A Tale of Two Schools

Carlos had a heated argument with his parents before leaving for school, so he's running late. Let's see the difference that restorative practices can make.

School Using Zero-Tolerance

Greeted by metal detectors & police search.

Teacher scolds him in front of class, Carlos talks back & gets detention.

A school police officer detains and arrests both students.

Carlos is held in juvenile detention all afternoon, has an arrest record and is facing suspension.

School Using Restorative Practices

Teachers and administrators welcome students as they enter.

His teacher waits until after class to speak with Carlos, setting up a meeting with his counselor.

Student peer mediators and support staff intervene, all parties sit down to de-escalate.

Carlos and the other student agree to clean the cafeteria during their free period. Carlos meets with counselor after school to resolve conflict at home.

Later that day... Carlos gets into a minor altercation in the cafeteria.