THE MANY BENEFITS OF FUNDING NURTURING, NATURE-FULL SCHOOLS … INSTEAD OF POLICING
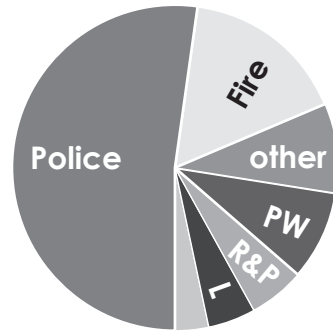
LOS ANGELES CITY UNRESTRICTED BUDGET[1]

Police	$2.78 billion
Fire	$870 million
Public Works	$461 million
Rec & Parks	$297 million
Library	$249 million
City Attorney	$175 million
Other	$472 million

Pie chart labels: Police, Fire, other, PW, R&P, L

DOING THIS:

Pay community members to participate in the redesign process

Replace gates and guards with gardens and mentors

Pay community members to volunteer in schools

Resurrect horticulture programs to plant trees and gardens

Pay high school students in green jobs training programs

Personalized strength-based learning, industrial arts, arts

Replace leaded pipes and water fountains

Invest in positive businesses near schools

Create safe pedestrian, bike, and bus routes to schools

Fund school improvements in disadvantaged communities first

US EDUCATION AND CRIME FUNDING[2]

The US spends an annual average of **$12,643** to educate a **student**

… and **$28,323** on each **inmate**

Center: Nurturing, Nature-Full EQUITABLE School Environments

LEADS TO:

Safe welcoming campus → Improved social cohesion[6,7]

Improved social cohesion → Reduced crime[2,7]

Improved social cohesion → Improved graduation rates[3]

Improved graduation rates → Reduced crime[2]

Nature-full schools → Reduced bullying[4,5]

Nature-full schools → Reduced crime[4]

Diverse education paths → Reduced crime[3]

Livable wage jobs → Reduced crime[2]

Livable wage jobs → Reduced homelessness

Reduced homelessness → Improved health

Livable wage jobs → Improved health

Livable wage jobs → Improved mental health

Stronger community cohesion → Reduced crime[7]

Greener schools → Improved physical activity[5]

Greener neighborhoods → Improved mental health[6,7]

Greener neighborhoods → Reduced crime[7]

Cooler schools → Reduced energy use / GHG

More local students → Less vehicle miles / GHG

Reduced student stress → Improved graduation rates[4]

Clean water → Improved health

Reduced air pollution → Improved health

Greener infrastructure → Increased resilience

Greener infrastructure → Reduced energy use / GHG

Greener neighborhoods → improved social cohesion[7]

Improved social cohesion → Reduced crime[2,4,7]

Improved social cohesion → Improved mental health[7]

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