

City of Providence
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 214

EFFECTIVE May 17, 2021

WHEREAS, It is the role of principals, teachers and other educators to administer school discipline in a way that supports personal growth and learning opportunities for all students; and

WHEREAS, It is imperative that school discipline be administered in such a way as to keep students within the classroom setting to the greatest extent practicable; and

WHEREAS, School-based infractions should not be addressed through harsh, exclusionary measures or justice-system intervention; and

WHEREAS, The use of non-punitive interventions such as restorative justice, peer mediation, and counseling services results in dramatic improvements in school safety and academic performance; and

WHEREAS, An increase in funding for non-punitive intervention, including social and emotional learning and support services, coupled with the elimination of the use of school-based School Resource Officers will create a safer and more productive learning environment for Providence's public school students.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council does hereby request that the Rhode Island Department of Education increase funding for social and emotional learning and support services; eliminate the school-based assignment of School Resource Officers in Providence's Public Schools; develop a comprehensive school safety plan that includes a framework for emergency drills, and related policies and protocols through the development of a school safety, culture and climate team in each school; and engage students, families, and teachers in the planning and monitoring of the school safety structure.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, upon passage, copies of this resolution be sent to the Mayor of Providence, the Superintendent of the Providence Public School District, the Chief of the Providence Police Department, the Commissioner of Public Safety, and the Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education for the State of Rhode Island.

IN CITY COUNCIL

MAY 6 2021

READ AND PASSED



PRES.



CLERK

Effective without the
Mayor's Signature



Shawn Selleck
City Clerk