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Hi Marsha,

Could you please add this piece to the CAFE portal under our upcoming SRO meeting?

Thanks!

Joyce

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U. S. Senator Chris Murphy has filed legislation on prohibiting school resource officer funding

U.S. Senators Chris Murphy and Elizabeth Warren have proposed legislation "that would prohibit federal funds for police in schools, diverting existing resources towards the use of counselors, social workers, and other services and supports to help marginalized students and improve educational outcomes." The proposed legislation is titled, Counseling Not Criminalization in Schools Act and "would also provide a standalone grant program for districts to replace police personnel with counselors, social workers and other health providers."

Many school districts have expressed concerns on this proposal as they have longstanding memorandum of understandings(MOU's) with local police departments and those understandings specifically detail the many supportive ways the school resource officers (SRO's) contribute to a positive school climate.

Last week, the Connecticut Association of Urban Superintendents, wrote to U.S. Senator Murphy expressing their strong support for SRO's, while also acknowledging that, yes, more social workers and counselor would be a great benefit. Their letter is attached.

If your district has an SRO, please let U.S. Senator Murphy know the positive way their presence is guiding your district. <https://www.murphy.senate.gov/>

Draft Letter to Senator Chris Murphy

Legend

AA- An Act

AAC - An Act Concerning

JF - Joint Substitute

JFS - Joint Favorable Substitute

Websites of Interest

www.ct-n.com - videotaped coverage of legislative activities, including sessions. Live coverage as well as archived.

www.cga.ct.gov - legislative home page, education committee site.

www.state.ct.us/sde - state department of education site.

www.nsba.org - National School Board Association.



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