

# CT BBSU'S COMMUNITY FIRST COALITION

## OUR BILL

### To create safe learning environments:

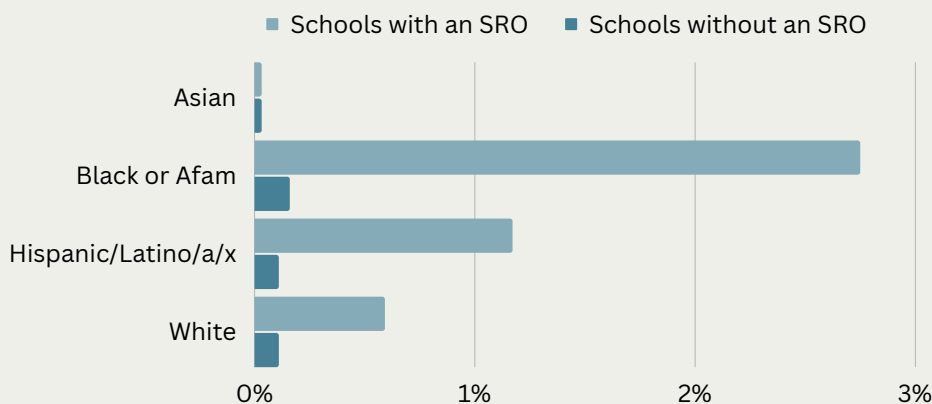
- School districts should be required to have non security responses to non-violent student disruptions. All school districts should also implement non-criminal restorative justice programs in schools to mediate student conflict as defined by section act.
- The definition of what constitutes a School Resources officer must be expanded to include any new or existing individual who has a role of guidance counselor, social worker, psychologist, school aide or other staff member with the appropriate training and ongoing supports to address daily interactions between students and school personnel.



## HERE'S WHY

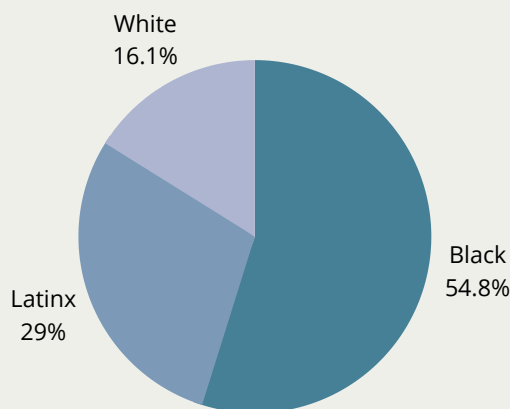
According to research by Connecticut Voices for Children, there's no evidence School Resource Officers (SROs) make students or staff safer, but schools with SROs have **more arrests and more expulsions** than their peer institutions without SROs.

### % STUDENTS ARRESTED



\*Data from CT Voices Report, *Protecting or Pushing Out: The Prevalence and Impact of School Resource Officers in Connecticut*

### RACIAL DISPARITIES IN ARREST



\*Every arrests per 1,000 students, numbers taken from CSSD, 2018-2019 school year.

In the 2018 - 2019 school year, Black and Hispanic students were **3.1** and **1.6** times more likely to be arrested than white students. The average percent of Black students arrested in schools with SROs **was over 17 times higher** than those without SROs.

## THE COMMUNITY FIRST COALITION

Blue Hills Civic Association | Citywide Youth Coalition | Connecticut Justice Alliance | CT Black & Brown Student Union | CT Students for a Dream | CT Voices | Hearing Youth Voices | Middletown Racial Justice Coalition | New Britain Racial Justice Coalition | Radical Advocates for Cross Cultural Education

