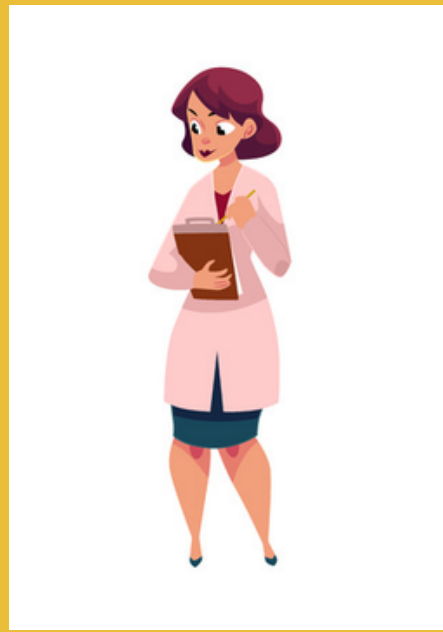
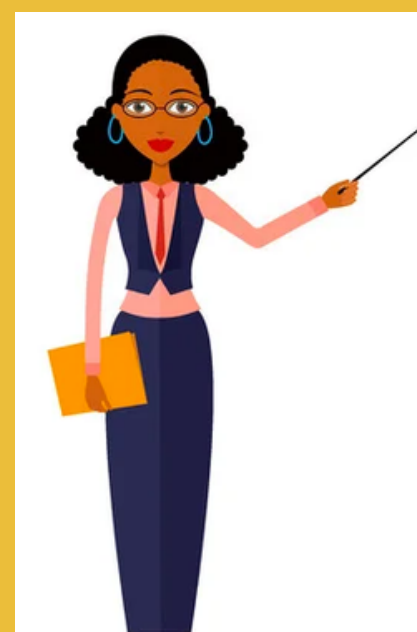


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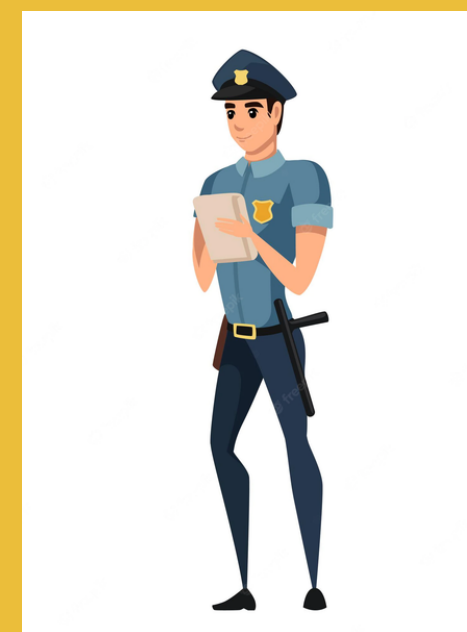
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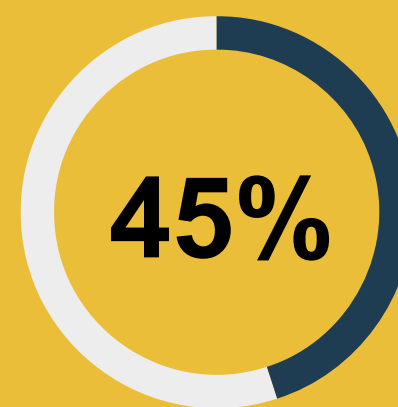
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THE ISSUE

Controversy over school resource officers began due to the high prevalence of police in schools and the many issues associated with them.

In 2018, a research study found



of public schools had a SRO
(Jones, 2020)

SCHOOL TO PRISON PIPELINE

Schools with police have rates of referrals and arrests **3.5** times higher than schools without (Jones, 2020).



There are high disparities in referrals and arrests among:
Disabled Youth
Minority Youth

LACK OF TRAINING

There is a lack of legislation and standardization of SRO training and practices



In a study done by Counts, et al., 2018, only **32** states had legislation regarding SROs. Legislation varied from recommendations to mandated training.

WHAT CAN WE DO?



Advocate for community style policing instead of focusing on solely the officer role

More training and mandating training for school resource officers to better work with the populations they serve

Look into alternatives such as security or mental health counselors like in Alexandria City to combat issues associated with police in school.

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