

Recommendations of the Taskforce on Focusing School Safety

Connections w/ Community

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Taskforce Work Amplified Locally by Community Voices

- Dignity in Schools Campaign - New York
- Student Safety Coalition
- Bronx School Justice Workgroup (PAC)



Bronx School Justice Workgroup

- More than 50% of arrests/summonses by School Safety Agents in 11-12 were in Bronx.
- Parent Action Committee (PAC) convened a People's Hearing.
- The NYPD School Safety Division and NYC Department of Education attended and committed to ongoing meetings.



Outcomes from Community-Facilitated Workshops for SSAs

Most recent workshop of 125 new SSA recruits

- More than 80% of agents agreed/strongly agreed:
 - They learned something new
 - They enjoyed the workshop



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Implementation Strategies

- **1. CLARITY** - Focus the role of school safety agents on school safety and not as first-responders for everyday school misbehavior
 - **2. EMPOWERMENT** - Track school arrests and summonses by school, including breakdowns by age, sex, race, ethnicity and disability status.
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- **3. COLLABORATION** - Integrate SSAs with the assigned school administration team to develop, support & work toward shared goals of improving school engagement & attendance & reducing suspensions, summonses & arrests.
 - **5. DIALOGUE** - Assure routine conferencing between principals & SSAs prior to an arrest or summons, as req'd by Chancellor's Reg. A-412.
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- **4. PREPARATION** - Identify skills needed and provide training for SSAs based on youth development principles to promote culturally competent skills and positive interaction with students.

