



Agenda Item Details

Meeting	Oct 15, 2024 - October 15, 2024 Regular Board Meeting - - 4:00 P.M. (IN-PERSON)
Category	11. SUPERINTENDENT
Subject	11.2 (A): Approval to Adopt Resolution No. 24-19 to Revert the Name of the Department of Public Safety to the Stockton Unified School District Police Department
Type	Action
Recommended Action	It is recommended that the Governing Board Adopt Resolution No. 24-19 to Revert the name of the Department of Public Safety to the Stockton Unified School District Police Department.

(3) Minute Report by Dr. Mayra Franco, Chief; (3) Minutes for Discussion

INTRODUCTION

As discussed at the Transformative Justice/Safety Subcommittee, the Stockton Unified School District Department of Public Safety intends to re-instate their name to the Stockton Unified School District Police Department to better align with its core mission of ensuring the safety and security of its students, staff, and community. This change is a strategic decision aimed at restoring clarity and authority within the community by re-establishing a widely recognized and respected identity. The name "Police Department" carries significant weight in conveying the Department's role and responsibilities, reassuring the school community that their safety is being handled by a professional, capable, and Peace Officer Standards and Training certified law enforcement body. This move is not just a return to tradition but a deliberate effort to reaffirm the District's commitment to effective, transparent, and accountable policing.

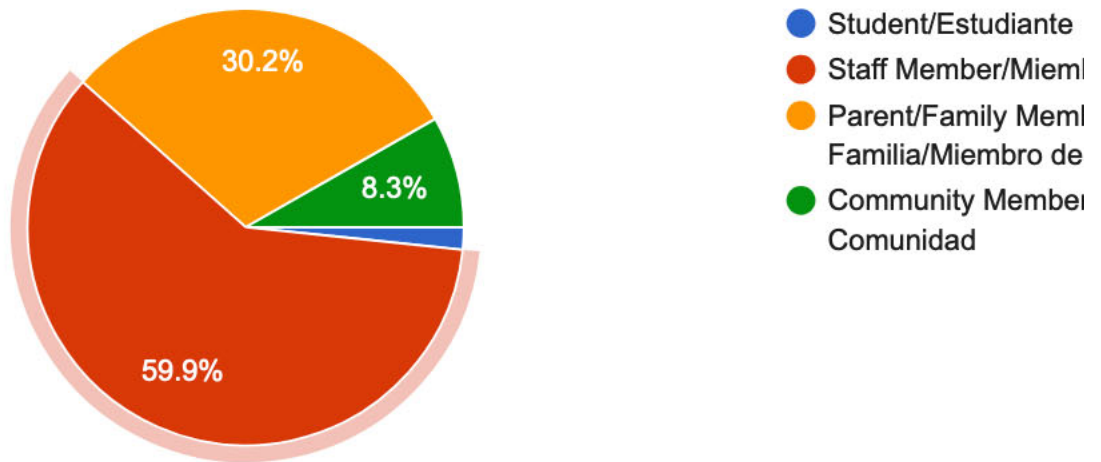
ANALYSIS

The name change underscores the District's dedication to community-oriented policing, which prioritizes building trust, collaboration, and engagement with the communities it serves. By reverting the name to Police Department, the District is sending a clear message that it values and prioritizes the safety and well-being of everyone within its schools. The change is in line with the Department of Justice settlement agreement to ensure an agency that is transparent and reducing the likelihood of confusion within the community and our Police partners. This transition also aligns with modern policing practices that emphasize not only law enforcement but also proactive measures such as restorative justice, youth engagement, community involvement, and holistic strategies. The name change is a commitment to continue evolving and adapting to the needs of the community while maintaining the highest standards of safety and service.

On September 26, 2024, the District recently held a Safety Town hall where participants all were favorable to change the name back to SUSD Police Department. The District also conducted a survey to gather input from students, staff, families, and community members regarding a possible name change back to the Stockton Unified School District Police Department. We are pleased to announce that the results of the survey strongly support the proposed name change as noted below.

What is your role in the District?/¿Cuál es su papel en el distrito?

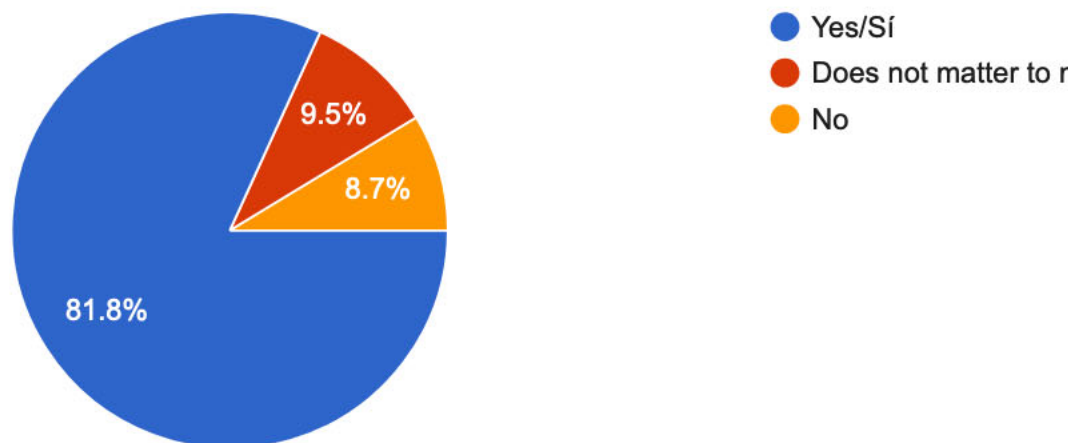
242 responses



Do you agree with the change of the name back to SUSD Police Department?/

¿Está de acuerdo con el cambio de nombre de nuevo a Departamento de Policía de SUSD?

242 responses



Approved by: Dr. Michelle Rodriguez, Superintendent of Schools

[Resolution No. 24-19 Resolution to Revert the Department of Public Safety to the SUSD Police Dept.pdf \(91 KB\)](#)

Motion & Voting

It is recommended that the Governing Board Adopt Resolution No. 24-19 to Revert the name of the Department of Public Safety to the Stockton Unified School District Police Department.

Motion by Cecilia Mendez, second by Ray C Zulueta Jr.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Cecilia Mendez, AngelAnn Flores, Ray C Zulueta Jr, Donald Donaire, Sofia Colon, Kennetha Stevens

Not Present at Vote: Alicia Rico