

# SRCS Student Survey Excerpts

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## **Neutral**

### **"Friendly," "Nice," "Kind," "Helpful"**

"They've been very polite and helpful, but I haven't specifically seen them perform acts much different from normal school staff. I would, however, like them to stay on campus for safety reasons. They can't do a lot to fight the pandemic, but they can still assist with school conflicts. If you're going to send kids back to school, then I would appreciate having a School Resource Officer around."

"I have not had a lot of experience with the school resource officers, although the little bit that I have been around them, they have been very nice and helpful."

"I think their friendly and kind people just there to do their job. They never bother kids who aren't doing something wrong."

### **"Feeling safe."**

"I've never met her, but we have frequent violent outbreaks at my school, with varying degrees of severity. I think it's good to have someone with the means to protect innocent bystanders on campus grounds. We've had 2 school shooting threats (nothing ever happened) since I've been going to this school, and it is somewhat comforting knowing that there is an officer nearby who could help."

"I've never really had a connection with an officer at a school before, and I've only seen one in Santa Rosa high school. I was transferred to Ridgeway, and I have been online because of quarantine. Over all my last two years, I have been in Santa Rosa high school I've experienced the lock down alerts shootings that were near by and in front of ridge way. A school that does not have a officer according to the teachers and other staff. I feel like it would make the students feel much safer as well when they go back to school. Especially since it's a smaller amount of students in the school it should be easier. Therefore having an officer or officers in schools such as Ridge way, it'll make the students feel safer and maybe could grow a connection with thy officer. Perhaps they could relate and give life advice to students who go there for a reason like behavioral problems or just kids that smoke."

"I've never had a problem with having School Resource Officers on campus. I feel a bit safer having them there."

### **"Good", "great" about experience, Positive relationship**

"I really don't have to much experience with them, but I think it is a good I idea to have them there in case of a fight."

"its good,its weird having them but good."

"I have no experience with school resource officers, but as far as I have seen they look like their doing a good job satisfying other students who do have experience."

### **Experience was "Okay" or "fine", expressed support for SRO, no superlatives**

"My experience with the school Resource Officers was ok"

"I answered 4 (neither satisfied nor dissatisfied) because I haven't interacted with the school resources officers. I sometimes saw them when I went into the office to speak with my counselor or do other things, and they seemed friendly. If I happened to see them in the halls, I smiled at them. Other than these small exchanges, I can't say I've personally interacted with them- nor have I heard from friends/other students about their interactions with the resource officers. Because I have had only limited interactions with them, I can't say whether or not the SRO program should be continued. However, in my opinion, I don't think they are doing any harm by being on campus. I wouldn't have a problem with the decision either way."

"In regards to the questions below about specific SRO practices, I don't know any current practices. Because of my inexperience in this area I don't feel I can be helpful in providing suggestions of ways to modify these practices."

"If the School Resource Officers are the people that just walk around campus looking at people, then I don't think we really need them. They've never bothered me, but I don't really see the need in having them. Admin walks around enough to help with any problems that might pop up for students so the others wouldn't be super necessary. The school probably likes to have them so Admin doesn't have to walk around as much, but I would rather talk to my principal then some random person they hired. The only thing they really do is keep students from walking off of campus."

### **Gave examples of a negative SRO scenario**

"It was a very awkward encounter where he was behind me without me knowing and looking over my shoulder at my phone and what I was doing on my phone. It made me uncomfortable and startled me when he said something."

"It wasn't necessarily bad they just called me up to search me and it was annoying because they know I don't carry anything on me."

"In my experience it makes it feel like a prison which honestly probably isn't a good thing"

### **Expressed a positive scenario**

"During the two years of being at Rincon Valley Middle School, my experience with the School Resource Officers were close to none. The visits by the SRO were pretty frequent during my 7th-grade year but then became more infrequent during my 8th-grade year. The officer that was assigned to my school seemed really nice even though the most I've talked to him was a simple "hello" or "good afternoon". Overall, I did feel safe during the times an SRO officer was on campus."

"I didn't really have much experience with the School Resource Officer but I had friends who thought she was nice and I think that she helped us with that stabbing we had so that was helpful, as well as helping with that girl who put up a serious fight next to the 20s hall."

"I got my butt kicked by like 4 people off campus and the cop at montgomery helped a lot."

### **Used words "racist", "targeted" "biased"**

"Literally nothing but cops are stinky and harm more than help. Also they target minorities like POC"

### **Used "FTP"**

"i hate the police . All Coppers are B\*\*\*\*\*ds . F\*\*\* the Police"

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## **Satisfied**

### **"Friendly", "Nice", "Kind", "Helpful"**

"From my experience they were not all ways there but when they were, they would always be so kind, talk to the staff, and talk to the students sometimes. Usually they would be there at brunch or lunch but everything would be fine."

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### **"Feeling safe"**

"The officers at our school past/present are good people that are just doing their job. I haven't met one person that has complained about them. There are bad cops, but I believe most of them are good. I know that our school needs resource officers to keep us safe. Without one, I wouldn't feel safe at school especially with the statistic rate going up with school shootings"

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"The experience I've had with a School Resource Officer is that I feel safe. It feels great to have someone in school with the authority of an officer which makes people feel safe at school. With a School Resource Officer at school I feel safe and protected all the time."

### **"Good", "great" about experience, Positive relationship**

"Our resource officer has touched all of our hearts with their actions."

"I've had nothing but positive experiences with my SRO, he is a very dedicated man who I have built a good relationship with. He has helped me to see my therapist again and has overall been an incredible support system. Please don't make Officer \_\_\_\_\_ leave."

"I've never felt threatened or scared of the school resource officers, but instead protected. Never had any bad experiences with the officers and always heard good things about our officer. Our officer is engaged with the students and staff at Piner High."

### **Experience was "Okay" or "fine", expressed support for SRO, no superlatives**

"I have never really met any of them but I have never heard anything bad."

"It has been helpful, during certain times, and they all support me."

"I have had no negative experiences with the police on campus."

### **Gave examples of a negative SRO scenario**

"She walked in on me while i was using the restroom and i felt very uncomfortable."

"they have been nice ive had some run ins with strange qwiestions and dumb stuff but thats it"

"Usually they're great and understand me, but when I've come to them about a teacher giving me issues that I've already tried talking to, they do nothing to resolve it."

### **No approval for program, no superlatives**

"I personally have never had any bad experiences with Officer \_\_\_\_\_, and he has shown genuine concern and care for students on campus. He has introduced himself to students, helped resolve minor and major issues on campus, and conversed with students in positive ways. However, I have never had a negative experience with a police officer in my life, so I do not feel fear or anger when I am approach by one. For students who have had bad experiences with officers, I think it is worth considering their discomfort they experience when an officer is on campus."

"They aren't that rude"

"They don't really do much, but I personally don't think they are necessary."

### **Neutral or expressed no opinion**

"I had a good freshman year at montgomery my only critique is to better a lot of the class room ceilings and heaters."

"I don't really have any feedback to give"

"I do not think that I've had a bad exsperiance yet but I've never bad a great one either."

### **Outlier response not relavent to SROs**

"English teachers don't speak much Spanish, they can't explain"

"Clean bathrooms more"

"Santa Rosa middle is actually a very good school at first I thought people were going to bully us turns out it they didn't its a fun and safe place to be at👍"

### **Expressed not liking On-Line Learning**

"It was overall good but some assignments needed to be better explained than they were and the zooms were very long which I felt was unnecessary, I think zooms should be for attendance and any questions the students have about assignments they might not fully understand. Sitting on zooms for an hour and a half a day was unnecessary and took time away from us doing our online work."

"It has been hard the work is getting complicated because of the distance learning. I get confused what the teachers want most of the time."

### **Expressed a positive scenario**

"I have not seen the resource officer aorund a lot but he helped me find my class on the the first day of school in 7. Also when my friend was feeling suicidal and I took him to the office the resource officer came to the school to talk to him and that was nice."

"I haven't had the most experience with the resource officer, but what I do know is that without the SRO many teachers and staff would not be able to break up the fights or hate arguments between students, that being said SRO's are very important to not only keep the students in check but to help out when especially needed. For example my past year at Slater their was a special needs kid who was scared to exit the doors, and the SRO stayed with her and helped her accomplish her fear of going outside, that to me is why I feel at all schools there should be one."

"I do not have very much experience with the SROs but Officer Dan Jones has come into my classes a couple of times to talk about his job and experience. From what he spoke about, I perceive him as a considerate and fair officer--I remember him saying that he had minored in minority studies in college, and that it is important to him to understand the diversity of cultures he comes across in his work. This impressed me. However, my insight is limited to his words, as I have no other experience with SROs."

### **Expressed "unsafe" "nervous" "discomfort" with SRO presence**

"I haven't felt an discomfort with having officer \_\_\_\_\_, but I am also not a minority, so I wouldn't be opposed to taking him off school campus if it makes others feel more comfortable"

### **Expressed support with positive superlatives**

"They protect us. My experience have all been positive even if it was negative it would probably be for a good reason because they are just doing their job. Blue lives matter! #BackTheBlue"

"I think our SRO is an absolutely essential aspect of keeping our campus safe. I find the suggestion that the presence of an officer on campus should be removed is not only outrageous, but asinine. Having an officer on campus especially at the high school level is very important to building that relationship between teenagers and authority as they enter their adult years. It is a time where they can learn to respect and even form personal relationships with people who are authoritative figures in society. I think that if the SROs were to be removed it would further push the demonization of police which is not only dishonest but politicizing the safety of the students. I do believe that those who have nothing to worry about have no issue with the SROs and even appreciate them being there. However, let's not be naive and ignore the serious issues that take place on campus. On my very own campus there is large amounts of drug dealing and smoking, gang participation, and a myriad of other problems that students partake in. Those students are the ones that do not want SROs on campus because they are engaging in illegal activities. Not to be confused with the students like me who come to school to be educated and feel safe knowing there is an officer there knowing all of the shenanigans that the students all around me partake in that I do not agree with. So please, don't compromise the safety of the students on campus to push a political agenda. I will not feel safe on campus without an officer and I refuse to attend school on a campus that is so willing to remove an individual trying to keep us safe all to conform to what only one side of the argument agrees with. It is wrong and immoral. I find it incredibly disturbing that in a place of education there is even a discussion of compromising the safety of students in order to make a political point. I respectfully request that the SRO program remains because it is completely and unequivocally necessary on our campuses."

"We had two lockdowns, one with a gun on campus and one involving violence at Ridgeway and both times I have felt the SRO Crosbie was a key part in helping us stay safe and getting help to the school quickly. He always has a smile and is very approachable and in my eyes, if I were the kind of person who wanted to cause issues on a campus I would look for one that doesn't have a SRO on staff ... Having one on campus helps keep us safe and personally I think builds a better relationship with law enforcement and students. None of the people I know feel threatened by his presence."

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## **Dissatisfied**

### **No Experience, no Interaction**

"I haven't talked to them."

"I had no experience with school cops but i would rather not have them."

"I didn't see anyone like that on campus but thats because I was probably on the other side of the school."

### **"Friendly", "Nice", "Kind", "Helpful"**

"they have been helpful"

### **"Feeling safe"**

"I have seen them around campus and that makes me feel safe at school but I have only seen them once or twice around the beginning of school"

### **"Good", "great" about experience, Positive relationship**

"A little satisfied"

"some what good"

"good it was nice."

### **Experience was "Okay" or "fine", expressed support for SRO, no superlatives**

"It was okay i Guess it doesn't really bother me".

"kinda satisfied but was a little rude"

"i honestly dont know i guess its alright"

### **Gave examples of a negative SRO scenario**

"My experience with her is bad. She interrogated me and kept me after school hours for something i did not do but she was so fixated that it was me and i happened to be the closest Latino to the problem that happened. i was interrogated until i was forced to say i did it. Even a couple months after the problem had happened she came up to me and a group of friends who were coming back from the office to our P.E class and she was questioning me and saying right away that what i had done wrong and harassing me. My friends were telling her that i hadn't done anything wrong but she wouldn't listen until she got tired and let us go."

"One experience i had with officer "\_\_\_\_", was that i was approached by him and another person who i thought i could use as a resource if i ever felt unsafe. They asked me questions about a situation i had brought up a few days earlier about 3 males trying to assault me for my backpack. Officer \_\_\_\_\_ and Campus Supervisor (campus supervisor being the person who i thought would be a helpful resource but is completely clueless and trying to resolve a problem through him is only making it worse due to the fact that he is biased, not confidential, and its simply not his job, but always feels a need to budge into these situations with students) They asked me questions, and then told me to go to class. Nothing was done for me, i was the one missing class being interrogated by a cop who is going to do absolutely nothing to help me , therefore my experience with my campus officer is not good."

"I have not had many experiences with School Resource Officers. The one that stands out to me the most happened around a year ago. One of the officers was subbing for my class, and was speaking about his experiences as an officer. A student told a story about how someone they knew had been racially profiled by SRPD during a traffic stop. The School Resource Officer refused to believe that racial profiling could have even been a possibility, and insisted that the driver must have done something wrong (even though the SRPD officer reportedly gave no explanation for why the traffic stop was conducted). I have witnessed the very same School Resource Officer being friendly and approachable towards other students, and he seems to be a decent man. However, this experience didn't exactly sit right with me, and since it is essentially the only experience I have had with a School Resource Officer, this has affected my opinion of them greatly. At the same time, it is somewhat a comfort to know that School Resource Officers would be present if a school shooting were to occur. However, in that case, I am sure SRPD would get involved as well (if they are not defunded in the near future)."

"I have had hardly any interaction with my school's resource officer, but I am ideologically opposed to the idea of his presence. I have no personal qualms with my school's specific officer, but I take issue with what he symbolizes. I feel that the presence of a resource officer patrolling the campus in uniform reinforces an idea of guilt among the student body. Additionally, with concerns over the school-to-prison-pipeline in the United States, I feel like resource officers should be retired from practice. I understand that a resource officer can be effective to limit crime, but I ask you to please consider what these officers symbolize, or the image of life they instill in students."

### **No approval for program, no superlatives**

"I do not really think its necessary."

"I have never seen the Resource Officers on our campus. I don't think that they were necessary because when a problem actually occurred we called the police. I have never seen a Resource Officer help with anything."

"Well when you need them they're either busy or don't have the time for the students and then they're friends with you one day and then when you get in trouble they punish you with suspension and I don't think that, that's Fair because instead of motivating you in doing more good then bad they punish you and make the students hate them and have no trust in the school"

### **Neutral or expressed no opinion**

"I don't really care "

"Nothing all they did was just talk to the older kids and really didn't pay that much attention."

"I've had good times and bad times with them."

### **Expressed a positive scenario**

"I've never talked to her but I've seen her around sometimes. It went around school that she got into a tussle with a homeless man who walked onto campus, which I thought was very strange and makes it feel like if something were to really happen would she even be able to stop it, other than that that's all."

### **Expressed "unsafe" "nervous" "discomfort" with SRO presence**

"He just makes me uncomfortable sometimes."

"I had dealt with something very traumatic, and instead of getting support from the school officer, they told me to "move on from it" (which was disgustingly horrible advice for that situation.) I hate them very much, and felt more uncomfortable than safe with them on campus."

"I personally have not have a bad experience with school officers, but I know that they make a lot of people feel very uncomfortable. They don't do anything helpful to the school and just create a feeling of discomfort."

### **Used words "racist", "targeted" "biased**

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"made me feel unsafe, like we were opposing teams. they target lower class and minority students and hover over them always trying to find a reason to get them in trouble"

"Having officers on campus makes the environment stressful and uncomfortable. It makes school feel like a prison. I want school to be a place I feel safe, and having SRO makes it feel suffocating. It also could potentially scare students of color, especially with the police brutality and inequality in our country currently.'

### **Used "FTP"**

"pigs shouldn't be at a school"

"there should not be armed bootlickers in a place of learning"

"Intimidating and two faced. Remove them from your schooling system."

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