

Dear School Board Members Carrie Olson, Jennifer Bacon, Angela Cobián, Tay Anderson, Brad Laurvick, Barbara O'Brien, and Scott Balderman

George Floyd was murdered by a white cop, just a week after Armaud Arbery was murdered by white supremacists while running and Breonna Taylor was murdered by the Louisville police department while in her own bed. We must continue to commit to dismantling systems of white supremacy in our criminal justice system, our schools and our society as a whole. The calls for change and justice must be met with real and concrete action- and a commitment to dismantling those systems within our schools.

We are supportive of Director Bacon and Director Anderson's proposal to end the contract between the Denver Police Department and the district that places armed police officers in our schools (SROs). Denver Public Schools has 17 SRO's operating at 17 out of the 207 schools in the district. 70% of tickets and arrests in DPS were at schools with an assigned police officer. (518 of the 744 total tickets/arrests were at a school with an SRO). 412 of those students were Latino, 122 were Black, and 99 were white. Students of color are disproportionately impacted by discipline systems and students in schools with SROs are more likely to receive tickets and be arrested compared to schools that do not have them. Our school systems should be investing in nurses, mental-health professionals and restorative practices, not police in our schools.

8 out of 10 white students in DPS are meeting college ready expectations whereas 4 out of 10 students of color are. Students of color deserve access to a life of opportunity and it the responsibility of this district to ensure that is the case- which means holding yourselves accountable for monitoring student progress and access to opportunity of student of color.

We, the team at TEN, alongside the 3,000 community members who have signed on below call upon this board to confront issues of inequity in our schools and end the school to prison pipeline. We ask this district to end the policing in our schools and commit to transparent accountability on how well this district is keeping students safe and preparing students of color for a life of opportunity.

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