

# **Community Engagement Forum on Police Officers in Garfield High School**

**July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

## **1. Welcome & Purpose (6:00–6:10 PM)**

**Speaker:** Dr. Hart, Moderator (The Medium)

- Acknowledge land and community
- Welcome and goals for the evening
- Recognition of attending organizations
- Framing a broader scope: safety and well-being at GHS
- Remarks: Dr. Dwane Chappell, DEEL – overview of mental health supports, case management, violence interruption, HSD/DEEL family funding

## **2. SPS Safety Investments & Policy Overview (6:10–6:25 PM)**

**Speaker:** Fred Podesta or SPS Representative

- Recap of 2020–2021 Board resolution and moratorium
- Role of student voice and racial equity lens
- Overview of current SPS investments in student safety, care, and support (e.g., mental health services, security staffing, facility improvements, behavioral health partnerships)
- Contextualizing police presence as one part of a **whole-child safety framework**

## **3. Remarks from Seattle Police Department (6:25–6:35 PM)**

**Speaker:** Chief of Police

- Vision for school-based partnerships with communities
- Differences between SROs, SEOs, and alternative models
- Commitment to restorative practices, de-escalation, and youth engagement

## **4. Clarifying the Draft MOU (6:35–6:45 PM)**

**Speaker:** SPS Legal or Safety Director

- Structure and key components of the MOU
- Officer roles, limitations, training expectations, accountability systems
- Emphasis on purpose and need for community input

## **5. Community Table Discussions on MOU (6:45–7:15 PM)**

**Facilitators:** Chris Bennett / Chukundi Salisbury

- Small groups review the MOU and complete feedback forms
- Each table discusses key themes:
  - Clarity of officer role and responsibilities
  - Training and accountability expectations
  - Safety without criminalization
  - Alignment with Garfield community values
- SPS staff collect feedback at each table

**Groups seated include:**

- Urban League-Rob Jones
- NAACP- Carolyn Riley Payne
- African American Coalition-Kayla Epting- or Representative
- Eddie Rye, Community Activist
- Community Passageways-Dominique Davis
- 100 Black Parents- Chukundi Salisbury
- Y Scholars-Nas Abelrahim
- Upward Bound-Roberto Lopez
- Garfield PTSA-Jennifer Marquardt
- SCPTSA-Sebrena Burr
- Africa Town- Wyking
- Department of Early Learning- Dwayne Chappell
- Mother's Impacted by Gun Violence-Serwa Ashford
- City Council- Joy Hollingsworth
- Golden Grads-Henry Aronson
- Garfield Staff
- Children's Hospital- Shaquita Bell- or Representative
- King County Councilmember Girmay Zahilay
- Director Sarju
- Prosecutors' Office Jamie Kvistad
- Public Health Seattle & King County-Sara Rigel
- Seattle University-Dr. Cowan Pitre- or Representative

**6. Report-Out & Community Reflections (7:15–7:35 PM)**

**Facilitator:** SCPTSA or Moderator

- 1–2 minute highlights from each table
- Open mic for students, families, and partners

**7. Next Steps & Closing (7:35–8:00 PM)**

**Speaker:** Fred Podesta or SPS District Leader

- Summary of next steps for MOU revision
- Timeline for continued engagement and board input
- Ways to remain involved and share additional feedback
- Thanks to community, sponsors, and facilitators