



State bill HB5008 seeks to allow Local School Councils (LSCs) to contract School Resource Officers (SROs) with the Chicago Police Department (CPD). This seeks to undo the work the Chicago Board of Education has done to prepare to remove police and reinvest in holistic systems of care.

This bill is dangerous because:

- It would allow LSCs to enter into contracts without any oversight, transparency, nor accountability.
- LSC have historically been disenfranchised, and the majority of LSC do not have enough members to meet quorum.
- It is impractical to have potentially over 638 individual LSC contracts/ MOU with a city department.
- Allowing LSCs to use discretionary funds to hire non-union positions, instead of librarians, RJ Practitioners, and other important support positions
- Assumes the school district has the funding and will pay for SRO in 638 schools
- There are no trade-in dollar for pivotal resources other than spending millions on police
- Disgards CPS' current Whole School Safety Policy

Young people and communities fought at the city level to see real investment in their schools by demanding SROs be removed and replaced with healing resources. These community members are also experiencing harm that is a direct result of purposeful divestment from the State. We are seeing \$50 million in pivotal afterschool funding cut from ISBE. Divestment in their neighborhood schools, community spaces, public and free mental health care, affordable housing and transportation. Yet, we continue to see investment in policing. Policing does not keep us safe.