



June 19, 2022

The Hon. \_\_\_\_\_  
Capitol Office, CA State Assembly  
1021 "O" Street, P.O. Box 942849  
Sacramento, CA 94249

**Re: *Support SB 1273, End Unnecessary Police Interaction In Schools***

Dear Assembly Member,

I'm writing in support of SB 1273 to make several needed changes to our existing law that mandates how school officials choose to notify law enforcement. This bill will eliminate overreaching and outdated state mandates for school notification of law enforcement, thereby encouraging schools to adopt non-punitive, trauma-informed, and health-based approaches to school-related behaviors.

Interacting with law-enforcement at a young age creates long-term harms and alarmingly, Black, Indigenous, and Latinx students, as well as students with disabilities, are disproportionately referred to law enforcement, cited, and arrested.

We should be empowering our educators by giving them the discretion to determine when to notify law enforcement about a student's school-related behaviors so that they can take into consideration the totality of the circumstance. Educators should not have to worry about getting fined if they choose non-punitive approaches.

SB 1273 will keep students in school by increasing educator discretion to decide how to handle student misbehavior and by protecting students from unnecessary contact with the youth or criminal legal system. I urge you to support this bill.

Sincerely,

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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