SCHOOL-TO-PRISON PIPELINE

Today’s Students Experience...

Prison-Like Environments
- Surveillance cameras
- Police dogs
- Armed guards
- School and local police on campus
- Metal detectors
- Physically uninhabitable buildings

Under Investment
- Cuts to counselors, social workers, and mental health resources
- Underfunded and under-resourced schools

Harsh School Discipline
- Out-of-school suspensions
- Expulsions
- Transfers to alternative schools
- Zero tolerance policies

Pressures & Uncertainty
- School closures
- Privatization
- High-stakes testing pressures on students, teachers, and administrators
- Implicit and explicit bias

Youth of color, LGBTQ, and students with disabilities are punished more often and more harshly than their peers for the same misbehavior.

Out-of-School Suspensions
- Over 3,000,000 students receive an out-of-school suspension annually.

School Arrests
- Over 70% of students involved in school-related arrested or referred to law enforcement are Hispanic or African-American.

SUSPENSIONS, RACE & DISABILITY
Likelihood of Being Suspended at Least Once
- White: 1/20
- Latino: 1/14
- Native American: 1/13
- Black: 1/6
- Black with disability: 1/4

Students Have Actually Been Suspended For...
- Talking about a Hello Kitty bubble gun
- Hugging a friend
- Chewing a Pop Tart into the shape of a gun

Harsh Discipline Policies =
- No Trust in Adults
- No College or Career
- No Safer Schools

Students Have Actually Been Arrested For...
- Kindergartener throwing a temper tantrum
- Scribbling on a desk
- Sneaking into school for a senior prank
- Playing the Fresh Prince theme song on a cellphone
- Science experiment gone wrong

You Can’t Build Peace With A Piece

End Incarceration

Books Not Bars