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Board

Creating a Culture... of Innovation, Caring and Social Responsibility.







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Fostering a Culture of Caring

(Reference: Ottawa-Carleton District School Board By-Laws and Standing Rules)

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Contact Information First Name: * Last Name: * Cleo Alyssa de Ruijter Address: * Address 2: City: * Province or Territory: * British Columbia Vancouver Postal Code: * Phone Number: * Confirm Email Address: * Email Address: * Please re-enter your email address Delegation issue information Fields marked with an * are required

Meeting Date: *

6/8/2021

Summary of issue/concern: *

After recently being a part of Asilu Collective, an abolitionist group from Ottawa campaigning for the termination of the School Resource Officer (SRO) program across local public school boards, I have been exposed to real life accounts of the damaging consequences of cops in schools. We have just released a report detailing the negative consequences of policing in schools, consisting of testimonies & experiences by current and former Ottawa students, that makes clear that SROs create a large barrier to learning and safety for our youth, especially racialised youth in schools. Whilst having a small part in the writing of the report, I was exposed to the ways in which policing affects every part of the students education from how they were treated and seen, in and out of the classroom, to how they performed academically. Thus, I urge you to terminate the SRO program so students in Ottawa are able to thrive in schools and acquire the equitable education they deserve. I also urge you to read the referenced report by Asilu Collective and also the recent report by the OCDSB's Office of the Human Rights and Equity Advisor before making a decision. It is crucial for the SRO program to be terminated and the voices of Ottawa students to be listened too. Thank you for your time.

Recommendation(s) for resolution of issue:*

It is crucial for the SRO program to be terminated. Instead, appropriate funding needs to go to mental health resources and other community based resources to better support students and their safety.

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