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# District Safety Updates

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# Strategic Plan



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## Welcoming Learning Environments

PILLAR 2  
Joy and  
Wellness

### OUR PRIORITY

Design and sustain welcoming, **safe**, environmentally friendly, affirming, and inclusive learning environments.

### WHY THIS MATTERS

Healthy and **safe** environments increase student capacity for learning and success.

# School Safety

- Los Angeles Unified is committed to providing every student and all members of our District and school communities with a safe, healthy, welcoming and respectful learning and working environment.
- The District's Every School Safe 2023–2026 Blueprint for Safety is the comprehensive safety plan for all existing and developing systems, programs and resources that reflect this commitment.
- All components are aligned and interconnected to the priorities and strategies reflected in the Los Angeles Unified Strategic Plan.
- The Division of School Operations (DSO) and the Los Angeles School Police Department (LASPD) play a critical role in ensuring Districtwide safety and security and alignment with the Blueprint for Safety.
- As part of that critical work, these departments continually review and refine policies and procedures for campus support.



# Division of School Operations

Every School Safe: A Blueprint for Safety



# District Safety Budget, 23–24 School Year

Nearly \$350 million allocated to safety related positions and third-party support services -- this does not account for the millions of dollars being invested in school facilities and technology.

Position/Item	Location	FTEs	Budgeted
Community Based Safety Pilot (CBSP) Vendor-Provided Support	School Support Services	N/A	\$14,161,600
School Climate Advocates	School Site Based	338	\$31,952,381
Restorative Justice Teacher Advisors	Region/District	2	\$312,712
System of Support Advisors (SOSA)	Region/District	51	\$8,748,515
Campus Aides/Supervision Aides	School Site Based	1,901	\$94,070,638
Psychiatric Social Workers (PSWs)	School Site Based	751	\$120,352,057
Sworn Peace Officers	Districtwide	280	\$44,485,774
Operations Coordinators	Region/District	29	\$6,751,415
Mental Health Coordinators	Region/District	7	\$1,562,332
Organizational Facilitators	Region/District	30	\$5,412,525
Healthy Start Coordinators	School Site Based	16	\$1,924,608
Restorative Justice Teachers	School Site Based	120	\$16,397,297
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>3,526</b>	<b>\$346,131,854</b>

# Los Angeles School Police Department Budget

## 2023-2024 LASPD Budget

- \$44.5 million for Sworn Peace Officer Positions
- Approximately \$592,000 for diversion program's four Pupil Services Counselors
- \$1.56 million for Mental Health Evaluation Team (MHET)
- **NEW: ~\$3.7 million from vacant officer positions for CBSP Programs for non-BSAP schools**
  - Unspent funds will carryover to 2024-2025 budget for use on the same programs and resources

# School Police On-Campus Deployment

**Short-term, on campus deployments of LASPD Officers are authorized in response to:**

- Mass School Threats (MST)
- Community Violence impacting campuses
- On campus acts of violence

**When deployment occurs, other non-law enforcement resources are also provided, including:**

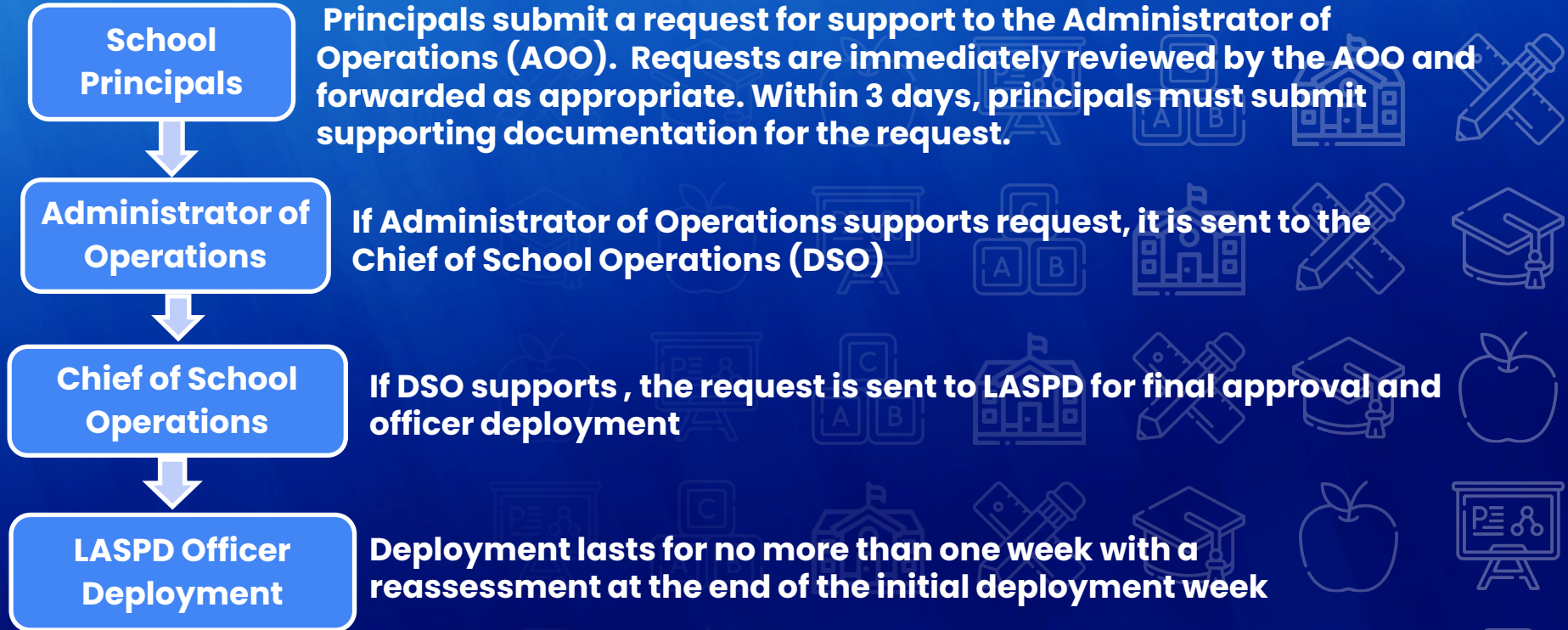
- Appropriate Region Staff
- Mental Health Support
- Community-Based Resources

**To date in 2023-24, out of ~780 sites, there have been a total of 41 short-term deployments across 36 campuses**

Board District	Number of Instances
BD 1	6
BD 2	4
BD 3	4
BD 4	6
BD 5	6
BD 6	7
BD 7	8
Total	41

Region	Number of Instances
East	7
North	12
South	8
West	14
Total	41

# School Police On-Campus Deployment



**Bulletin Procedures for Requesting Short-Term School Police Support Due to Safety Concerns** formalizes process for greater clarity among practitioners

# Revision to LASPD Policy: Use of Oleoresin Capsicum (OC) Spray

*(often referred to as pepper spray)*

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## **Current Guidance for LASPD Officers:**

- May be considered for use as self-defense or defending others from imminent threat, or actual use of physical force of violence
- Not used to disperse crowds
- Not to be used on campus involving persons who reasonably appear to be K-12 students or minors

## **Revised Guidance for LASPD Officers:**

- Not used against persons who reasonably appear to be a juvenile on or off LAUSD campuses

*\*\*An "exception clause" to this language will be evaluated to address rare circumstances when an officer must defend against an act of physical violence in progress that appears likely to result in serious bodily injury to any person, including officers, or for the preservation of life, and other force options or other intervention alternatives are not objectively reasonable or available at the time.*

- LASPD currently evaluating feasibility of OC gel/foam options in place of spray

# LASPD Professional Development

**LASPD staff engage in a number of ongoing training opportunities to ensure their support is attuned and sensitive to the needs of our District community.**

- Community Policing and Safety Collaboratives
- Constitutional and Community Policing
- Principled Policing
- Implicit Bias and Cultural Competency Training
- De-Escalation Strategies and Techniques
- First Aid, Tactical Emergency Casualty Care, Automated External Defibrillator
- Active Assailant Response
- Police One Academy
- Crisis Intervention in Dealing with Mentally Ill individuals
- Duty to Intercede
- Addressing Homeless Populations
- Strategic Communications-Post Refresher Course
- Gracie De-Escalation Training Program

# Additional LASPD Supports

## District-Level Supports

- Mental Health Evaluation Team (MHET)
- LASAR
- LAUSD Diversion Program

## Student-Level Supports

- Walking The Beat
- Police Academy Magnet Schools
- Rocket Rules: Sense of Safety Program
- Anger Management Program for Students (A.M.P.S.)

# Community Engagement Regarding Safety

## Student Engagement

- On March 4, 2024, a diverse group of secondary students participated in the First Annual Student Safety Summit to gather authentic student feedback around safety measures on campus.
  - Sessions were moderated by District staff to discuss:
    - Restorative Practices/School-wide Positive Behavior Interventions and Support
    - Student Mental Health and Wellness
    - Every School Safe: Student Presentations
    - Community Based Safety
- District Student Leadership Groups- Students will be engaged in authentic conversations to gather their feedback related to safety.

# Community Engagement Regarding Safety

Employees and parents have been and will continue to be engaged in discussions regarding safety, specifically:

- Restorative Practices/School-wide Positive Behavior Interventions and Support
- Student Mental Health and Wellness
- Community Based Safety
- District Safety Personnel

## Schedule of Town Halls:

Date	Time	Region /Location
March 21	4-5:30PM (Employees) 6-7:30PM (Parents)	South-Gardena HS
April 4	4-5:30PM (Employees) 6-7:30PM (Parents)	East- Wilson HS
April 18	4-5:30 PM (Employees) 6-7:30PM (Parents)	West- Fairfax HS
April 25	4-5:30 PM (Employees) 6-7:30PM (Parents)	North- Valley Academy of Arts & Sciences

# Community Engagement Regarding Safety

**Additional Groups/Individuals engaged include:**



**Civic and  
Business  
Leaders**



**Community  
Organizations**



**LAUSD  
Administrators**

# QUESTIONS?