on campus with assisting to help school administration and staff with keeping our kids safe in an ever increasing criminal environment now in our county and cities.	Heather
Our district is TK-6, I don't we need SROs on campus regularly, but we would appreciate having an officer whom we could contact directly (like we used to) to answer questions	Katherine Cooper

about delicate situations. And perhaps have them visit periodically so kids understand they are here to help, and are a resource.

Our school resource officers help protect not only students, but also staff. They are a key component to maintaining safety on school campuses in this new world of school shootings.

Brandy Abernethy

I have been working with Hart school district for the last 4 years and have seen first-hand how the SRO's play a critical role in many aspects of our students' lives. It would be hugely detrimental to our school communities to not have deputies working in schools. As a mental health professional, I fully support and encourage their presence on campus to assist with our student population and out community.

Mayra Bullon

We cannot forget so soon the tragedies our schools have endured. We need the added protection and peace of mind that our children are safe. We cannot lose this sense of comfort.

Autumn Fernandez

Yes, this is needed!

Eric Hollingsworth

Sheriff deputies are absolutely essential to the safety and well being of all persons on a school campus. The only thing that stops a bad guy with a gun is a good guy with a gun. The people on campus are at the mercy of anyone who comes on campus with the intention of doing harm.

Lawrence Asrilant

To those that would vote to remove the deputies from campus, have you already forgotten the disaster that was the "defund the police" movement? Crime and violence has skyrocketed. People do not feel safe and criminals have virtually no fear of capture or incarceration. It will take years to repair the damage done by defunding the police. Though, not a guarantee of safety, having law enforcement on campus offers a powerful layer of protection for all of the vulnerable and defenseless people at schools.

As a teacher we need this service. We would hate to experience a repeat tragedy just so we can save a few dollars.

Luis Fernandez

Each school should have an armed deputy on campus at all times

I am the grandparent of a student who was in the quad during the Saugus High School shooting. When I drop off my granddaughter at Golden Valley High school the presence of the officer at the main entrance is comforting to me and very important for the safety of our children. Having a trained and armed officer at each school should not ever be considered as a "budget cut".

Michelle Cesena

Please keep LA County deputies on campus. It makes our schools and students safe.

LEO's in our schools are an integral part of maintaining safety for our children. They interact and get to know the students solving or preventing issues before they start. In the City of Santa Clarita they also are involved in the DFI in SCV program to address substance abuse and suicide prevention. I can certainly think of several places the LASD could make cuts that don't put our kids at risk.

Having read through the material attached above, I can see the reasoning behind some of the recommendation in the recent 2023 report. A SRD should work closely with the school administration, but should not be used as the first tool when there are disciplinary issues at school. That said, the sheriff are a useful reminder that there are consequences for actions that are life threatening, as well having the potential of being life threatening. Yes there should be more training, there are biases within us all that need to be squarely looked at and dealt with. But do not gut this program, do not remove the officers, or marginalize them, or turn them into enemies within the gates. My son who recently graduated from Hart High remembers the sheriff at his school, not with alarm or distrust, but as a guy who the kids trusted and could make jokes about and around. And that is a valuable lesson, there needs to be a mending within our society. We need to learn to trust, and treat, each other with much more humanity. We can train our deputies to work more closely with schools, face their own demons, as we face ours, and teach our children that sheriff should be respected as they respect their teachers. Let us write a new social

Citizen M.

contract that encompasses all, that teaches our children, and urges us to reflect on the greater community.

This is absolutely needed! Who will assist transport kids who are a danger to themselves and others to the hospital. What about the increasing school violence? Aren't our schools worth the support to keep them safe!

I think it would a great security measure for the safety of students and teachers

Teresa Maurizi

As a survivor of the Saugus HS shooting, I think the Sheriffs working at our schools is extremely important. Not only did they save lives on that horrible day, but they are one of the reasons the students felt comfortable to return to campus following the tragedy. Many Sheriffs have experienced a shooting during their career and students were able to process the event by talking to someone that understands what they went through. Staff members were also able to share and process the event with the officer and felt their was one more person to help support the school after the shooting.

Laura Pedrick

Also, Santa Clarita doesn't have the same problems as other areas in Los Angeles county and we should be able to make decisions that are best for our community. Los Angeles County is very large and contains a lot of different communities of different races, economic classes, and criminal behavior. This makes it inappropriate for one oversight committee to eliminate all Sheriffs from all schools in the county. Maybe we need to train and educate the students, parents, and officers on how to interact with each other and learn to work together for safer schools and communities.

I think that's a terrible idea and would feel very unsafe with my kids on campus

Deputies working in schools not only provide a rapid response during an emergency, but during normal day to day interactions with students builds a bridge between law enforcement and the public they serve. It is the this public trust that is vital for building a strong community who is not afraid of the police, but appreciative and understanding of the work they do. Additionally, a school resource deputy may be the only positive parental figure for at risk youth. The resource deputy can often be the first positive role model and mentor for a child who is teetering on the edge of nefarious behavior. This is how we prevent crime and build mature and responsible teenagers to become productive members of our society.

Paul Gallo

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Paul Gallo

The presence of law enforcement in schools has so many positive aspects to it that the idea of removing them from campuses leaves me dumbfounded. The most glaring and important thing campus law enforcement provides is a line of defense. In an age where violence and access to deadly, illicit drugs exists, the idea that trained law enforcement is on school campuses should provide comfort to parents, kids, and staff - not concern. Campus law enforcement also creates the opportunity for students and deputies/officers to forge a relationship where each can see the other as relatable. I believe removing law enforcement from campuses encourages the impression that each is the other's adversary. As a parent, I would NOT want that. Respectfully, I think removing law enforcement from school campuses is a short sighted action which would be regretted if or when tragedies or events bring to light the reason why there is great value in their presence on school campuses in the first place.

Tina Gallo

Please do not even consider removing our sheriffs from our schools. If funding is the problem instead of punishing our officers for mishandling a given situation then refund our law enforcement and provide additional education for them. Let's support our officers. Our children are the most vulnerable and they deserve to be protected. Thank you

I feel that we need to keep deputies in schools.

Christopher

As an educator for the past three and one half decades I find it deplorable and psychologically imposing to the students who are constantly reminded of the 'law' that works for one group of people so differently than others. As the late Steven Biko was quoted saying "The most potent weapon of the oppressor is the mind of the oppressed." Having policing as an integral part of the institution of education is not for student's safety; rather to keep students astutely aware that this is the way they are watched and kept in line.

Lisa Cain

I have taught in 'at-risk' communities throughout the United States (Harlem New York, Newark New Jersey, Decatur Georgia, and South Central Los Angeles California).

Witnessing the stronghold on the environments where the student's are surrounded by authoritarian symbols that are most interested in their behavior rather than expansion of their minds, has led this country to more violence than any other 'developed' country not at 'war'.

I have not had difficulty with order in my classrooms as I diligently work to keep the material relevant with the 'issues' the student request to know about above the textbooks that often leave these topics out of their purvey. This is done with the subject matter demonstrating the intersectionality of one discipline of study being pertinent to many others.

Let me add that being this 'police' presence is masked in schools where children of European descent are taught they are left to feel a school is a place where they are welcomed, protected not policed.

Teachers need to be held more accountable for 'teaching' and maintaining the interest and inborn curiosity of students along with genuine caring for them as human beings.

Finally, I will end my comments with a quote from Alice Walker "the most common way people give up their power is by thinking they don't have any". As the students are empowered via learning they realize the 'power' in being an educated individual who can reason and respect differences even when they are not being reciprocated.

I thoroughly DISAGREE WITH POLICE in the schools.

It is my opinion, as a parent of 5 kids in Los Angeles county that not only should schools have a sheriff on campus...but every single school should have more than one resource officer. If politicians kids are protected....every single child should be. Private schools have armed security- yet our children are sitting ducks and no one bats an eye. Protect the children and staff.

Myra Rabadi

To whom it may concern,

Ashley Duckgeischel

I am a school based therapist who routinely works with deputies from the Sheriff's department. After working at Saugus High School with those suffering from the shooting, it is evident that the deputies on our campuses are crucial. Our need for their presence is not a circumstantial, but an indispensable force that keeps our campuses safe. Our staff and students need to know that we have resources who can protect us. Our District has always encouraged and appreciated the support from law enforcement. In the last year, I have worked with our deputies more than ever due to the increased need and mitigating crisis situations. Our schools need your presence to keep our staff and students safe. Thank you for all you've done and continue to do.

Ashley Duckgeischel, LMFT,

School-Based Therapist from William S Hart Union High School District

Must keep deputies onsite at the campus for the safety of our kids in school.

Hana

I have worked at a high school and I found that the students and staff feel so much better having one of them on site. I have actually seen them take care and prevent situations

Elizabeth Calzadillas

that could have gotten out of hand, controlled at the site. I also think the students appreciate that they were talked to and prevented them from making the wrong decision/actions again. Absolutely need them.

I think there should be an armed Sheriff on all school campuses. Schools are often chosen as a shooting target because they are a "soft" target. Keep schools safer.

They should be in the schools!

Ashley Amell

It is essential that deputies continue working in our schools. I am a teacher in a public Junior High School and I have personally seen what an impact these officers are making in the lives of the students as well as protecting the rest of the students and staff on campus. I have watched these officers make personal connections with students who are struggling and are making very poor choices. I've watched as the connection has grown and students have changed their behavior for the better. We have incidences where students make threats or bring inappropriate objects or drugs to school and these officers are there to handle the situation and keep the rest of the students and staff safe. Please do not take these deputies from our schools. They are making a huge difference on our campus.

School SRO's are essential to helping students, staff, and families feel safe on campus.

Heather Coo

Removing a dedicated campus SRO, particularly at a district that has experienced a shooting, would be detrimental to the mental and physical well being of all those on campus, and those who care about them.

As a school administrator, I cannot imagine what our jobs would be like without Sheriff Department's deputies working in our school communities. They fulfill many roles on campus, not the least of which is providing an increased sense of safety and security for our parents and students. This is particularly important since one of our sister schools experienced a school shooting just a few years ago. It is also very gratifying to see our Sheriff's Deputy make positive connections with our students, who love to interact with him, on a daily basis.

Officers shouldn't be in schools. They were useless when we had a shooting, we still ended up with dead kids, though they did make scared kids pee in a bucket in front of the class while they dithered around. They do however mess up adults consequences to children, which is just as bad.

Decline to state

Having sheriff deputies on our school sites has been of extreme help in a variety of ways. Not only does it promote positive relationships between police and students, but having them also provides a sense of safety that would not be had without them. Removing them from our sites will not only eliminate that sense of safety and connection, but allow our society to inflate the negativity towards our police officers. They also work incredibly well with our school staff and administration stepping in as necessary to support our staff and students in ways that no other department can.

Mike Lipka

Los Angeles County Sheriff Department's deputies should absolutely remain working in schools. Santa Clarita has experienced a horrific tragedy, which no other school in Los Angeles County should ever have to face. As an educator, parent, and community member of Santa Clarita, we love and respect our campus sheriffs. Unfortunately, their presence is necessary in order to keep our schools safe.

As a teacher, it is imperative that we continue to have school resource officers on our campuses to keep our students and staff safe, especially with the increase in violence in our schools. Removing them lessens our ability to protect our students and staff.

It is essential that they remain in our schools as it can serve as a deterrent of crime as well as a feeling safe by our students on campus.

Irene Aguilar

Having resource deputies on campus is a real necessity for the safety of the kids. It builds relationships between local law enforcement and the students while also giving students and staff the security needed.

Our school resource officer is important for the safety of our campus. Having the officer available to our schools provides a level of support that our administration does not offer. Students need all kinds of supports in schools, and with how the media has popularized school shootings, there seems to be more and more shootings each year. Having our SRO on campus (or only a text away), is necessary for the safety of our campus and comfort for our school community. We can focus on learning because we know we have a close support nearby if we need them. We don't need to be pulling more resources from our schools. That is the wrong place to cut from.

Deputies in schools are a must. They provide much needed support for administrators, teachers/staff, and students. They help schools feel safe.

As a school counselor at a junior high school, I believe that having school resource officers (SROs) in junior high schools can be beneficial for several reasons:	Jesse Marshall
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Safety and Security: SROs play a crucial role in maintaining a safe and secure learning environment. Their presence can deter potential threats and ensure a quick response in case of emergencies, such as incidents of violence or other dangerous situations.

Building Trust and Relationships: SROs can build positive relationships with students, staff, and parents. By being a familiar face in the school community, they can foster a sense of trust and approachability. This can lead to improved communication and a better understanding of the students' needs.

Mediation and Conflict Resolution: SROs can act as mediators in conflicts between students, helping to de-escalate situations before they escalate into more significant issues. Their conflict resolution skills can contribute to a more peaceful and supportive school climate.

Educational Opportunities: SROs can provide educational programs on topics like internet safety, drug awareness, bullying prevention, and other essential life skills. These programs can help students make informed decisions and lead healthier lives.

Resource for Staff: SROs can assist teachers, counselors, school social workers and administrators with issues related to law enforcement and safety. They can provide valuable expertise on matters like school security planning and emergency preparedness.

Youth Mentorship: SROs can act as positive role models for students, offering guidance and mentorship. They can promote positive behavior and help students make responsible choices.

Community Connection: SROs can serve as a link between the school and the local law enforcement agencies. This connection can help in addressing community issues that may impact the school and vice versa.

Early Intervention: Having SROs in junior high schools allows for early intervention in cases where students may be at risk of involvement in criminal activities or facing challenges in their personal lives. SROs can work with other school staff to provide necessary support and resources.

It is essential to emphasize that while SROs can bring many positive aspects to a school, their presence should always be balanced with a commitment to creating a nurturing and inclusive school environment. Training for SROs should include a focus on de-escalation techniques, cultural competence, and an understanding of adolescent development to ensure that their interactions with students are respectful and supportive. Additionally, it's crucial to regularly assess the impact of SRO programs and adapt them based on feedback from students, parents, and educators to ensure they are serving their intended purpose effectively.

The Deputies in Public schools was a real eye opener when I got the invitation. The panelist today were phenomenal. They really know what's going on with hard data. Jewel Forbes the administrator knows where the schools fall short. Barron Gardner you are my everyday hero in coming straight out of Lancaster this kids are thrown out of LA. No parents or incarcerated upset at the world in a hot poverty stricken community. The Sheriff's are put in that environment and now trained to be in schools. Take the badge off and learn to be a Vice-principal, dean of discipline, Administrator of education, and find a sport to coach. The funding for the SOR should have created a career shift module. Teachers who know, who's team they are on will be open to these type of community building enrichment talks. I was a coach for many years and I enjoyed working with our youth developing them. I had to be a teacher in order to coach. Being on campus present with student-athletes will be a positive experience. Specialized Deputies are some of the toughest human beings I know. It is not your normal 9-5 job it a job that requires the best of your training. I was baseball player as an adult for the West Covina "Astros" N.A.B.A.	Eric Somilleda
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League. The ball players were all young Sheriffs from Lancaster and Bakersfield some jailers and specialist in the Force. Our team became the Norwalk Astros and we liked winning. Their jobs were tough and they need an activity to release their energy. Nice very kind humans but when the uniform and badge goes on they transform into what is law enforcement. Sheriffs and guns don't belong in our public schools.

Rudy Perez was on target with his final comment, coaching is what he does and has fun teaching other cohorts to train SOR's. When kids are having fun they learn because of the endorphins that our human body naturally releases. A credentialed Physical Education Teacher plays a vital role in todays society.

"It is in the physical education environment, be it at school, in parks or recreation facilities, community centers, camps, and hospitals (Juvenals) , that the children and youth learn this important association between well-being and intellectual capacity." President Ronald Regan July 16, 1986.

Amir Walker the researcher good stuff my man! Our roads will cross again in making our home a better safer place for all.

Luis S. Garcia, I appreciate you and your will, to explore new ways of knowing. The mental health crises has momentum. This space you host on webex for these organic conversations will come into fruition. Thank you!

My recent experience as an executive under cover boss with my boots on the ground running has been eye opening. The Judicial branch of government in the State is unregulated. Courtrooms and legal officiants are over whelmed. California State Bar attorneys in my recent experience don't have a clue about protecting the public and our entrusted Sheriff deputy. I am a Master Public Administrator in non-profit public sector government executive management and M.S. in Educational Leadership exploring my final career.

The SROs in the William S. Hart UHSD are a part of our community. They are a very teacher important safety resource on our campus and work closely with staff and students. We NEED our deputies, especially after school shooting and stabbing in our home district. Our deputies work tirelessly to help make our campus a safer place.

Yes. We need them. Students want them.

We need/appreciate law enforcement officers at schools and their presence at various school sites

With how much violence occurs on campuses (including a deadly school shooting in our district), I don't understand how we could even consider removing a deputy from our schools.

I think having SRO officers on campus is essential for many reasons. 1-this help deter threats 2-this provides someone on campus that can act fast with the proper training and resources in the incident of aggression 3-this allows a relationship to be fostered with LEOs and the youth that is personable and allows kids to see that LEOs are humans as well, and are looking out for their best interest.

School Resource Officers are an integral and beneficial part of our campus cultures in the Hart School District. They provide a higher level of school safety, while partnering with schools to support students of diverse backgrounds. During medical and disaster emergencies our SROs coordinate with other agencies to protect students and ensure quick responses that save lives. On numerous occasions I have seen our officers make lasting connections with students that have literally changed lives. While SROs might not be a good fit for some school districts, it should be up to each individual school district to decide if this program is of benefit to them or not. In the Hart School District, School Resource Officers are a valuable part of the team!

It is imperative to have a sheriff on each of the campuses for the safety of the students and the staff. Jeannie Bozurich

They help the staff and Campus Supervisor In situations when needed.

I feel safer when police are present. Cindy Wilken

The presents of sheriff deputies at Saugus HS has a definite positive affect on students and faculty Thomas Beam

Extremely necessary!! We shouldn't even be having a discussion about this!!	
we need the deputies at school. some kids are violent and bring weapons to school.	kim mason
Deputies on school campuses is a NECESSITY. Students and parents can have piece of mind knowing that an officer is on campus in case of an emergency scenario. The SRO not only provides a sense of protection and security to everyone on campus, but they also act as an educational resource for students interested in the police department.	
I think it's great Los Angeles County Sheriff Departments' deputies are working at the schools because it bridges the school community with the law enforcement, it also allows for opportunities for deputies and students to communicate and build a relationship. And one of the biggest reasons is safety, having a deputy in campus is a deterrent to for students who to commit a crime on campus, and if there's an emergency, there's a deputy nearby to assist faster to the situation.	Joe
They should definitely be on school sites.	Katrina skaar
I feel safer having a deputy at our school.	Tammy Skinner
Yes, please allow Los Angeles county deputies to work in the schools!!	
A deputy should be on every campus with the threat of school shootings existing in this world. Having them on-site can make a huge difference!!	Alicia Irwin
Over the course of the past 20 years, I have witnessed several deputies being a valuable asset to our school community. I remember all of them as a positive influence on our student population. They have mentored students and have been an excellent example of law enforcement for thousands of young people.	
I believe the School Resource Deputies play a vital role in school safety and I am against their removal from our schools. Crime, gangs, and drugs are among the many issues schools face and LEOs are a necessary part of the school's team to help address, prevent and deal with these issues.	
School Resource Deputies are vital for school safety. It helps staff and students feel safer. We had a school shooting and the staff feel safer having a School Resource Deputy on campus.	
As a school nurse the presence of the police department on campus is huge. We cannot lose our police department in our schools with the huge rise in mental health crisis, illegal drug use, etc ...I believe our politics/ media are to blame for these false accusations and we should be smarter and keep our securities in place to protect our students and each other!	Brenda winkler
They are a very important and essential part of public schools due to the fact of increased violence etc.in our public schools.The play a vital part in school Safety.If there is no Sheriff presence it could be catastrophic orDetrimental to our schools	Jake Zaragoza
School resource officers are valued members of our local school community. I am the parent of a junior high student and a high school student, as well as an employee of the school district. I can tell you that the SROs provide an important service and feeling of safety for our students and we do not want to lose them. We are grateful for our officers, they have been nothing but professional and have a great relationship with our schools. Losing them will be a very unpopular outcome in our community. School safety should be assessed and addressed at the district/community level- not the county level (especially a county the size of Los Angeles).	Danielle Ewing
Prior to the 2019 incident on our campus, Saugus High School, I was aware of the importance of having SDR's on our campus. It became evidently more clear the importance of having a competent SDR after the incident. If SDR's are going to continue, we need to make sure they are well trained in handling all types of incidents ranging from de-escalation to more aggressive and dangerous incidents. Additionally, they need to be approachable, kind, and respectful to the students and community they serve. Since 2019, the inconsistency of SDR's has been plentiful.	Kevin Berns
I prefer a sheriff on campus.	
This is not in the best interest in public safety. Removal of sworn officers from schools places staff and students at risk	Brian G

As a current HS Teacher in LA County, a lifelong Democrat, and native Californian, I must say that deputies, security guards, and/or LAUSD Police are a welcome sight for me. I attended Venice High School during the early 90s, a time marked by gang violence and numerous murders in the Venice area. I felt then, as a student, and we needed to be better protected from people who threatened our safe learning environment. I still believe that to this day. However, with high profile incidence of police brutality I do feel it is imperative that these resource officers and on campus guards be given better training. Most people in California walk the middle of the road on this issue, and I believe we can find an area where we have police on campus, but only officers who have been given proper training in compassionate policing.	Daniel Soto
Please continue to fund and support LASD deputies work in schools. They are a valuable and helpful resource for students and staff.	Josh McDonald
As an educator and parent, I feel very strongly on the need for dedicated resource officers in the schools.	Carrie Garcia
They are important resources for safety in schools.	
We absolutely need SROs in our schools. I work at a school that had a school shooting and our SEO was not on campus at the time. Had he been, perhaps our tragedy would be lessened. We actually need to make sure EVERY school site has at least one SRO on campus from the moment the school gates open in the morning until students have gone home after school.	
I support the work of the school resource officers at my campus, and the schools in our community. As a teacher, I feel supported and protected in our joint responsibilities of keeping the youth on the campus safe. In addition, our officers provide an important role in providing positive interactions with the sheriff's department as a first exposure to law enforcement.	
It is imperative we keep School Resource Officers (SRO) on our school campuses. As a high school School Counselor, I see and use the support of the SRO on a regular basis to help students in crisis and support in other situations. As a School Counselor at a high school where a school shooting took place, I see and use the support of the SRO on a regular basis. We would be at a severe disadvantage without School Resource Officers at our high schools. Please consider the welfare and safety of our students, educators, and staff when making this important decision. We need our SRO. We depend on our SRO. Our SRO is part of our school community and family.	Brenda Monteleone
As a teacher when the resource deputy on campus I feel safe as well as all the students. We NEED them on campus. 1 per school.	Kacey kapp
Having the Sheriff Dept on site at schools is crucial to the safety of students and staff.	Andrea Cruz
As a substitute teacher for the Hart District, I am on many different campuses each week. I have seen the positive impact SRO have on the campus and the students. As I enter the campuses each day and see the SRO I feel much safer.	Amanda Maddux
School deputies are an integral part of our school systems! They create a sense of safety and make positive connections with our young people on campus. Having school deputies allows diverse populations to interact positively with our police. School deputies are part of the good things that are happening at our Jr. Highs and High Schools in the Santa Clarita Valley! Please don't take away our police.	Jennifer Frias
Our schools in the Santa Clarita Valley have benefited greatly from the support of School Resource Deputies. They work with our teachers and support staff to ensure the safety and well-being of our students. They serve in the capacity to educate students on making healthy choices for themselves and others. The school resource deputies are a proactive resource for our students, parents, and staff. Our community does not have the issues seen in other communities, and any one size fits is inequitable. With the rise of crimes in our City (and all of Los Angeles County for that matter) and school shootings, our comprehensive school sites remain soft targets for those that seek to cause harm. Seconds matter in a response from law-enforcement. Our community is still recovering from the Saugus high school shooting on November 14, 2019. No one on a public school campus is armed other than our school resource deputy. Responding to someone who is focused on hurting or harming others without the support and presence of law-enforcement is a grave mistake.	

I work in the William S. Hart School district and have been hand and hand with many deputy ties that help keep our students safe. I can not imagine a school in our district feeling safe without them, especially with everything that has gone on in our community recently. One of our high schools had a shooting, we need them for the staff and students safety.

I have always had a great experiences communicating with them as they seem to love what they do. They treat our students and staff with respect and have our best interest at heart.

They have been a great resource in helping students and staff.

For the safety of students and staff, it is a necessity in this day and age. Anxiety would be heightened without them in campus.

They play an integral part of a school's admin team, as long as they intentionally make an effort to be part of the team and make a difference in students' lives. They must have some buy-in into the community.

As a teacher at Saugus HS (who was there barricading my students during a mass shooting on our campus 4 years ago), I believe we need school resource deputies 100%. In fact, to go a step further, I'd say ADDING deputies to our campuses is the more prudent route to go. To even think about (or cater to the Defund supporters) could end up having a very dangerous impact on our schools. The presence of a Resource deputy on our campuses is necessary and please don't cater to the small minority of people who are looking for their 15 minutes of fame by piggybacking a totally unrelated incident that should not even be in the same sentence as keeping our schools safe.

I feel safe having a deputy on sheriff. I feel like we need one per school instead of splitting time between schools. Especially what occurred on Saugus' campus having a police presence is something that students and teachers need.

Milan Cabrera

I LOVE them!!! I feel so safe knowing they are around. As a teacher, I feel more at ease when they are on campus. Please, please, please keep our deputies!! Please! So grateful for them!

Samantha AbdullH

Our school resource officer provides a very valuable service to our high school campus. I feel his very uniformed presence has served as a deterrent to crime.

Vanessa Vonnrhein

I am currently a veteran teacher with over 25 years of teaching experience in a very large High School. It is safe to say that I have been witness to literally hundreds of incidents that needed our SRO's immediate help to de-escalate the crisis, assist with our safety officers, and support other staff members. For anyone involved in violence, disruption, dangerous intruders, etc. the SRO is often the one person who can make the kind of impact that other faculty simply cannot. I have personally seen acts of violence with knives, tasers, a gun, strangers coming on campus looking for students to harm, just to name a few, and our SRO was critical in resolving these incidents without a tragic outcome. I think this is the most important reason why SRO's are so imperative to school safety-the SRO stops tragedies before they happen.

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I am fully aware of the concern and belief that the presence of SRO's on campus may have a negative impact on students who have been exposed/negatively impacted by law enforcement. This is not a matter to be dismissed or taken lightly. The relationships between our students and the SRO should be one of mutual respect. There needs to be extensive training and students should also have some direct instruction on building a healthy relationship with the SRO. There should be a goal of trust, honesty, transparency, and above all respect. That said, I think it would be foolish and quite dangerous to just end the discussion and leave our campuses without the help of our brave, dedicated, and committed SRO's. I would ask anyone who has a child in school or a loved one employed in a school and think about that person without any line of defense, totally vulnerable and scared if tragedy were to strike. Our schools are soft targets. Our schools are also sacred. They house the children we love and the loss or harm to even one child is simply unbearable to me as a teacher and a mom. Please, please, tread carefully on your decisions and consider perhaps making improvements with the SRO program, not the elimination of it. Thank you for your time. My deepest respect for your continued service.

<p>Hello. I have been a teacher in the Hart District, in Santa Clarita, since the late 90's. Having a deputy who is regularly present on campus is invaluable. For kids who might have an affinity to causing trouble, I believe it can be a deterrent for antisocial behaviors, at least on campus. For kids who want to look cool to some "tough" peers, but don't particularly want to be a real behavior problems, it can be a good reason to stay out of trouble. Of course it also adds comfort to staff and community since school shooting situations are real.</p>	<p>John McCarthy</p>
<p>I love having deputies on campus! It's sends the message that there are laws and that they are enforced. A law without enforcement shouldn't be a law to start with! Speaking of, I blame the courts (not police) for allowing what is happening on campuses today by CHOOSING not to enforce drug laws, truancy laws, etc.</p>	
<p>As a high school teacher, I feel that our school resource officer is a valuable part of our school community. Over my career, I have seen our officers forge positive relationships with the kids in our community and become like father figures to our students. Our resource officers have helped so many of our students avoid going down the wrong path by giving them that trusted adult that could really help them understand the consequences of their actions if they did not change their behavior. Our officer added a seriousness to the tone when we needed it in a way that would be difficult for school administrators to replicate alone. Our resource officer also helps our staff feel more safe at work. In 2019, there was a school shooting in my district, and I just cannot imagine going to work without that added layer of security.</p> <p>I understand why the commission is looking into this issue, but I really don't think a one-size-fits-all policy is the way to go in our county. Please consider the voices of our school district leaders when coming to any decisions about whether or not we get to keep our deputy on campus.</p>	<p>Kathryn Smith</p>
<p>Having worked as a teacher in middle and high schools since the 1990s, including Hart District, I cannot imagine a properly run, safe campus without an on-campus officer. There is no other way to provide a fast emergency response than having law enforcement on our sites. Just having an officer present sends a visual message of safety and is reassuring to staff and students even when there is no clear and present danger. As the mother of a child who was on campus the day of the Saugus shooting, it is appalling to me that there is even a shadow of the possibility of reducing law enforcement presence in our schools. When the unthinkable happens, seconds count. We must continue to have a fully engaged relationship between Hart District and our local sheriff's department. It's the only way to preserve lives.</p> <p>Anything less than what is currently in place between our two entities sends a message to the larger community that school safety is not a priority and should always be our first and most important goal.</p> <p>Yep, racial profiling and excessive force are issues worth discussing--they are real, but those are not debates to place above student safety. Ask any parent who has lost a child to school violence or had a child witness mayhem while trying to get to class, and I think they would fully agree with my stance.</p> <p>Let's do the right thing here, guys. The choice is obvious.</p>	<p>Traci O'Connell</p>
<p>All for it.</p>	
<p>We need the support of the law enforcement in our schools.</p>	
<p> there needs to be an armed officer at every school.</p>	<p>Cindy Muehlberger</p>
<p>Due to the changing climate of schools these days it is imperative that we have deputies working in schools. They bring added value to the school community. They build and develop relationships with our students. They work with some of our more challenging youths to help guide them to making better decisions. They are also our first responders if in fact something tragic happens on campus. They know the law better than anyone so they can also add valuable input in difficult situations where teachers/admin may not be</p>	<p>Tony Moskal</p>

familiar with those processes. They are needed and it would be an absolute irresponsible decision to not have them on our campuses.

Deputies in schools is a must-have.

I am in full support of deputies working in our schools. We need as much support as possible. Traci Robison

I have seen our deputies making real connections with students to offer support and build relationships. They offer a positive interaction with police to an essential group.

As an employee of the District I welcome the Resource Officers on at our school sites. Their presence provides an enhanced sense of safety and I believe discourages crime in and around our schools Michelle Dizon

I've been a substitute teacher for seven years including 6 years in Hart School District. I've worked in multiple school districts. Times have changed. Quality sheriff deputies with experience and character are a highly valuable asset to Hart School District. I am a teacher with access to students who share their thoughts and personal information with teachers like me, teachers they trust. I would like to share I was surprised by the number of students who over several years, had told me they either had access to firearms with their parents' knowledge and consent. In a worst-case scenario, deputies would provide quick effective response to a situation. I also believe professional Resource Officers help our youth develop an understanding of the mission and culture of law enforcement communities. As a taxpayer I support the idea of every public-school having access to Resource Officers, even if it is not a daily occurrence. I've also worked in the security industry for over 16 years, and I still work in that industry while being a substitute. I'd like to think I'm speaking not as a biased teacher of the education system but as I concerned citizen familiar with security issues. I support the idea of deputies working in public schools throughout the district. Raymond Carty

As a teacher, I feel safer knowing that there is help on campus as a quick reaction, should the need arise. I also feel that the SRO's work diligently to form connections with our community to work as partners in our efforts to help all students.

I do not feel that any decision for or against the SRO program should be unilateral, applying to the entire county, when every community has different needs and demographics and should have the ability to choose to keep the SRO's in the schools or release them as their needs demand it.

I am a teacher in LA county and I would NOT feel safe at my job without School Resource Deputies on my campus. With the recent and frequent school shootings, it is IMPERATIVE that deputies are on campus to respond at a moment's notice. The safety of our entire school campus and community is at risk, and that real danger should not be less important than the emotions and perceptions of a small percentage of students who may feel unsafe with deputies on campus.

It is imperative for LA County Sheriff Deputies support our school... our high school deputy has been an integral part of my child's school for not only safety but to help build a positive community in working with the school counselors, admin and students ... our deputy is seen as a positive support on campus and we are part of the minority student population of color.

They should continue working in our school.

As a teacher, I feel a bit safer with a SRD on campus. Please do not take this away from our schools.

School Resource Officers are definitely needed in our schools to ensure the safety and well being of both students and staff. Although rare, misconduct can occur and should be dealt with on a case to case basis. But removing the officers from the schools is not the answer, and not in the best interest of the schools or the community.

SRD's should not be removed. If anything, funding should be provided for more deputies on campus.

They are heavily needed. Sean Delong

Please keep up the partnership between the Sheriff's department and Wm Hart USHD. The deputies know our schools so well and are a huge asset in our safety. We love our deputies and I am grateful for their presence. Rebecca Goldberg

I think it's asinine to have an unlimited supply of guns in the public's hands and then consider taking away the one deterrent to people using those guns on school campuses. John Johnson

Keep the deputies on school campuses. Restrict their ability to criminalize behavior that should be school discipline, but keep the deputies.

Hello, while decisions are often multi-faceted, I would like schools to have a School Resource Deputy on campus. The safety of students, faculty and staff is of highest priority. Thank you for your consideration.

N/A

These deputies are a necessary part of our schools. They keep our children and our teachers safe!

Monica Rogozik

I had the experience of being Valentina Orellana-Peralta's physics teacher when her life was tragically cut short by an out of policy shooting by an LAPD officer. I've seen first hand the pain marginalized communities have suffered at the hands of LEO's and while I hope for days of healing ahead, that is a long road ahead. Students shouldn't have to face that trauma in their place of learning.

The SRO's are very important on our school campuses. They have been very important school community members and very positive role models. They build positive relationships with students and help keep our schools positive learning environments. I have had the opportunity to get to know many of them. Some who have moved on to promote to serve our community in larger capacities and some who have, unfortunately, lost their lives. Deputy Romo lost his battle with Covid and Deputy Devin Freeman lost his battle with Cancer. Both these individuals were not only respected in our schools, but were respected by the entire Santa Clarita community. So much so, that during their celebrations of life, the venues were filled with hundreds of community members and students from the schools they were serving. It was very common to hear from students the positive words and thoughts they had for both deputies. The tradition of positive service to our community has continued through the likes of Deputy Mike Perry, Deputy Tarek Salah, Detective Derrick Alfred, Deputy Mark Barreto, Deputy David Swigart Deputy David Martinez, Detective Candace Gonzalez, just to name a few. If we do not allow Deputies to continue their presence in our school, I worry that these deputies and many others will never be seen as the positive individuals they are. We cannot allow the actions of a few to create negative stereotypes about a whole group. We cannot allow ourselves to succumb to ideas and beliefs that directly conflict with what we teach our young people. We teach them to not rid themselves of bias and negative stereotypes. To consider removing Deputies from our schools is based on bias and stereotypes because most Deputies and Law Enforcement officers are great people. Let's not allow ourselves to change something because of perception. Our schools need School Resources Officers.

Thomas Flores

As a parent of two students that attend school in a district that recently suffered through a school shooting, the school resource deputy is a non negotiable. There is safety in having a deputy directly connected to the school site.

Andrea Blade

Also, not only am I a parent but I am also an educator of fragile students new to the country, the SRO goes out of their way to connect with those students through the social worker to let those specific population know they are there for their safety and to protect them. Furthermore, as an educator, I feel safer on campus knowing we have an invested and involved SRO that is trained in the handling of all of the different situations that could arise.

The SRO is an integral piece of campus culture and safety. The students know the officer by name, he was included in one of our ASB events per student request, and a vital piece to safety. It would be disservice to the community, educators and those students we serve to discontinue the SRO.

I believe that they help to provide a Safe presence on campus. They are able to support students that are suicidal, or need medical attention because of drug related incidents. They have many skills that help de escalate students when they may want to fight others students.

William Vega

Hello. I am a veteran public school teacher and parent in the Santa Clarita Valley. I would like to voice my opinion regarding the benefits of school sheriffs. I have noticed a positive connection that our students have with the law enforcement officer. They are a friendly face and a comforting presence to most students and families. Even the

students who are the ones getting in trouble tend to realize that our school sheriff is on their side and has their best interests in mind. I strongly encourage you to allow for each community to decide for themselves what is best for their students. Please do not attempt to make a one size fits all policy.

Please do not take this safety net away from our children. The movement to remove deputies from schools is based on a few high profile incidents whereas the true daily interventions and actions that help our students number in the thousands. Please keep deputies in our schools. This effort should be redoubled, not deleted.

Tim Hopper

The deputies are needed. Many students feel safer with a deputy on campus. As an educator, I feel safer knowing there is a deputy on campus.

Cynthia Furr

They keep the community safe and stable. Their presences is needed for all student to want to come to school. They need to be out whenever students are out on campus: passing periods, lunch, brunch, before and after school. I did summer school in my district this year. I have never heard about so many fights and other incidents. There was no police presences at all.

These officers are fantastic. Removing them from the schools would put every student and teacher at risk.

David Stradling

Please consider keeping our resource officers. I feel so much safer with them on campus since the tragedy at Saugus High. I believe students feel safer too and it is a deterrent for bad/illegal activities that may otherwise get out of hand. Campus supervisors are very busy and just the presence of law enforcement aids in reassuring a peaceful campus. The connections they make with some of our at risk students is life changing. In my opinion it would be a huge mistake to remove them.

Sherry Kunda

Please keep our deputies in our public schools. They are invaluable and with things changing so rapidly with gun violence and other types of violence, this is necessary.

Julie Sandeen

I believe the current School Resource Deputy program is necessary for the safety of the school environment. A specialized training for the participating deputies will help them on how to appropriately engage children in the school environment and help minimize any issues regarding unnecessary use of force, racial profiling, etc.

Sunny Lee

Removing a Sherrif from campus would be tge worst decision! The presence and law enforcement is needed and valued!

April Rego

It is important to have a law enforcement presence in every school

I strongly believe that having a school resource deputy on our campus at Valencia High is paramount to ensuring the safety of staff, and students. I feel that having the presence of a deputy from the sheriff's department to secure our campus and protect those on campus is extremely important. The solution is to educate people about racial profiling, not eliminate the need for safety.

Tricia McRae

As a teacher, I have personally benefitted from their presence at my school. They have been instrumental in preventing dangerous interactions with threatening students. I would not feel safe without them.

I am a campus supervisor at Bowman High School. Having an SRO is extremely important support for our staff and students. The presence of a uniformed officer gives the campus not just a feeling of security but literally prevents altercations and events that might otherwise occur. With the loss of this preventive measure more situations will require response action rather than proactive avoidance. This will require more officers and could result in more litigation. It seems obvious that removing on site officers will result in more opportunity for illegal behavior. I'm hoping that it is duly noted that this will result in a campus that will have to fill a void that could ultimately cost lives. Please consider all of the components of this decision and I hope you reconsider pulling SROs from our campuses.

Ron Martellino

I believe that the presence of Sheriff Department on campus is vital. Them being their help cut down crime on campuses. However, I would like to see them more engaged with black children so that they see that the majority of them are good human beings just trying to live happily like them. In addition, encourage them to become law enforcement officers too.

Sheriffs at school are a much needed resource. I'm a Campus Supervisor at a High School in LA County and many times we've needed Sheriffs assistance. Our Sheriff is much liked by all the students and not once did I hear someone being afraid of him. The majority of the school welcomes a Sheriff being on campus and a majority is what should be heard, not a few skewed opinions making school campuses even more dangerous. This will lead to many more children being homeschooled. Parents already don't feel safe sending their child to school as it is now of days and taking away even more security will not only make employees leave schools but children as well leaving no future for schools all together. This is a very dangerous small minority group thinking Sheriffs aren't of help in a school setting. This committee should try working at a High School for an extended period of time before being able to make this wildly ridiculous recommendation.

We value and appreciate the sheriff that keeps our school safe on a daily basis. I've never witnessed any inappropriate behavior.

Schools ABSOLUTELY need law enforcement working on school campuses!!!! Heather

Our Resource officer gives students a positive look at officers to combat all the negativity they are exposed to on social media. Our Resource officers are always respectful and kind humans as they interact with school staff and students. Shelley Turski

The idea of deputies in our schools gives me some peace in sending my children to school Suzan Baghdassarian

All schools should have deputies on site George

As a long time resident of LA County, this is the absolute worst time to think it's okay to remove the officers in schools when violence is at an all-time high. Please allow these officers to continue to keep our students and teachers safe! Rachel

I believe that the work that the Sheriffs Department contributes to the district goes beyond what many people. Not only do they invest time in with the students but also the communities they serve. They collaborate with many people on campus to bring awareness on topics that are affecting students on a regular basis. They are used for multiple things on multiple levels and it would be a big loss if they were no longer on the campuses they serve.

I don't really see them doing anything productive at schools. I see a lot of talking.

We must have deputies working in schools to ensure the safety of our staff and students. The presence of deputies promotes a healthy interaction between students and law enforcement DAILY!

The LA County Sheriff's Department presence on our Hart District schools has been a positive experience. As both a teacher and a parent, the presence of those officers on our campuses gives me a sense of safety and security for all of our campuses. I have worked at 3 different school sites in my district, and have had nothing but positive experiences with our deputies. I can see that they all work to develop positive relationships with the students and staff; they are a vital resource to keeping our schools safe. Shauna Koskie

Our School Resource Deputies are integral and vital to school safety. They play a critical role in ensuring safe campuses for all students and our community. They have partnered with our district for years in building supportive relationships with students, staff, and families. Jan Daisher

The presence of the sheriff on campus needs to remain for sense of security for everyone. Absolutely essential.

The deputies have been professional and respectful towards staff and students. The deputies work with students, parents and admin to help youth turn the corner and make positive changes and decisions for themselves. The deputies are a vital part of our school safety.

SRDs play a significant role in ensuring the safety of the students, faculty, and campus, and their presence has been an integral part of the schools' security measures. Henrieta Galstyan

I have no idea why there is a question of whether there should be sheriffs on school campuses. There have been so many school shootings across our country including a couple of years back at Saugus High School. We need to protect our kids and having a sheriff on campus discourages future shootings. As far as the possible issue of excessive force, hand-pick highly qualified officers and maybe have extra programs to train these officers to restrain themselves as much as possible. Ed Moscoe

Absolutely the sheriffs department needs to be at each and every school. There should be at least two SROs per high school and one officer at a junior high and elementary school at all times the school is open. Cindy Guillen

Los Angeles County Sheriff Department's deputies working in schools can play a vital role in creating a safe and secure learning environment for students, teachers, and staff. Here are some supportive ways of their presence on campus:

Maysen Bagge

- Enhancing School Safety: Deputies in schools help deter potential threats and acts of violence, contributing to an overall safer atmosphere. Their presence reassures students, parents, and staff that safety is a top priority.
- Community Building: Having deputies in schools allows students to interact with law enforcement in a positive setting, fostering a sense of trust and respect for authority figures. This strengthens the bond between law enforcement and the community.
- Mentorship and Guidance: Deputies serve as role models, mentors, and counselors to students. They provide guidance and support, helping students navigate challenges and make positive choices.
- Immediate Response to Emergencies: In case of emergencies, having trained law enforcement personnel on-site significantly reduces response times, ensuring that any issues are addressed promptly.
- Educating on Safety and Law: Deputies conduct educational programs on safety, crime prevention, and the law. This helps students develop a better understanding of their rights and responsibilities as citizens.
- Supporting Conflict Resolution: Deputies assist in resolving conflicts and disputes among students, promoting a peaceful and inclusive school environment.
- Addressing Substance Abuse and Safety Issues: Their presence deters substance abuse on school grounds and addresses any safety concerns effectively.
- Positive Interaction with Law Enforcement: Having positive interactions with law enforcement at a young age shape students' attitudes toward the police and foster a greater sense of community cooperation.
- Partnership with School Staff: Deputies collaborate with teachers, counselors, and administrators to address specific issues and implement preventive measures.
- Training for School Staff: Deputies provide training to school staff on safety protocols, emergency preparedness, and crisis management, enhancing overall school preparedness.

Overall, their presence is a valuable asset in creating a positive and secure educational environment for everyone involved.

As a teacher at a high school just a few miles away from Saugus High School, I huddled in the corner of my quiet, dark classroom during the lockdown that took place in 2019. Students had been killed just a few miles away and my students looked to me for safety and reassurance. This is NOT what I signed up for as a teacher. Our schools are not the same as they were when I became a teacher years ago. Our students are not the same. Our world is not the same. Students practice lock down drills....and we needed to use this safety skill. Teachers are briefly trained for active shooters...and teachers have needed to use this safety skill. But, Los Angeles County Sheriffs are thoroughly trained to protect our environments...and we NEED them to use these skills. We need to depend on students to learn...that's their job. We need to depend on teachers to teach...that's their job. And we need to depend on Sheriffs to monitor and protect...that's their job. I would never ask a Sheriff to teach my math class to my students because that is not what he is trained to do. Please don't ask me to protect my students on our campus...that is not what I ever agreed to do or trained to do as a teacher. Until something is done to protect me and my students from the threat of on-campus gun violence, having Sheriffs on campus is the bare minimum that should be done to keep us safe. Kids matter. Teachers matter. All lives matter.

As an employee at a school in LA County with an SRO and having a daughter who went to school with an SRO, I see firsthand how important they are. I could share many instances that their presence stopped incidents from escalating but just know that it brings comfort to staff and students.

As a teacher in the William S Hart District, I cannot imagine our campus without the presence of a deputy. Our deputies have fostered positive relations with both staff and students alike. They also help provide a much needed sense of security in a setting where that is increasingly difficult to find. I would likely consider exiting the teaching profession in the event that those services were withdrawn, and I believe many others would follow

Kelly Seidenkranz

suit. Having had a shooting in one of our schools very recently and numerous nerve-jarring lockdowns, we are in need of their presence for many reasons. I am also a parent in the district and would not want my children attending public schools that did not take every measure available to ensure the safety of their students.	
protect our children and keep deputies on school campuses!! Please do not remove them	Jennifer Renolds
Please keep our children safe. LASD deputies on campus serve as a deterrent to those that may want to cause harm to our children in public schools. They are also vital 1st responders in the event of an emergency. Please keep LASD deputies in the schools.	Kathleen
School Resource Safety Officers like, Deputy Swigart at Castaic, are an invaluable asset to our Hart district school community. Their presence ensures that we have a safe and secure environment for learning and growth. Not only do they keep us protected, but officer like Deputy Swigart also build meaningful connections with students, becoming a trusted mentor and friend. Their dedication goes beyond just law enforcement; they actively contribute to a positive atmosphere, fostering a sense of trust and confidence that helps us thrive academically and personally. Whenever there's a concern or emergency involving a Castaic high student, we know Deputy Swigart will be there, responding swiftly and with care. His commitment to our well-being proves that RSOs an essential part of our school family.	Paul Apolinario
Their presence in the school community is critical for safety of everyone.	
Every day I enter the school hesitant on what the day may bring. I am a survivor of a mass shooting. I ran for my life as people got shot and murdered in the Rt 91 massacre . I also live in a neighborhood of a school shooting that killed two young lives. Do you understand what this all entails? Have you experienced running for your life as bullets ricocheted off pavement and people were shot around you? Do you understand standing in a quad on campus and seeing your best friends get shot in the head? The issue at hand is being proactive. You don't know until you know. I know. And I can tell you, the only reason I went through those doors again after the devastation is because two armed deputies were at the gate to ensure my safety. Safety!! Save lives! Shame on you if you choose not to!	Diana De La Maza
It's a wonderful resource. I can't imagine my kids going to school without some sort of police figure- it makes them feel safe.	Victor
I am in full support of having a school resource deputy at our high school. It wasn't very long ago that a shooting occurred killing two students at Saugus High School. School resource deputies provide role models for the community and assist the school administration with keeping our kids safe. I urge you to make this budget item a priority.	Diana Holloway
We absolutely should have deputies working at schools. Some of our schools are far away from the nearest station so response time would be way too long.	Kari Owens
I believe they are as much part of the campus community as anyone else, and very welcomed.	Alan DiFatta
Working in the school school setting I feel 100% safer knowing that we have a deputy on our campus.	Veronica Feather
Please keep the Resource Officers in the William S Hart District. They are here for so many more reasons that violence and safety. Many students actually look up to them and are glad they are here so they can talk to them about life or whatever else.	Michelle
Please do not do away with the School Resource Officer program. The presence of Deputies on campus is crucial to a safer campus.	Kim Wilczynski
I believe they are necessary. They discourage gun violence and they have the ability to create relationships with trouble teenagers to make a difference in their lives before mistakes become too serious.	Kyle Eaton
As a concerned parent and active community member, I strongly support having sheriffs present in our schools. The safety and well-being of our children should be our top priority, and having law enforcement officers on campus can greatly contribute to a	Anthony Bailey

secure learning environment.

The presence of sheriffs in schools serves multiple crucial functions. First and foremost, they act as a strong deterrent against potential threats. Unfortunately, schools can be vulnerable targets for criminal activity, and having trained law enforcement personnel on-site can discourage harmful behavior and protect our children from harm.

Secondly, the role of sheriffs extends beyond merely providing security. They can actively engage with students, building positive relationships and fostering a sense of trust and respect for law enforcement from a young age. These interactions present invaluable opportunities for educational programs like Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.), internet safety workshops, and discussions about bullying prevention.

Moreover, having sheriffs in schools helps bridge the gap between law enforcement and the community they serve. By being present in daily school life, sheriffs can better understand our schools' unique challenges and tailor their approach to address specific concerns. This collaboration is essential for promoting safety and ensuring that the approach is sensitive to the unique needs of our students.

Supporting the presence of sheriffs in schools is an investment in the future of our community. It sends a clear message that we are committed to ensuring the safety and well-being of our children while fostering positive relationships between law enforcement and our youth.

Furthermore, it is crucial to acknowledge that each school district is unique, with its own set of challenges and needs. As such, districts should have the autonomy to make decisions that best suit their individual communities. A one-size-fits-all approach imposed by the county may not be the most effective solution for every school, and allowing local school boards and communities to tailor their safety strategies can lead to better outcomes.

By granting districts the flexibility to collaborate with local law enforcement agencies and develop tailored security plans, we can ensure that the safety measures implemented align with the specific requirements of each school environment. This approach empowers communities to take ownership of their safety initiatives and encourages a more responsive and accountable system.

Ultimately, the common goal is to create a safe learning environment for our children. Let us trust in the expertise and judgment of our local school leaders to make informed decisions in partnership with law enforcement, working towards the collective objective of safeguarding our students and promoting a positive educational experience.

Having a deputy on campus provides another layer of safety to all students and staff, and provides the opportunity to have perspective on their relatability to build overall trust for the department for those who take advantage of the opportunity.

As a 35 year long educator at the High School Level, I support having a RSO at each of our schools in the Santa Clarita Valley. I understand that in some areas there is a concern about the school to prison pipeline, however my experience at Hart High School, is that our RSO has developed relationships with the student body. Those relationships have allowed the RSO to stop violent acts (crimes) against students and staff before they were to happen. Our RSO is looked upon by our students and staff as part of our Hart Family and is there to protect our family. Please do not create a one size fits all policy in regards to the RSO.

John Ahart

Resource Officers can be a valuable asset to a school's climate. It truly depends on the individual, how they are trained and how they see their role. Resource officers who are on campus "to catch kids' doing the wrong thing, do Nothing to help students understand law enforcement. It only perpetuates the stereotype they have seen on TV and negative interactions they have had.

Deputies who come to our campus with the intent to mentor and guide earn a different outcome. They do not come off as "the law" or "waiting for them to screw up" but they prove they are there to help teenagers build skill sets to make better decisions. These SROs make a huge difference! Even when that SRO needs to take someone in because of a 5150 / 5585 or make an arrest, it is a smoother process.

Our school has had both types of SROs and I have seen the difference in outcomes. If LASD wants to train deputies properly and choose individuals who like kids and allow those deputies to spend time on campus (more than engaging in situations), then YES! If the county is not able to spend the money and time to do it right, we can call 911 and get the same mediocre services and LASD has done nothing to change their image with this generation.

I think armed deputies should be mandatory. If Saugus High had this then maybe the boy would've thought twice about coming to school... killed our neighbor and shot our other neighbor.

I work at Saugus High School. Our School Resource Deputies are invaluable. They are helpful in so many situations and I feel safer with them on campus. Especially having worked at Saugus the day of the shooting.

Lisa Hampsten

Leave deputies in the local schools.

Gabino Diaz

We need to be able to have SRDs in our schools. As teachers, we are already tasked with so much. It is nice to know that there is someone close by to step in if things get bad. At my school, our SRO has built positive relationships with students and works to be more proactive vs. reactive. Additionally, the shooting at Saugus hits close to home, as I teach in the district at a school five miles down the road. Since this school shooting, I have had heightened anxiety at some points about the safety on our campuses. Every additional shooting since has added to that anxiety. Having a SRD on campus helps to ease some anxiety, because I know they are trained to deal with horrific events. Please, do not take this opportunity to work closely with the Sheriff's department away from us.

Kelsey Howell

As a school employee, I appreciate having the LA Sheriffs on school campuses. This program lends to our safety as a whole, and provides quick response in the event of an emergency. It is great to see the students interact with our sheriff, and allows them to see that our sheriffs are to be respected and not feared.

Karen Switaj

It is really incomprehensible that this subject is even under discussion. Police officers insure that any school anywhere run as safely as possible. They are a KEY component of our society, especially in the school environment. Would you drive on the freeway without seatbelt? Of course not!! It is common sense!

Gustavo Durruty

Good morning LACSD, I hope this message finds you all well. I work with the William S. Hart High school district and I would like to express how vital your presence is at our sites during school hours. I always feel safer knowing we have you at our sites for a couple of hours each day, to protect and serve us, as you do the rest of the community. We are indebted to you for all you do and, most especially, appreciate the sacrifice you make for us. I used to work at Saugus high school when the shooting took place, and words can not express how terrifying it was to be in that situation. However, knowing I had at least one officer on site, and many others who showed up within minutes, gave me some sense of sanity. The whole time I prayed for you all because, while I did not know what was happening outside other than someone who was armed and willing to kill, I knew you would be the first to come face to face with this individual or group of individuals, and you would NOT let them harm us!!!! Through the window I saw our outstanding LEO's, I knew then I was safe!!! I knew it was a matter of hours before I could be let out of the room, alive and well. A few minutes after being put on lock down I was notified by a relative of mine, who is also a cop but in a different jurisdiction, that there was indeed a shooter at my school!! I can not describe what that feeling was like to read this text, but knowing you all put your life down on the line each and every day to protect us, I knew it was just a matter of time before our heroes would come and release us from that horrible lock down. I am always thankful for all you do, your presence here is vital. Please do not take our resource officers away, we sincerely appreciate them.

Ms. Fuentes

Saugus Strong!

I've been a high school teacher in the Santa Clarita Valley for 20 years. Each year, I become less and less comfortable on campus. I do take some comfort in knowing there is always an officer on campus should there be any issue. Just last year, our campus went on lockdown for 20 minutes when a stranger entered the campus. Without officer

Charles Deuschle

intervention, the process would not have gone as smoothly as it did. Full time campus officers are ESSENTIAL to keeping high schools safe.

I feel they are highly valuable to the safety of the students and staff!

Steve Paterson

SROs are key contributors to student safety. Their presence alone provides a level of security and calm for students, staff and the community. The notion that "cops are out to get our students" is completely false. The media attempts to create a narrative similar to defund the police. How did that work out at "The Chop" in Seattle?

Rich Bahr

I currently work in the front office of a local junior high in the district. I have to say when there is an SRO on campus the climate in the office definitely changes. We feel safe. Even the presence of the SRO in the area calms the community. I couldn't imagine working as the front line of defense in a school office without knowing we have the ability to call an SRO if needed.

Debra Escoe

The Los Angeles County Sheriff Department is an integral part of our community. It is imperative that we continue to have them working in our schools. Their presence helps to keep our students out of trouble and helps the staff, parents, and students to feel more safe knowing they are present. Even though students may still break the law with them there, I have had conversations with students about how they do not want to get into trouble and deal with the deputy at our school.

Removing SROs from our school campuses can be detrimental. SROs add a layer of safety and support that without which will be detrimental to our students, staff and communities. Instead of removing such a valuable resource, why not support the deputies in the SRO role by providing continued training, supervision, and resources they need to be competent and able to handle situations the best way possible. Have deputies learn about microaggressions, mental health needs, alternative ways to communicate based on social norms. Help them learn how to keep the law in mind while also thinking about the overall best interest of our students. The needs in our community are growing and it does not make any sense to remove resources at this time. Please, support the SROs by adding resources, do not harm the schools by removing resources. Deputy Jensen was an outstanding SRO for our school. Deputies like him, kind, compassionate, and willing to work in a team, are the type of deputies we need, Deputy Jensen was knowledgeable and willing to support any way possible, while taking into consideration laws and safety.

Nancy Rendon

I believe it is a vital and valuable resource to have deputies on school campuses.

I would like school resource officer to stay present on campus as much as possible.

Slade Barbosa

LASD deputies are a critical part of the school community. I believe that they provide a very valuable service, both in terms of prevention and for their response when an incident occurs. I am a 3-fold member of the Hart District (alumnus, teacher, and parent of a student), and I believe that the LASD school resource officers enhance the security and safety of our campuses. Additionally, they provide a positive link between young adults and law enforcement in the community, and are accessible to students as a helpful resource. Please continue to allow these deputies to continue to serve our district.

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SRDs currently play a significant role in ensuring the safety of our students, faculty, and campus, and their presence has been an integral part of our school's security measures for many years.

I can't believe we are even entertaining this idea. All schools need Deputies on Campus.

Our school shooting in 2019 was truly a wakeup call, that this can happen anywhere and at any school.

I believe it is crucial to have a Deputy on campus. They are a wonderful presence and often make great connections with our youth that last a lifetime. It is imperative that we continue to have the local support from our Deputies and continue to develop those great community ties with our kids.

Theresa Warford

I am shocked and angry to hear this is even an option that's being considered!!!! If they do away with the SRDs, I will not continue working for the district. All schools need deputies for a variety of reasons but in particular, school employees are NOT police officers and most of us do not want to be!!! That is not our chosen career path!

A one size fits all approach to law enforcement policies in LA County is uniformed and irresponsible. The SROs in the Hart District in Santa Clarita have been an invaluable part

Keith Matkin

of the campus communities. As we saw on an unfortunate day in November 2019, the deputies have the ability to respond and reassure in the midst of tragedy and the continued measures taken have made our community feel secure in a way that would be sorely missed. The presence of SROs on our campus also serves as a reminder of the duty of students to be positive members of the campus community and the community at large. LA County Sheriff deputies make strong connections with students and staff and are not an outside force but are members of our campuses in the same way all students and staff are. They are counselors, guides and friends to all who roam our halls. We ask that you consider the positive effect they have on our campuses before making a blanket decision over the whole county and at least provide individual districts the autonomy and ability to maintain the relationship with law enforcement as the community sees fit.

As a school employee, I see first hand, how the presence of SROs promote positive interactions between students and law enforcement. The students enjoy engaging with our SRO and those interactions build trust with law enforcement.

I feel safe knowing that we have deputies walking around campus. I think they are doing an excellent job and I wish they will continue for the safety of everyone.

Jannet T.

I've worked in the school system for 20 years and I've been so grateful that we've had a deputy on campus. After the Saugus High School shooting, the threats are real. There's be countless times that a student or a parent threatened or attached staff and the SRC was there to take care of the situation. Schools do not have the time to call the Sheriff's office and wait for a deputy to arrive in a lot of these situation. I beg of you to please reconsider and leave deputies on our campuses for the safety of staff and the students.

Carla Tuttle

I believe it's a "Good thing, having a member of the law enforcement area in our school helps establish relationships. Relationships to take away that Stigma of they're all bad which is not true. I have created a great relationship as a teenager at my high school with the school officer at my school growing up. She helped me see things differently and actually kinda helped see that Could do more in life as well. It was a positive input! Please don't remove our Sheriff's away from our schools! It also helps give the children a senses of Safety and Peace!

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I enjoyed working with our School Sheriffs this past school year, they even helped talk and build positive relationships with Children on Campus. We need to remind ourselves that Law Enforcement is a positive aspect in life and just because some messed up doesn't make everyone bad and that the ones at school are their to help and protect our children and staff from danger.

I am in Favor of Keeping School Sheriff's at our Schools.

I feel having a deputy on campus makes the students feel safer with all the violence that is happening in the world today.

Michelle Hughes

I am a High School employee with the William S. Hart School district. As most know, there was a shooting at Saugus High School 3 years ago. It was the off duty Sheriff that was there first! We need full time sheriffs at all our schools. the students, Parents, and staff feel much safer with law enforcement on campus. If there had been an on duty Sheriff on campus that day there may not have been a shooting. Please consider adding more law enforcement, not less! Our children are much more valuable that the banks money and no one complains about that protection!

Joyce Bingham

Hugely helpful. I am a school security staff, we rely and appreciate our SRD team. They have been cooperative, supportive and effective.

Scott

Keeping officers present on school campuses is of utmost importance! They have been an integral part in making all students feel safe on the campuses in the Wm S Hart School district as well as being a support to administration in dealing with criminal activity. I have had 3 students go through Jr High and High School in the Hart District. I've also worked as a parent volunteer and have been a District Office Substitute for 5 years. All of my experiences and observations of the officers on all of the campuses within the district have been extremely positive. I've even had the the SRD from Saugus High come into my

Sarah Davidson

home to encourage my truant son the importance of regular attendance and the ramifications for him and his parents if he continued not attending for non medical reasons. My son had other interactions with the same officer who had also been assigned to Rosedell Elementary School back when he attended there in his younger grades. I can't imagine not having the support and help from that officer in the tougher days of raising my son. Just the visual presence of having the officers on campus is impactful as well as the obvious benefit of close proximity when dangerous and/or criminal activity occurs on or near campus. Please do not remove SRD's from our campuses!

If the "defund the police" movement caused a provable spike in crime, negatively impacting "at risk" neighborhoods across the country, why would removing SRD's improve safety at schools?

Jerry Crawford

Isn't it ironic that the majority of mass shootings occur in "gun free zones"? Why is that? Maybe because would be shooters know that "gun free zones" are easy targets with little resistance.

If L.A. County removes SRD's from schools, especially in at risk schools, then the county should allow teachers to be trained and insured for firearms to be securely stored in their classrooms in case of an emergency. Normally by the time police reach a school during an active shooter situation, it's too late for the victims. "Defunding SRD's" does not make the school safer!

Since police staff left the schools in other districts, schools are not safe. Many police officers were aspiring figures to many students who saw them as heroes of the community.

As a public school teacher in special education for 33 years and now union president, I have had many experiences with school site SROs. I have found their presence on campus to be invaluable in supporting the safety of our school campus'. Not only as "The Cop" on campus with the knowledge and abilities developed in the position, but as a supporter of an environment promoting social justice. As should be, justice is blind and our officers have provided an indispensable service that shows no evidence of inequitable action. Please continue to support and expand the SRO program in our schools.

John Minkus

I think they are great. I feel safer having them around. Because you never know when another school shooting might happen.

I hope you don't think that one size fits all. I have been working in schools for 26 years and have found that presence of SROs at schools as a positive for our students. SROs provide a highly visible presence to deter or identify trespassers on campus. Our SROs have been able to help our families by addressing their concerns. We have an open door policy, where our students can go into the SROs office to discuss their concerns. Our SROs have been able to identify the root of school misbehavior and help students address it. They have been very proactive and not simply reactive.

Christina Noriega

I am an office staff in a Santa Clarita High School. Our deputy is awesome and help us feel secure. It is very important to keep his assistant and presence. I am sure parents and students feel the same when it comes to the safety of our students and the staff.

The Sheriffs department provide an invaluable resource for protecting our students in staff. They are the first line of help in providing help and guidance to students in school about concerns or issues that arise. They also help provide the staff with resources that we can help utilize to help teach out students about consequences for actions.

Hello, I am an employee at Golden Valley High in Santa Clarita. I believe having a deputy on our campus provides safety.

They are a valuable resource and positive role model.

Steve

As a school employee, I am happy that there is law enforcement assigned or present at our schools. There should be an SRO at each school, not shared between schools at it is now.

Rebeca Mazaira

I believe they are a necessity at schools and help to keep order.

La Mesa could NOT function without SRO support. In the 8 years I have worked here, they have been needed for many levels of support. They have always been student-focused and supportive. Their value is unmeasurable.	Kellen Atkins
I am against armed deputies in school. This is not a jail its a school. Arm the teachers, don't make schools a jail. It is unacceptable to have armed officers patrolling on a campus. Unacceptable	Erin Bullock
After the 2019 tragedy at Saugus High School, I feel that it is imperative for SROs to have a continued presence on Hart District campuses. I believe that having them at the schools gives a sense of security to students, staff members, and parents. I also feel that they represent a deterrent to anybody who may be planning on committing an atrocious act on our campuses.	
Having a SRD on school campuses provide important benefits for the safety and well being of our students and staff. Having a trained SRD helps the response time for potential threats and/or emergencies. An SRD plays a vital role in building positive relationships between law enforcement and the school community. SRD's serve as mentors and guidance to students.	Dawn Anaya
I think officers are doing a great job.	Julie Blanco
I have worked at a public high school for 17 years, as a high school counselor. Our SRO (School Resource Officer) has been a collaborative part of our admin and counseling team at each site that I have worked at. They have provided a positive presence on campus, forming relationships with kids, work on preventing fights before they happen.	cici cazan
I am STRONGLY for having and KEEPING L.A. County Sheriff Deputies staying on school campuses. I know my daughters, my husband and myself all feel safer with them being there and having a known presence on the school property. Having just their presence known I feel deters students and any outside parties from going through with any plans they may have to cause trouble on or near campus. The LA County Sheriff's are a huge part of keeping the community of Santa Clarita safe and I feel keeping them there will help keep our kids safe. Since the Saugus HS shooting, we as a community want law enforcement close by our kids to keep them safe. Please let the William S. Hart School District KEEP their deputies on campus and do not make a blanket decision for all school districts. The Hart school district staff, teachers and students all have a great rapport with our sheriffs and I know the removal of them would cause more damage than good.	Shannon Abarca
Deputies are a invaluable source of protection for our children at school.	Kevin Zarley
I believe that having the SRD's on campus has been positive in our district. I am not aware of instances of racial profiling of students. I believe like in any other situation, profiling is important, but it is my opinion that the profiling done by officers is not racial but rather involves other factors known by law enforcement to be important in the prevention of criminal activity.	
I am all for having deputies on campus as much as possible. If they interact with the students during activities instead of just standing around "looking" at them, they could have a tremendously positive impact on the culture of the school and students' present and future opinions about law enforcement.	Michael Crawford
I THINK that it would absolutely be a HUGE mistake if the Commission decides to not have SRD at all schools. It makes the staff and students feel a little more safe to have them readily available if we need them. We all still feel scared and worry about our safety with the school shootings still happening around the states. Rather than spending time and energy on taking them away I think that we should have two SRDs assigned to each school walking around campus for our safety.	Leslie Tasevski
It is essential that schools in the SCV have a partnership with law enforcement and have a resource officer on each campus.	
I have been a teacher & a counselor Hart High School for 28 years. We have always had a great relationship with the LA County Sheriff resource officers. They do more than arrest and intimidate students. They really work with our students and care about them. I have seen many students turn their lives around with the help of our resource officers. They	Sam Modugno

are out in the quad at brunch and lunch and go amongst the students and talk to them. The students feel comfortable around them. Our students appreciate all that they do for them. Please do not eliminate our resource officers.

I think it's a great idea and much needed!! Peace of mind for parents is a must these days Ashley DeYoung

As an educator and a school shooting survivor, I feel that having a LACSD's deputy on campus makes me feel safe. I have been informed by my students that even they feel safer on campus knowing that they are being watched over and looked after. Another form of authority on campus allows many of my students to feel safe. Meghna Kiran

I think the deputies should be in the schools. I personally feel it makes the kids and staff feel more secure in the school. Lillian Ybarra
Plus, I have seen teenagers talking to the deputies about career options and possibly has assisted the teenagers in making wise decisions.

Their presence on campus is very important. They do a great job and keep the adults and kids safe. Douglas Smith

The Deputies are an integral part of our community. The Deputies are additional support members to our school campuses and offer a service that is needed within our community.

SRO's are essential to our schools and the safety within our community. Having them on campus allows for students to interact with them in a non-aggressive manner so that they become a safe space and encounters are not always negative. The removal of them from campus creates a segregated relationship, something we are trying to move away from.

A deputy's job on campus is not to scope out bad students just to arrest them, but to assist the school when situations arise. Their presence should help minimize students making bad choices. They work alongside of campus supervisors and Administration to ensure laws are being followed and rights are being given.

Not only does their presence provide safety for the students, but safety for the staff as well. It is important that all individuals on campus feel safe.

It is so important and invaluable.

I think it is important to have their presence on campus for two reasons. The obvious would be in the event there is an emergency on campus. If trained properly, they have the skills to handle most situations that may arise and if necessary they have direct contact with other law enforcement personnel for additional support. I also believe most parents have a sense of comfort knowing that they are there or close by to help protect their children.

The second reason, which I believe is just as important, is that this is a golden opportunity for these officers to develop a relationship with the youth in our community. That being said, there needs to be great improvement in this regard; however, those officers that do focus on this on a daily basis, really do have an impact on some of these student's lives. Texting and talking on the phone during lunch and brunch are missed opportunities for these officers but I have seen first hand some of them really making an effort and sometimes all it takes is giving them your attention to turn their day.

In summary, I believe deputies on campus are a positive influence on our campuses and are far more of a benefit than a hindrance.

I've worked in public education for over 20 years. The last 5 years I've been an administrator. I can not express enough how valuable having a dedicated SRO is to the families, staff and students. Our district's SROs mentor students. They create positive relationships with students and families. Most importantly, they are there when a crisis occurs. I've experienced too many lockdowns. Lockdowns never get easier. Our SRO knows the school campus. Knows the staff. Knows the students. With that knowledge, SROs are able to eradicate threats quickly and efficiently. Their presence brings peace of mind. I'm also a parent of 4 students. Knowing that a knowledgeable officer is on campus makes me feel better when I see them enter school. Taking them from school campuses will leave students in unnecessary danger. In a time where school safety is on everyone's mind, why would we take away an integral part of the safety team at a school campus, leaving the campus vulnerable? Wasting time for 911 response units? Frankly, we need more SROs so that schools no longer need to share.

I feel more comfortable and safe with a Sheriff Deputy on campus in order to help and aid in emergency type situations. They are a valuable resource for many reasons, and we should continue to use them in the school setting. Bridget Hammer

The deputies are crucial for our schools. The community really appreciates the added security that makes parents feel better about sending their students to school in this current environment. The Deputies also help being the eyes and ears of another adult for the safety of our schools. Students also appreciate the added help and security.

I find their presence in school extremely helpful and important. They have served La Mesa with kindness and respect to all of the staff and the students. I would love for their daily visits to continue. Thank you so much to the LACSD deputies for all your help.

Assuming they are well trained, loving, and in good physical shape, I support it. I have witnessed SRDs/SROs make racist comments, fear relationships with kids, and too unfit to move in a crisis. We need these men and women, but we need the right ones. SUGGESTION: recruit veteran teachers to help train them--or recruit retired teachers to go through the academy and become SRD's.

SRO's are a vital part of making a school safe. They can fulfill a variety of roles such as preventing and responding to school-based crime, fostering positive relationships among law enforcement, educators and youth and they can also promote a positive school climate. It is crucial to have them assigned at each and every school site.

Keep them in the Schools

When there are school shootings every year, this is NOT the time to take away a resource that acts as one deterrent!

As a parent and an educator, I feel so much safer entrusting my life and the lives of my children to a school that has the added protection of a Deputy. I realize a Deputy is not a guarantee of safety, however, knowing that someone is there on campus to help were a crisis to arise, gives me a great deal of peace of mind.

I am a school counselor and I think it's very important to continue to have deputies working on our schools for a sense of safety.

As a teacher, I feel more comfortable, confident, and safe with the deputies on campus. My experience with them has been nothing but positive. They are a great resource and partner with my school.

I believe that all schools should have a school deputy on campus. They are integral in providing safety for students and faculty members. As a survivor of a school shooting, I can attest to the extremely important role they played that day. Not only do they provide safety for students, but they also help build positive relationships with them. There are many incidents where school deputies are needed on campus due to their expertise. Not having campus deputies is absurd and would be a huge disservice to all parties involved and will most likely create more issues, which will in turn create more issues.

I work in a school office and given the current climate cannot imagine not having our resource officer to assist, be a visible presence or available to call in an emergency. God forbid for another shooting in our community.

We need the Sheriff Deputies at the schools, they are a large component of student safety. Administrators cannot do everything and we need enforcement there to help keep everyone safe.

Having a deputy on campus is the only peace of mind I have going to work everyday.

Deputies on campus are vital in creating a safe environment for students and staff. They also have the ability to create a positive image of law enforcement with impressionable youth.

As a teacher I personally welcome law enforcement on our campus and feel much more comfortable with their presence.

The SRO program is an integral part of the Jr High and High Schools for at-risk youth and for the community to develop a relationship with the Officer at a critical time of a young person's life. I have seen first hand how a student's path can change with their involvement on our campuses.

At Saugus HS we have had a great working relationship with the deputies on our campus. Having experienced a school shooting it has made us feel much more safe having law enforcement present and available. We are not necessarily located nearby a sheriff's station so it does help bring some peace of mind to have someone available on campus. Our deputies have also made a great effort to connect and build authentic relationships with the students in order to make their presence less intimidating. They have a friendly attitude so that they have positive interactions with students rather than their presence being purely punitive.

As a school administrator at a junior high, I have collaborated closely with our School Resource Deputy (SRD). The SRDs I've worked with have all been professional, student-centered, collaborative, and fundamentally focused on safety. I have seen them build positive relationships with students, provide meaningful conferences with parents and students, & offer resources to families via programs in the local sheriff's office. SRDs are invaluable human resources that make schools safe places of learning.

Our school has always welcomed sheriff resource officers on campus. They interact with the students when there is a problem, but they are also available just to talk. They establish rapport with the staff as well. Our officers provide safety when they are visible during breaks/passing periods and at sporting events. I feel secure working on campus. They are an added layer of protection that keeps the learning environment peaceful and productive.

Deborah

The SRD program is a great program involving the presence of armed deputies on campus to enhance student/faculty safety, promote awareness of crime prevention, maintain a liaison with the Sheriffs Dept, and promote a daily deterrent to an active shooter by maintaining an active law enforcement presence at our schools.

Removing School Resource Officers will negatively impact school within our community. We are a community that has the unfortunate experience suffering from a school shooting. Our resource officers were among the first on the scene providing critical reinforcement and protection. Our officers are here to educate students who bring drugs, engage in violence etc. and provide necessary protection to students in serious need. They are able to offer other means of correction to students directly on campus and in the moment instead of suspending students.

Stacey M.

As a teacher in a district that had a school shooting, I know the fear of a lock down. I have seen it affect students as well. Having a sheriff on campus is so essential. Just the ability to respond in a much faster manner than having to wait for someone to show up makes having a sheriff on campus more than worth it.

School Resource Officers have been an important part of the school community. Their presence allow for students to have a sense of safety and care. I have found that officers have been great at de-escalating issues between students with students.

Doug Labus

Every school needs a deputy on campus!!! Please do not take away their presence>

Michael Morgan

As a teacher at Saugus High School, who was on campus when the school shooting happened on 11/14/2019, I along with most of the students and other staff members are GRATEFUL for having our LA County Sheriff deputy. The presence of the deputy has been a significant factor for our school to go back to educating with a sense of security. To NOT have our deputy would once again bring unease and instability to many of our students and staff. I appeal to L.A. County Civilian Oversight Commission to not impose a one-size-fits-all decision. I support the Commission's investigation and study to make sure NO prejudice or discrimination exists. But that does not mean that eliminating deputies from our schools is the answer--especially during this crisis of school shootings that sadly keep occurring. Where there is injustice, let those communities or sites reeducate and address those issues. It is not just, on the other hand, to simply eliminate what our staff and students need: the sense of security. Please do not adopt a one-size-fits-all solution and let us keep our beloved deputy on our campus.

Virgilio Del Rio

I feel it is detrimental to our schools children and staffs safety.

I know this is not a one size fits all solution, and I do have serious concerns about the school to prison pipeline. However, LA County encompasses many communities who are well situated to make these decisions for themselves. The option to have SROs on campus should not be removed. As an educator in the community where the Saugus shooting happened, living through the uncertainty of what was going to happen moment by moment that day, and living with the loss of our precious students I feel that we need law enforcement to be present and invested in our school communities.

Sarah Goodwin

The fact that we're even having to discuss this baffles me. The safety of our students should be our absolute number one priority. And how the students perceive the campus is part of that. Our SROs mere presence offers relief and comfort to our students, which is especially important in a district that has actual dealt with a school shooting. Why

would we remove something that helps to provide a safe environment? Why would we take something away that gives parents solace when they drop their kid at the gate? On top of that our SROs are more than an authority figure to our students. They talk to them. They connect with them. They're part of the positive school environment we're working hard to build. And people want to take that away? Why? Because it makes you look better in the eyes of a louder group? Because you're worried it makes us look racist? Seriously? How about we worry about the safety of ALL students? How about we worry about providing a safe place where learning can happen? How about we address the actual issue? We have no control over which students or groups of students make poor choices. Maybe we should invest some time in thinking about how we can utilize our SROs to connect with some of those students?

I don't care what other districts have done or what works for them. The shooting happened HERE, in our district. And our students and their families deserve any safety and protection we can provide. The teachers and school staff deserve a safe work environment. Taking away our SROs is basically saying hey, we don't give a f*** about your safety or your needs, move on. And sorry, no one on this commission had to live it, so who are you to decide that we need? I'm disappointed, offended, and hurt by this proposal.

I am strongly against having Sheriff Deputies in schools. Students are more vulnerable to arrest and referrals when police are actively on school campuses. On top of that arrests are targeted to People of Color and those with disabilities. This perpetuates the school to prison pipeline

Cerstin Breslin

In my opinion, it is important to have deputies on campus. Their presence provides a sense of safety. People might think twice about committing crimes on campus, and students can feel safe reporting incidents. The response time is significantly cut if they are on campus versus having to call 911 first. For all other incidents that have happened around the county, deputies should continue to receive trainings that will help them respond appropriately to whatever they encounter.

Victor Mendez

As an educator and parent, I want school safety officers to remain on campus. The concerns can and should be addressed, but it is NOT necessary to remove them. Making people feel less safe is not the answer.

I am in full support of having deputies working in schools. As a teacher, it brings peace of mind knowing that a deputy is on campus if something were to occur. I think it also helps promote a positive relationship between the police and the community.

Kelvin Flores

As a high school teacher in the district, I have found that our resource officers have played an important role in building relationships with students. By doing so they have made some students more comfortable with law enforcement and prevented situations that could have escalated. In my opinion, students and staff feel safer with an officer on campus.

SRO officers serve as a beneficial part of our school districts community. They are a presence of safety and assurance especially in times of crisis, which unfortunately is becoming more of a "norm" in our public school systems. Not having SROs in schools will be detrimental to the safety and well being of our students and staff. Given the status of the present violence, mental health issues, and the fentanyl epidemic that is rapid amongst the nation's schools, school security is vital for the safety of all and to remove them is to remove a security measure that is necessary and important. As a mental health clinician at schools, it also provides direct access to get mental health crisis care for students on campus right then and there. The other option insists of waiting for hours to get help when mental health crisis's require more rapid help due to the nature of the crisis. It would be a true crime to remove security presences on schools and would put our already most vulnerable population (our children) in harm's way.

Cybrina Lopez

Law enforcement officers should absolutely be in our schools! They keep our kids safe!

This is a must!!! We have to stop violence in schools. We need officers there to keep our children safe. Add metal detectors while you're at it.

Andrea Lopez

LASD Deputies working in schools is essential for the safety of students and staff. Removing them from schools does not solve any issues. If there are deputies that are not adhering to their training they should be held responsible and disciplined but to completely remove deputies from campuses is irresponsible.

This is an absolute must to keep deputies in our schools and keep our children safe!

Please don't take the deputies out of the schools, if at possible increase the Deputy to school ratio	Al Ortiz
Sheriffs do not need to be in campus. Out students of color need to be able to feel safe at school and historically students of color will be harassed punished and disciplined for things white students do regularly	Aarika
Yes, please	Jennifer
I would like to keep deputies on site at our schools please!	Danielle Constantinou
<p>Hello,</p> <p>My name is Kathy Ferry, and I am both a parent of two students who graduated from the Hart District in Santa Clarita and a high school counselor who has been employed by the Hart School District for 29 years. I am devastated at even the THOUGHT of not having our wonderful SRO's on our district campuses. In my multiple decades of working in this community and district, I can personally attest to the positive school culture that our SRO's have helped influence and create on our campuses. Not only do they provide access to students of positive role models among adults they encounter on a daily basis, they also provide examples of positive relationships and experiences between students and law enforcement. Over my many years in the district, I have personally witnessed our SRO's answer questions by my students in a safe, knowledgeable way, offer advice on various legal and community concerns posed by our students, and offer an optic of real and perceived safety throughout campus.</p> <p>Last school year, one of my students had a medical emergency on campus. Our quick-acting SRO was able to communicate with first responders and needed resources much more quickly than any staff member could have via a phone call, and because of this, our student was saved from a deadly fentanyl overdose. After a local shooting tragedy at one of our local high schools in a past year, our SRO's provided visual and physical safety to our students so they felt safe to return and be on campus. When I have a student in my office who reports something that may need DCFS and/or law enforcement involvement, our SRO is constantly able to get involved immediately, get other entities involved as quickly as possible, and help direct the students to the correct resources.</p> <p>Over my many years working with SRO's on a Hart District campus, they have been extremely helpful with students who are experiencing suicidal ideation - while I work with the student, the SRO can contact the Mental Evaluation team, the parents, etc. so that I never have to leave the student alone to get these communications started.</p> <p>If it weren't for deputies on our campuses, I TRULY believe that there would be many more instances of fighting, drug use, sexual misconduct, and/or other crime. I understand that some people believe that SRO's may contribute to a school-to-prison "pipeline." There may be some instances of this in other communities that I am not personally privy to, however, in Santa Clarita's community and schools, we would be LOST without the support from our campus SRO's. Especially since our law enforcement officers have been extra-lauded as heroes after our mass school shooting at Saugus High School, both the schools and the community would be extremely disappointed in losing their support and services. PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE consider the truly devastating effect that removing a quick-acting law enforcement official from our campuses would create. Sometimes, situations can become devastating or tragic in a matter of minutes, and our SRO's provide this quick time buffer that campuses desperately need.</p>	Kathleen Ferry
I'm uncomfortable with Sherriffs in schools as they are not trained educators.	Meghan Biesty
Deputies should be in schools. The force is justified against terribly raised children. The racial profiling claim is a blatant lie as per usual from a small offended minority of people. We need the deputy resource program back on campuses.	John
Please keep deputies at schools. Teachers, students, and parents deserve to feel safe at school to learn and grow academically and emotionally	
I feel more comfortable being on school campus and school events with a Sheriff present.	

No school should be unprotected and Deputies should be manned at all schools.

I think the deputies should be kept working in the schools as it brings peace and ease to not only the admin staff, but to the students as well.

Please keep deputies in our schools. My children always felt safe at school having the deputies on campus. The deputies showed the kids that police officers are good people and that they can come talk to them if they are concerned for their safety or others. This shouldn't even be a topic. Add more officers to our schools.

Raquel Marchant

Yes keep our kids safe

Brittany Sanders

As a teacher since 1999, with 5 years in LAUSD and 19 of them at Saugus High School and being a graduate of the Hart District from Hart High as well, I feel more secure having the Sheriff's Department on campus, especially in the wake of the on campus shooting. The collaboration and cooperation between the Sheriff's Department and the Hart District is professional and appropriate. They work in conjunction with the administrators to handle disciplinary issues on campus. I would love to say that issues do not happen, but I know that things happen daily. It is vital to respond to the school system of the 21st century—one where we have cyber crimes, gangs, guns and weapons brought on campus and escalating deadly drug issues. Collaborating with the sheriff's department on campus helps the teachers focus on educating and acts on one level as a deterrent for student misbehavior and on the other functions as an additional level of order for the school.

Jodi Guerrero

Yes please

Keep deputies in our schools.

The students benefit by having the deputies there.

It is detrimental to have sheriff deputies working in schools for the safety of our children and school staff.

Tiana R

I feel that the Deputies on campus are an integral part of the school safety plan. In my experience, they have always acted very calmly and professionally in dealing with school incidents. Proper communication and responsiveness have been evident in all situations I have witnessed.

Thomas Vandyke

I believe very much that the sheriff department should be working at the school. I would feel much more comfortable having them on campus while kids are present to keep them safe.

Stephanie Rollofson

I would like it if we could have consistency with the length deputies work at their locations. How can you for relationships to help the community if you are there part time and get moved every year? Also, a more relaxed uniform so that the students feel more comfortable—a dress shirt or a polo. They need better training and possibly a background or training in social work. They are not there to police. They are there to cultivate safety and community.

Rebecca Hindman

Deputies are NEEDED at school campuses. Our own community suffered such a great loss during the Saugus High School shooting. I can't even imagine what it would be like to not have a deputy present at our schools. They are needed for safety and for peace of mind for every student.

Lauren Thompson

I feel better taking my boys to school knowing Deputies are assigned to their school. Keep them at our schools.

Erik

The only reason I allow my children to attend public schools is because I know Deputies are on campus. There are too many mass shooting to pull law enforcement from schools!

Absolute necessity.

Jason Johnson

I think this is important to have in schools

To the L.A. County Civilian Oversight Commission,
As not only a concerned member of our community, but a high school teacher in the William S. Hart Union High School District, I am writing to express my strong support for the retention of school resource deputies on our campuses in the William S. Hart Union High School District. I firmly believe that this vital approach to ensure the

safety and well-being of our students is crucial in today's uncertain times.

First and foremost, school resource deputies play an essential role in maintaining a safe environment for both students and staff. They provide an immediate response in case of emergency situations, offering reassurance to parents, school authorities, and the community. Their presence sends a powerful message that our educational institutions prioritize the security and protection of our children above all else. I was a student teacher at Saugus High School previously, where I was present for the 2019 school shooting. What staff and students saw, heard, and faced that day and for the months and even years to come has not only been traumatic and devastating, but has created a new fear many of us have never had to face before: school no longer being a safe place to go. At my current high school in the district, I still face this trauma and worry daily of the harm that may come our way in these troubling times at school with more lock downs than ever before. Knowing that we have a deputy on campus who has been intensely trained to protect and serve our students for these incidents provides a greater sense of comfort that I, as an untrained teacher, may not have to face and protect my students alone if another tragedy occurs.

Furthermore, school resource deputies contribute immensely to the prevention of crimes and disruptions within schools. Their training in law enforcement enables them to identify potential threats, mitigate any potential risks, and provide early intervention in cases of bullying, drug abuse, or violent actions. This proactive approach helps create a positive learning environment where students can flourish academically and personally in times where drugs and violence are overrunning our campuses.

Aside from their role in maintaining security, school resource deputies are exceptionally skilled at establishing meaningful connections with students. They act as role models, mentors, and trusted advisors for our young minds. I teach a College and Career Readiness course where professionals from various careers have come in and discussed their careers with my students. One presenter was a Hart District school resource deputy who provided knowledge and answered tough questions by students. Many of my students with a history of behavior problems left class that day thanking him, and even mentioning a desire to be a Sheriff.

I understand that there have been incidences previously that are putting our law enforcement on display for judgement and ridicule for the wrong doing of some, but I urge you to prioritize the safety and well-being of our students over all else. The presence of school resource deputies has a far-reaching impact that extends beyond their immediate responsibilities. They provide a sense of security and support that benefits the entire school community, empowering students to thrive both academically and personally.

In conclusion, I fully support having school resource deputies on EVERY campus in the William S. Hart Union High School District. Their presence is not just about safety; it's about ensuring a nurturing environment where our children can grow, learn, and excel. Let's prioritize the safety and well-being of our students, and choose to keep our community safe, rather than further encouraging violence and trauma by removing our much needed school deputies. Thank you for your attention to this important matter. I remain confident that you will make the right decision for our schools and our community.

All I have seen is a positive relationship with the students and teachers over the years that I have been in the district. (Employed since 1996) Please don't remove the Sheriff from our schools. Students learn that the Sheriff is approachable and not be fearful of them.	Kent Eaton
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I have nieces and nephews in our public schools in the Antelope Valley. I worry about their daily safety and hope the county does not abandon their duty at this critical time.	Dennis Billet
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They are an integral part of keeping our schools safe. They keep us informed and are proactive in any potential threats.	
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I am all for having sheriffs on campus. In this day and age, as a parent, I would not rest easy if my children were not protected at school. Please do not remove them.	Gina Woodhouse
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There are a needed and necessary part of school safety. The staff and the students rely on their presence because they insure peace and the law.	
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As an Assistant Principal of a High School, we had a report of 4 people shot in the bathroom. Our School Resource Officer notified us, mobilized our response, initiated a lockdown and started the search and containment in less than 20 seconds.	Von Hougo
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We were lucky, and it was only a swatting incident. However, if it had been real shooting, his immediate, professional and trained response would have saved countless lives. Having an SRO on campus is vital, and provides a sense of security for the students on campus, the staff and the community at large. The SROs interact with the kids, build

positive relations and provide an essential link with the community. To remove them from our school would be a huge detriment to the safety and well-being of the school and neighborhood.

Mass shootings and violent incidents are increasing, and law enforcement protecting our schools is the only responsible and proper way to move forward with our evolving society. Please keep the SROs on our campuses.

As a teacher in the William S. Hart Union School District, I feel the continued presence of our School Resource Deputies is crucial to the continued safety of ALL of our school campuses.	Amy Varela
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We are looking at the wrong issue - the only reason Sheriffs and police presence are in schools in the first place is due to the moral decay of the family unit. This has nothing to do with race or racial profiling. Our society glorifies the thug life and we are too lenient with punishment. Make prisons the most dreaded place on earth and I can guarantee a decline in crime. If school violence was met with a punishment that made kids think twice about their decisions then maybe we wouldn't need as much police presence. Until then keep all the police presence as necessary to ensure that all the good kids who are in school for all the right reasons are protected and safe. Go blue line!!!	Cheryl Arend
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This should not be an issue to debate. Student safety is a priority. Having the presence of deputies on site will deter some to act violently. Do NOT place students and staff at risk by removing them.	Griselda Saldivar
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I appreciate the presence of law-enforcement officers on school campuses. With the recent rise in mental instability and school shootings, even very recently on one of our own cities campuses, I believe that law-enforcement presence is important for the safety of our children, and for the support of teachers and administrators in handling and de-escalating situations which may be beyond their training.	Irene N. Ray
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Also, with society's recent shift away from enforcing minor, misdemeanors and petty crimes, our children are increasingly being raised to believe that these crimes don't matter. I believe that law-enforcement presence is actually not enough, but that some instruction in upholding the law is just as important in the education of our children as all the other subjects, so that we can raise this generation of children to be respectful, law abiding citizens.

I feel the Sheriff Department's deputies presence in school campuses is a positive thing. Keeping the students and staff safe should always be a priority! Please DO NOT remove them!	
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Please do not take away the sheriffs from the schools. They were always helpful and kind to my children and helped them feel safer. The presence of sheriffs humanizes law officers for our students so an encounter in the course of personal business outside of school is not perceived immediately as a threat

Keep sheriffs in schools	Garrett
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LA Sheriff's Dept Deputies are absolutely necessary in our schools. They provide protection and peace of mind	Julia
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Keep the Deputies!!! Are you crazy!!	
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They need to be there! No more of this "racial profiling" nonsense!! It's a bunch of BS! We need Sheriff's there! Period!!

Having Sheriffs on our campuses provides a unique opportunity for our students. As with anything, the ability to constantly be exposed to something--in this case a law enforcement individual--breeds familiarity and a sense of comfort.

As a parent, I value the relationship that our SRD's have with our students and welcome the fact that my own children see them as working individuals in a capacity other than what they see on the "Cops" shows or what they hear through negative stereotypes. I appreciate that they can interact with them and make their own judgement calls. Our SRD's talk to students, smile with students, help students.

As a teacher, I value the comforting feeling that comes with having a TRAINED individual on campus should an emergency arise. Teaching at Saugus High School where a school shooting has already taken place, I am thankful that

our district has the relationship that it does with our local Sheriff's department and hope that we continue to see their presence on our campuses.

The presence of sheriff deputies on our campuses has been invaluable to students' protection and the sense of law and order so necessary to a stable and civil society. Taking away our deputies will invite and result in more criminal activity, not less. If people behave themselves, then they have nothing to fear from our law enforcement officers.

Frank D'Elia

LASD should be in school for the following reasons:

David M

1. SROs provide a level of safety you would never get from a regular patrol deputy who is too busy handling other responsibilities in an environment where they are extremely short staffed. If you think they have the time to go to schools and be a layer of safety there, you're painfully ignorant.
2. Having a deputy in schools offers an opportunity for youth to interact with law enforcement and get to know them on a human level. That relationship builds trust and opportunities to create community.
3. A SRO assigned to certain schools allows that deputy to have a knowledge of the school's physical layout that will assist them when responding to critical events. For example, if there is a critical incident in room #209 in the A building, do you think an unfamiliar deputy will know where that is? The minutes needed to figure that out will be the difference between life and death.
4. School staff already have too much on their plate, do you really think they want the responsibility of what an SRO does? Come on, really.
5. Having a deputy familiar with student allows the deputy to use their personal knowledge and use discretion when appropriate. If the deputy knows the student is struggling at home or doesn't have the resources to help them and knows whatever they did may have been in part because they are struggling, they can provide assistance and support instead of resorting to a legal channel.
6. The majority of kids feel safe when there is an armed uniform presence at the school who they know their job is to protect them. And if they don't feel that way, they can create opportunities through safe dialogue to understand and get to know the role of an SRO and the person who is their SRO.

Please keep them in house, they provide students and staff a sense of safety and security and for us parents a peace of mind 🙏

Rosalinda Nava-Meier

Why would we leave our campuses, our students, left to fend for themselves when we all know that violent instances on school campuses continue to happen all the time? Having a police presence is detrimental for the safety of the students, staff and all who are on school campuses. No presence at all will allow students, staff, and even visitors to arm themselves for protection with unknown results should a situation arise.

Tracey Crow

I feel it's important to protect children on school campuses that at times have become an unsafe environment. I support Los Angeles Sheriff's involvement in the school system. Keep the children safe and help them to understand our police are safe and necessary.

Jody Ruano

I am a mother of two daughters, who are going into 2nd grade and TK. I have lived in Santa Clarita my whole life and never thought a school shooting would ever happen here, but it unfortunately did back in 2019 at Saugus High School. This city has adapted to fit the needs of the community through the years (ex. more housing), and the unfortunate reality is that crime has increased and our children and school staff are unprotected. We live in an imperfect world where there will be times of excessive uses of force, but that doesn't mean we shouldn't do any kind of protection for our children. When that happens, we end up serving and protecting peoples' feelings, instead of their lives. Something has to change where law enforcement is more present on elementary school campuses, or at the least, making it a priority to drive by the schools when radio calls are less frequent. Sheriffs should feel welcome to stop by schools for a coffee break and visit

Christine Carver

with the kids to be positive role models for them, which in return, would alleviate some potential fears people may have towards law enforcement. We can no longer be in denial about how violent crimes have increased, and therefore, it is our duty as a community, to try everything we can to protect the most vulnerable.

Yes please. There are way too many fights/ drugs. My kids don't feel safe after the Saugus shootings and feel unsafe with the number of fights, drugs and threats at school.

It would be negligent to NOT have LASD deputies at schools. This shouldn't even be a discussion. C Bricker

Our schools have never been safer since the constant Sheriff's presence. Mary Lawrence

Law enforcement officials are needed now more than ever!!! Why would anyone think they aren't needed on the school grounds!! Doesn't make any sense.

It's important for our schools to have a deputy on campus, so that we can have a timely response to serious behavior issues with our students. The junior high I work at has over 1000 students, and the local high school has over double that. There is so much potential for a conflict to escalate. Also, our deputies counsel our students to prevent dangerous situations from even happening.

I am a parent and a school employee. My daughter was a student of Saugus and feet away from the shooter whom killed 2 students. The response from the sheriff dept and having sheriffs present and available is a needed support in this day and time. It is a need at school is In protecting staff and students alike. It would be a huge mistake to remove the officers.

I am 100% for Sheriffs Deputies working in schools. Now more than ever we need to do whatever we can to protect the kids. I am a parent of two small children, one going into T-K and one going into 2nd grade. The sick feelings I have dropping my kids off knowing there is a slight chance they could be harmed, let alone shot leaves me so incredibly anxious. I'm constantly pondering if I'm doing the right thing by sending them to public school. Add some helicopters that fly overhead or sirens heard near the school and I go straight into a panic attack. We live right near Saugus high school, this has happened once with two children shot and killed in our own backyard. We need to do everything possible to make sure this never happens again. Sara Kalb

Sheriffs officers are trained to protect. I would feel so much better to have them on all the campuses. There's always going to be racial disparities, and there's always going to be complaints about the cops. But the protection of our children should top everything else right now. The sheriffs deputies are the only ones who can carry fire arms on campuses. They are the only ones trained to take down active shooters. They are the ones we need in the schools. Sheriffs deputies will be huge assets to the schools for a variety of reasons. I feel their presence will help the children feel safe, will definitely help the parents feel their children are safer and would help our community feel we are being heard.

We can't thank you enough for assigning SRDs to maintain the safety of the school , we request you to continue providing us this support in future too.

I think we need deputies to work at the schools. The world is dangerous and scary. Terrible things happen everyday. School should be a safe place that children can attend without having ro worry about being harmed. I don't believe that the deputies are they are racial profiling. If it seems that way then maybe they need to exchange the deputy.

Please don't take police officers from the public schools. Children need to feel safe at school and parents need to know there is someone looking out for their children's safety. Not everyone thinks police are bad. We know there are a few bad apples, but the majority of police officers are there to guard our safety and keep law and order which is necessary for a civilized nation. I strongly support our police officers in general, and especially on school campuses with all of the problems that can happen anytime. Susie Greer

I would like the deputies to continue to work in the schools. They are a valuable asset to the school.

Yes! Absolutely needed at our schools to protect our children and make school a safe place. Kelani

I am absolutely 1000% in faver for Sheriff's Deputies working in the schools protecting our children. If I am being honest I'm shocked that this is even a question and even more Brian Kalb

surprised and it has taken this long to finally do something to protect our kids. Especially when its happened already in our backyard at Saugus High School witch is my old high school. Shame on us it has taken this long and Shame on us were letting the current political envirnment scare us in taking action in protecting our kids from this happening again. What's really important to us as a community, City and country? What's one thing we should all be able to agree on no matter which side of the political aisle you're on? I'll tell you what is? Its our kids and there safety, so they can have a future and hopefully do a better Job than we are doing now. We have a chance to turn things around and unite on common goals and principle. Making a safe place for our kids to learn and grow and come home safe at the end of the day is our number 1 priority. We live in a different world folks than when you and I went to public school. I was in the 11th Grade at Saugus high school when Columbine massacre happened. Im 41 years old today. There have been 386 school shootings Since Columbine. Now It's been 24 years later and lets be honest. We have done next to nothing. Having an active shooter drill and making our kids curl up in the corner of the classrooms, like sitting Ducks waiting for the response of the sheriffs across town and hoping they get there in time is doing nothing. You know it and I know it. It's time, enough is enough. I love this community and our kids. Let's stop worrying about peoples feelings so much and start worrying about our Childrens lives. What kids of feelings will they have if we keep letting these monsters kill them at school? Please do the right thing and have the Sheriff's do what they do best. Protect and serve. No more kids can Die at the hands of these active shootings on our campuses.

I believe that the sherif presence in our school system is valuable and necessary to maintain the safety of the students.

Rich rivera

The SRD program is an integral part of school safety and provides a positive relationship with youth and figures of authority in the community. Students can learn about the key role of law enforcement-helping those in need and protecting the public from evil and the importance of a respectful line of communication with our law enforcement. ALL professions have bad apples-teachers, ministers, priests, etc, that may have bias or prejudice or other preconceived ideas. This is definitely not the norm nor the majority. Knowledge and education are power, on both sides. This is what we should be focusing on with our SRD's and school, together. How to be a good citizen, how to conduct your life with morals and respect etc., NOT removing an effective and important program because a few people that should not be in the job.

Karen Cowell

Yes, I think anything we can do to keep our children safe in schools should be done.

Yes for safety

As part of the Saugus High School families whose child is still hunted by the 2019 school shooting - the kids and families feel safer and appreciate we keep we keep the police presence in school campuses.

Aileen Gomez

It has been great having an SRO on campus at all times. As an administrator, there are times that we need their support and input on legal and/or safety issues. Our SRO does his best to connect with the students and tries to be seen as a resource rather than an authority.

Yvett Landeros

Please make this a district rather than county decision. Law enforcement was a key factor in the Saugus High School school shooting. They were an important part of the healing process in the aftermath.

The School program was started to develop open communication between law enforcement, staff, students, parents and the community. However, it has grown over the years to be more than this. By having deputies on each and every high school and Jr. high school campus is important. Open communication between all in important. But the ability to see problems arise, before they are of a critical nature, is of paramount importance. Having the ability to prevent and solve crimes at the enforcement level, is of vast importance.

Michael C. Waldman

I believe that having trained and armed deputies is the best solution to the rise of on school campus gun violence. Deterrence is the only viable option to the current crisis and is proven across the world to deter would be criminal plans.	Tim Carothers
I am in the opinion that it could both good and bad. As long as students see the deputies as people they can count on, I am fine with it.	James Park
I feel a lot of comfort knowing there is a trained deputy on campus. Hopefully nothing major happens but if it does, or even something minor, I would appreciate my children to be in the hands of trained officers.	
We need deputies in the school! My children would not feel safe if they are no longer there. If school safety is a priority like you say, leave school resource officers in the school!!!	B Parrish
Deputies are critical to the feeling of safety by our students and staff in schools, especially at saugus high school, where this years seniors still feel the effects of the shooting in 2019. They bring an invaluable sense of peace and I hope that they will stay on our school campuses.	Lisa doran
Campus resource officers are a vital and necessary component to school safety, student health/wellness, and community relationship building.	
As a teacher at a public high school that has experienced a school shooting, I feel that Sheriff Deputies are vital to the security and well-being of staff and students. The presence of law enforcement on campus is reassuring and so important for safety. I also feel that it is beneficial for students to get to know the on-campus officer to develop a positive relationship with a member of law enforcement in the community.	Marissa Hyke
I support the Los Angeles County Sheriff Department deputies continuing to work in our schools. As a teacher I have seen them have a positive impact on our campus and with our students and staff.	Jennifer Jones
I can't speak in regards to the racial profiling concerns as I don't have information, but I do think our deputies help keep our campus safe.	
My opinion is that the Resource Deputy Program should continue working with the schools. School shootings is my main concern. The presence of a sheriff is essential at schools to keep peace and protect staff and students.	Rosa V.
As an educator, I value the presence of our SRDs. On my campus, I see the deputies out with students, building relationships and supporting them throughout the day. Students have shared positive experiences with the SRD, even when being disciplined. The SRDs work hard on our campus to build relationships with students so that when discipline becomes necessary, it is done in a peaceful manner. We need them on our campus.	
We absolutely need deputies on campus. Our kids and staff need to be safe.	Carol Learned
We need to have access to law enforcement officers (SRO) on our campuses for Safety reasons.	Elisa Pokorney
It is critical to have deputies on campus to protect all staff and students. I have been a staff member for 17 years and feel unsafe with the rising crime in schools especially over the last 10 years especially as a shooting occurred in our very own district. We need to make sure that there is deputy presence at all times in case of an emergency that can risk any lives!	
I am a parent of a student who attends school in the Hart District. My son's school has a Deputy assigned to the school who is there daily to ensure the students to safety. I feel better knowing that if a safety issue were to arise, there is a Deputy on site to immediately address the issue. Additionally, there is a team of dedicated School Deputy's available to respond to each school within the district when additional support is needed. Removing law enforcement from schools would compromise student safety and should not even be a consideration. Given the past tragedies that have occurred in schools, we should be looking to increase safety in schools not compromise it.	
They are a very positive influence in the campus atmosphere	Fernando
As a school-based therapist in an LA county high school, and while the SRO at my specific campus has been wonderful, I recognize that having law enforcement on school campuses can activate many students' and staff responses to trauma due to past negative experiences with law enforcement. I also recognize that there have been many	

unfortunate incidents where students have been harmed due to racial profiling/bias/use of unwarranted extreme force on the part of SROs. While law enforcement can seem helpful for some campuses, their presence can further reinforce systemic inequities that marginalized groups already experience outside of school and can, unintentionally, create a less safe environment for our students. Please allow current school staff the opportunity to work with students who are learning to make healthy decisions and have law enforcement remain an outside resource that are called upon only to manage legal, criminal, or emergency matters when needed.

Los Angeles County Sheriff Department's Deputies must be in our Hart School District Schools. These Deputies work tirelessly to mitigate violence, drugs, and mental health incidents before situations escalate to needless "news headline" tragedies.

I believe it's a fantastic idea, but only if the duty engages with students in a productive, positive matter, consistently. Doug Butler

As a mother living within Los Angeles County, I feel that it is very important to have Deputies present on campus to help ensure the safety of students and faculty. Tara Ragsdale

The school to prison pipeline indicates having law enforcement on campus creates a partnership between the education system and the juvenile justice system. The funding may be better used having additional social workers, school psychologists, and counselors available to work with students who misbehave, and focus on working through the reasons why the student is misbehaving instead of using SROs, zero tolerance policies, and exclusionary discipline such as suspensions and expulsions, in order to assist students and families in addressing the underlying issues.

As an 18 year veteran teacher directly impacted by the shooting at Saugus High School (Nov 2019) in Santa Clarita, I cannot express strongly enough the essential need to maintain the presence of the SRO on all our campuses. Two of my former students were shot that day, one fatally. My colleagues were on the front line, some covered in blood helping the injured and calming the distraught. The long term impact of that day will resonate in our community and with our families for years to come. We simply cannot predict where violence will strike. The SRO plays a vital and positive role on campus by building relationships with students, deterring violence and other criminal activity and if necessary, responding without delay in an emergency. Please do not forget the cries of our community begging for safer schools. Between the multiple rising crisis of Fentanyl overdoses and students struggling with suicidal ideation and violence, we are at greater risk than ever. PLEASE! Do not take away the most significant safety measure we have. Keep the SROs in our schools! Valerie Quay

I currently work in the William S Hart Union High School District. I have worked collaboratively with deputies on our campuses and I've been able to personally see them engage with students. The interactions I've witnessed have been positive and allowed students who would otherwise steer clear of law enforcement, have an opportunity to build rapport with them. I know of several students that had local law enforcement involvement and the deputy at our school was familiar with them and them with him, but there was no animosity and had regular positive interactions on campus. I have seen law enforcement abuse their authority, disproportionately target marginalized groups, and make no effort to build rapport with the community they serve, but that hasn't been my experience with the deputies that are assigned to our schools. Lastly, while I support deputies being on our campuses and a resource for our district, the only role I don't support them providing is mental health support or place students on psychiatric holds. Ira Rounsaville

I appreciate the presence of Resource Officers on our campus. I am sorry that we need them.

I have seven grand children in Los Angeles county and I'm begging you to keep the deputies in schools. They are at the most risk and are not able to help themselves. Please leave the deputies in the schools

As a public school teacher, I know first hand that having an SRO on campus serves as a deterrent for misbehaving. The deputy brings with him/her a sense of peace and safety. It also allows our youth to see law enforcement in a positive light and forge real world relationships and connections. K Soto

The Sheriff's Department School Resource Deputy program is a necessity for schools today. Schools allow for positive relationships to take place between resource officers and Saliba Saba

students. It would not be wise to create a gap between these two groups. We must also acknowledge that there are individuals out there who wish to do harm to others. These individuals can be students or adults in the community who are on a destructive path and have no regard for human life. The most pragmatic solution to this would be to have a police presence in the school should anything like that happen. But these resource officers are not simply machines who are stored in closets and who wait to take action in case a dangerous incident occurs. Instead, these officers are being proactive in their school communities and are using their skills to help prevent dangerous scenarios from occurring in the first place. If we change this program at all, it would be to increase the number of resource officers in schools.

We need deputies at our schools. The schools are easy targets without them.

Echo Thomas

I'm a high school student and we have resource deputies on our campus. I think it is conceited and backwards to believe that all police officers are racist bigots. By agreeing to this notion, you are putting an entire group of people in a box, which in itself is discrimination. Having these deputies here makes me, someone with a very extreme anxiety disorder, feel safer after the tragedy that occurred at Saugus High School, and puts me in the mindset that I too can join law enforcement in the future. Coming from a school with the majority of the students being part of a minority group, I myself have never seen racism from an officer on my campus.

This comment is based on my understanding and knowledge, based on expert analysis, of the presence of School Resource Officers (SROs) and other law enforcement officers in the Antelope Valley Union High School District. I conclude that LA Sheriff deputies should not work in the AVUHSD schools or any schools at all. Rather, funds should go toward positive behavior supports and broader and better offering of instructional and enrichment programs.

Mona Tawatao

Certain populations of students are disproportionately harmed by law enforcement referrals. All students in AVUHSD are at high risk of law enforcement referral, but Black students make up 38.3% of all general education referrals but only 14.4% of the nondisabled population (2021-22 school year). Students with disabilities are 3.19 times more likely to be referred to law enforcement than their non-disabled peers. Black students with disabilities are nearly 5 times more likely to be referred to law enforcement than students with disabilities from all other racial and ethnic groups.

Out of the 354 law enforcement referrals in the 2021-2022 school year, nearly a third or 31.1% led to an arrest. Black general education students account for 36.7% of general education students arrested. Special education students accounted for 42.7% of these arrests, when they only make up 17% of the students enrolled in the District. Black students with disabilities make up 55.6% of all arrests of special education students. High reliance on SRO involvement in school discipline in the AVUHSD has become institutionalized and that this a phenomenon that perpetuates high rates of student discipline, criminalizes student misconduct, and fuels the school-to-prison pipeline. A considerable number of students were referred to law enforcement or SRO as part of the suspension process. Many instances of law enforcement referrals and campus security involvement resulted in the escalation of minor student misconduct to result in citations, restraints, and arrests.

An analysis of the AVUHSD's financial commitments comparing money spent on law enforcement programs against the money spent on professional behavioral and mental health supports, found the cost of SROs to be considerably higher than the cost of professionals who possess more schooling and training in working with students with disabilities and students with mental health needs. AVUHSD spends \$1,872,046.01 annually on law enforcement, and the costs has increased from year to year. The average cost of a psychologist is \$129K and the average cost of a counselor is \$130K, while the average cost of an SRO is \$180K (p. 362) The cost of the District's 10 SROs equates to 57% of the cost of the District's 26 school psychologists. This data as well as historical data are indicative of persistent failures to provide positive behavioral supports, promote a sound

instructional program, and ensure safer, less hostile campuses. Policing/law enforcement has not been an effective solution, despite a considerable financial commitment.

We one hundred percent need our Sheriffs, Resource Officer and anyone else to protect our children at school. It is vital we have Resource Officers at our schools in todays world. If you want to lose more students to home schooling then taking our resource officers away will make way more people take their kids out of schools. Also taking away the one security for our children that could save a life or multiple lives this is exactly how to lose more kids and have parents pull their children out of school. We need our kids safe!! With more crime and school shootings it is vital to have Resource Officers at our schools without a doubt! If our children are unsafe or killed this would be on your hands if you take them away !! Protect our children !!

Sheryl Johnson

The Deputies working in our schools is incredibly important and helpful to community relations, safety and security in schools, and compassionate men and women who are skilled at working with our youth to provide interventions and supports. When we have to rely on station deputies who do not have the collaboration and training that School resource officers have, our students and families don't have the same relationship building experiences, especially when their student has done something that needs legal intervention.

Kyra Madsen

Sheriff department deputies have been a positive sign for our schools . I know that I and some of my students feel safe seeing them on campus.

As an educator and a parent, I appreciate the supportive presence of our dedicated School Resource Officer at my campus. In my experience, the SRO is generally a positive addition to our campus. Over the years, I have observed that most of our officers make every effort to build rapport and help our students and staff feel safe.

Jill Spradling

I think the deputies provide tremendous support to the schools . I believe good law abiding students and staff appreciate them too. I don't think racial profiling is an issue . I think criminal profiling is very appropriate and common sense behavior

Chris Eddy

Please keep the deputies on our campuses. Our staff and students feel more safe with their presence near.

Felicia Wheeler

I am going on my fifth year of working in a high school district as a therapist. Having the SRO's on campus has been crucial for everyone's safety. Losing that support in a time of tremendous gun violence would make many feel unsafe. In my experience, the SRO's have been supportive of students and staff.

Having SROs on junior high campuses provide us with many benefits. SROs contribute to the safety, security and overall well-being of all students and staff. Parents have also expressed a sense of security knowing an SRO is affiliated and visits the school.

Sue Dielentheis

Of course, the first thing that comes to mind when thinking about an SRO on campus, is the the sense of safety and security they provide. SROs are trained and able to respond quickly to emergencies, mitigate threats, and prevent the escalation of different types of incidents. SROs also play a crucial role in crisis response. They are able to coordinate with other law enforcement agencies to ensure a swift and effective response to protect students and staff.

One of the greatest benefits of having SROs on a junior high campus is the building of positive relationships with law enforcement in a non-confrontational setting. Students open up more with people they trust. This also extends to the community. As students share their interactions with the SRO with parents and siblings, trust increases. SROs are great contributors to creating preventative and intervention programs. SROs work with staff members to offer their expertise and knowledge to programs for negative behaviors such as substance abuse, bullying and other negative behaviors. Having the SRO meet individually with a student at risk for troublesome behaviors often gives a student a realistic perspective of the consequences of their choices. Finally, SROs can serve as mentors for some students. Many students in junior high are

exploring a variety of interests. Being able to speak with someone who is actually doing a job provides a lot of insight. In addition, SROs may take an "at risk" student under their wing and check in with them in a variety of environments outside of school. SROs are an important and intricate part of a school system, especially at a junior high level. These adolescents are at a time in their lives when they are breaking away from parents and peer acceptance means everything to them. They live in the moment and do not have the forethought of the consequences of their actions. SROs can assist students in understanding how choices now directly influences what happens to them tomorrow, next year or five years from now. Even if a student does not know the SRO, the presence of him or her on campus can serve as a strong deterrent from potential dangerous and disruptive activities. With all the news coverage regarding dangerous acts happening on school campuses, it is essential that students, staff and parents feel the adolescents are safe at school.

I am located in Castaic in the Hart School District, as the district itself experienced a tragedy with gun violence, I think officers on campus help make students feel safer, and there is always a conversation to be had about why they are present and maybe that can be had with students. I think most know that gun violence is a huge problem, especially with shootings in schools so prevalent. I do not come from an underprivileged background or school so I can't speak to the experience of others, but protection from immediate threats should be considered first, as students dying in the schools and so young is, yes, just as traumatizing as falling into gangs, jail later on. But we can't protect every student from that pipeline if there are other issues that can be met with counseling and other interventions, somehow, before risking removing officers and having immediate deaths on campus if there was a shooting. Of course, I don't know all, but I believe protecting students in the moment takes precedent.

Being a school staff member, I have seen the support and safety deputies provide. I understand the concerns with use of force but I do believe that the Sheriff's Department can assign deputies that have mental and emotional qualities that best qualify for such a position.

Martina Lily Martinez

I think they NEED to be in the schools! It is important that they are visible and accessible to students. It can build a rapport with students that doesn't happen when they're not in the schools. Being familiar with the students can benefit both sides. Deputies will be seen as human (having lunch in the cafeteria) and students will come to think of Deputies less as someone they don't interact with unless there's trouble to someone they can use as a resource for info they need.

Jan LaPointe

As a teacher, I feel more comfortable having a Sheriff's deputy on campus in case the (probably rare) chance that he or she is needed in an extreme emergency. I also think that having such a presence may act as a deterrence (even if small). I also believe that it is possible to build better trust between officers and the community now and in the future. It seems appropriate that an officer should be an integral part of school resources.

We've seen what happens when you remove law enforcement in any situation and it never turns out well.

They deputies at Hart District provide comfort and safety to the students of the district. They get along with the students on each campus and make sure that each student feels safe especially after everything these kids have gone through.

I think it's an important support to our schools.

Karla Hernandez

I believe the LA Sheriffs dept. should have a presence in every school as it is imperative that students see and are aware that they are both protected and will be held to real life consequences should a real incident occur. In school we prepare children for the real world and that includes being held accountable for our actions and choices.

Leslie Polanco

I always appreciate the presence of Sheriff's on campus. It makes me feel safe and protected, and I'm sure it provides that sense of safety for others as well. They are there to protect and safeguard, especially in case of an emergency. Their presence on our campuses could save lives.

School resource deputies are essential to the safety of our kids.

Art Balena

I appreciate our Los Angeles County Sheriff Department's Deputies working on our school sites. My experience shows Students, Staff and Parents approaching them with questions and concerns and getting answers needed. Deputies also support our Administrative Staff, Students and Staff while here on campus.

It feels much safer and secure knowing there is a deputy on campus.

Having our deputies on campus is a positive. As a parent, it makes me comfortable knowing there is law enforcement present or near should a serious incident occur on campus. The school deputy program MUST remain.

Deputies are campus are essential for building a relationship between entire climate and culture on school campuses. Students and staff can build a rapport and even confide dangerous life situations to protect any and everyone including themselves. Sheila

Use the money on social workers and counselors, not on police officers in schools.

As a school Administrator, I regularly work with the School Resource Officer for a variety of reasons. Some of them are school safety, discipline, mental health-related issues, and as a liaison between the school community and Sheriff's Department. One of my biggest responsibilities is student/employee safety and I have worked directly with my School Resource Officer's to plan and implement strategies to respond to emergent situations. Their knowledge and expertise are integral to not only the plans but the feelings of safety on our campuses. Their presence alone makes both parents and students feel a sense of safety. When it comes to student discipline, our Resource Officers have been invaluable to us when laws have been broken and further discipline is warranted. Every one of the Officers I have worked with has been professional, knowledgeable, and caring. Not everyone can work with kids, but all of the Officers I have worked with can. I have also worked with Officers directly for mental health-related crises and they have helped connect us with MET and PET teams as well as transporting students in crisis, when necessary. Throughout the past 22 years I have been working in education I have heard from countless students and parents that say the Resource Officers have helped their children feel less apprehensive about law enforcement and many that say they have been a huge help through some very tough situations. I would have a very difficult time doing my job effectively without their partnership. Ben Wobrock
