

Local School Council Advisory Board Resolution

Chicago Board of Education Possible Elimination of SROs from CPS and Bypassing LSCs

Whereas, since 2019, Local School Councils have had the authority to decide for themselves whether to have police officers assigned to their schools — and that’s the best way to handle this controversial issue.

Whereas, restorative approaches — for instance, peace circles to handle disputes, along with counseling and mentoring for misbehaving teens, should take precedence over policing.

Whereas, every CPS school community is different, and LSC members throughout the City of Chicago are elected as community, teacher, staff, student, and parent representatives to make the best decision according to their school’s best interest.

Whereas, several dozen high schools, many of which serve Black and Brown students, still have at least one police officer in place because LSCs consider those officers to be a valued adult presence in schools.

Let it be Resolved that Local School Councils in Chicago should continue to be empowered to make the decision as to whether to choose to keep the services of a School Resource Officer in their schools.

The LSCAB respectfully submits this resolution on *February 12, 2024*, to the Chicago Board of Education for consideration and implementation by the Chicago Public Schools.