Why change is needed:

- Students seek mental health support at school, and Cincinnati Public Schools is failing its students by investing in police instead of mental health professionals. The single most important school-safety measure is providing at-risk students the mental health support they need.
- Police are not trained to help students with personal issues that are most disruptive towards school safety, nor are they prepared to handle violent crises at school. And their punishment-first style only serves to alienate at-risk students. As a result, over-allocating resources on school police results in less safe schools across the board.
- Students need school safety initiatives that are proven to work. Community-based justice initiatives have a stronger track record than police presence, working in some of our nation’s largest cities, and create a healthier school environment for students.

Poll Info: Between April 1 and April 18, 2022, HIT Strategies surveyed 400 Cincinnati Parents age 18-55, with an oversample of recent graduates from Cincinnati Public Schools. The survey was conducted via text-to-web and live phone dialing utilizing both landline and cellphone numbers. The margin of error is +/- 4.9%.