Overview of the SRO Program Review and SRO MOU Revisions

WCPSS Board of Education Meeting
Information Item

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Desired Outcomes

• Highlight steps and activities taken by the district since summer 2020 to gather stakeholder input as part of the WCPSS Board of Education's review of the SRO program.

• Provide an overview of the revised draft of the SRO Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) reflecting revisions proposed by the Board and stakeholder input.
• The Wake County Board of Education created an Ad-Hoc Safety and Security Board Committee to review, address, and plan for topics, programming, and resources in support of safety and security measures within the Wake County Public School System.

• The Safety and Security Committee has met monthly and has included among its focus areas for the year:
  • A review of the framework and components of the SRO program
  • A review of the SRO MOU and determination of the district’s future position and direction as tied to MOU revisions and renewal
WCPSS Safety and Security Committee

Topics and Focus Areas

• SRO Training
• SRO Offense Referral Data for Middle and High Schools
• Overview of Restorative Practices and the Peacebuilders Program
• Data from SRO Survey Results and Input from Focus Groups
• Overview of Restorative Practices and Peacebuilders Program
• Financial Overview: Funding for SROs and AlliedUniversal
• Review of Use of Force
• Overview of SROs at Elementary Schools
• Overview of the Safer Schools Task Force Report (2013)
• Feedback and Input from the SRO MOU Survey Results
Stakeholder Input about the SRO Program

• As part of the SRO Program review, the district issued a survey to seek input from stakeholder groups about the SRO Program and the AlliedUniversal Security Officer Program.

• The survey was open from September 24, 2020 - October 23, 2020.

• The SRO Survey was completed by 54,531 respondents.

• The survey was distributed to the following stakeholder groups:
  • Community Members
  • Parents
  • Students
  • Staff
Stakeholder Input about the SRO Program

- Focus groups were facilitated with stakeholders to further unpack information gathered from the surveys.

- WCPSS staff conducted a total of 15 virtual focus group sessions from December of 2020 - February of 2021.

- The SRO Focus Groups explored specific questions from the surveys with the following stakeholder groups:
  - Students
  - Teachers
  - Principals
  - Parents
  - Community Members
  - Local Law Enforcement
  - WCPSS Security Department
Stakeholder Input about the SRO MOU Revisions

- WCPSS staff, in collaboration with Tharrington Smith, launched a survey to gather information on several portions of the existing MOU between WCPSS and local law enforcement agencies.

- The MOU survey had 5,395 respondents from the following stakeholders:
  - Community Members
  - Students
  - Parents
  - WCPSS Staff
  - Law Enforcement Agencies
Revised Draft of the SRO MOU
Overview

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