

SCHOOL-TO-PRISON PIPELINE

Today's Students Experience...

Prison-Like Environments

- SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS
- POLICE DOGS
- ARMED GUARDS
- SCHOOL AND LOCAL POLICE ON CAMPUS
- METAL DETECTORS
- STRIP SEARCHES
- PHYSICALLY UNINVITING BUILDINGS

Under Investment

- CUTBACKS ON COUNSELORS, SOCIAL WORKERS AND MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES
- UNDERFUNDED AND UNDER-RESOURCED SCHOOLS

Harsh School Discipline

- OUT-OF-SCHOOL SUSPENSIONS
- EXPULSIONS
- TRANSFERS TO ALTERNATIVE SCHOOLS
- ZERO TOLERANCE POLICIES

Pressures & Uncertainty

- SCHOOL CLOSURES
- PRIVATIZATION
- HIGH-STAKES TESTING PRESSURES ON STUDENTS, TEACHERS AND ADMINISTRATORS
- IMPLICIT AND EXPLICIT BIAS

Youth of color, LGBTQ students, and students with disabilities are punished **more often** and **more harshly** than their peers for the same misbehavior.

Out-of-School Suspensions

OVER **3,000,000** students receive an out-of-school suspension annually.

A NUMBER THAT HAS BEEN RISING FOR DECADES.

School Arrests

OVER **70%** of students involved in school-related arrested or referred to law enforcement are Hispanic or African-American.



SUSPENSIONS, RACE & DISABILITY

Likelihood of Being Suspended at Least Once

WHITE 1/20

LATINO 1/14

NATIVE AMER. 1/13

BLACK 1/6

BLACK WITH DISABILITY 1/4

OVER **67%** of school arrests in Florida are for minor misdemeanor charges.



HARSH DISCIPLINE POLICIES =

- No Trust in Adults
- No College or Career
- No Safer Schools

STUDENTS HAVE ACTUALLY BEEN ARRESTED FOR...

- Kindergartener throwing a temper tantrum
- Scribbling on a desk
- Sneaking into school for a senior prank
- Playing the *Fresh Prince* theme song on a cellphone
- Science experiment gone wrong

STUDENTS HAVE ACTUALLY BEEN SUSPENDED FOR...

Talking about a Hello Kitty bubble gun

Hugging a friend

Chewing a Pop Tart into the shape of a gun

Just **ONE** out-of-school suspension in the 9th grade **DOUBLES** a student's risk of dropping out before graduation.



BOOKS NOT BARS

END #SCHOOL2PRISON

YOU CANT BUILD PEACE WITH A PIECE

EDUCATION NOT INCARCERATION

PUSHOUT? PUSH BACK