**Template Petition language:**

We are parents, students, educators, and community members who are horrified by the behavior of police in our streets, and in our schools. [Supplement with any specific local incidents or issues you want to highlight.] The [NAME] Police Department has shown itself to be untrustworthy and the continued presence of police officers will add to the trauma our students of color and students with disabilities experience daily. We are concerned about our district inadvertently supporting the school-to-prison pipeline and police violence against our black and brown students through our contract with the [NAME] Police Department to place police officers in our schools.

Police don’t belong in our schools. Our students and families deserve a chance to learn, and thrive in in our schools and without being criminalized and abused at the hands of police.  We call on [school district] to remove officers from our schools and reinvest the school police budget into support systems for the whole child. We call on [school district] to listen to the students and join a growing list of school districts in supporting students with counselors, school psychologists, social workers, librarians, and other services they need to thrive, and to divest from the dehumanizing culture of police in our schools.