



Documentary Film to Expose the Need for Dismantling the School to Prison Pipeline

“Precious Resources caught in a Pipeline”

(tentative title) *(expected length: 90:00 min)*

The "School to Prison Pipeline," is a disturbing national trend that funnels children out of public schools and into the juvenile and criminal justice systems. Many of these students are minorities, have disabilities, histories of poverty, abuse and/or neglect, and would benefit from additional educational and support services. Instead, they are isolated, punished, and "pushed-out".

"Zero-tolerance" policies criminalize minor infractions of school rules for those students schools find challenging to control, while high-stakes testing programs encourage educators to "push-out" low-performing students to improve their schools' overall test scores. Students of color and disability are especially vulnerable to "push-out" trends and the discriminatory application of discipline. The film will promote awareness, expose the issues and initiate dialogue that brings to light the detrimental effects of these practices.

The concept of this film exposes the audience to the stories of individual students, and parents, in concert with interviews of nationally known educational, psychological, and legal professionals that have represented students caught in the pipeline and who can explain the pipeline's existence, effects, and results. First-hand accounts of events will introduce a face to the pipeline by showing a personal side of this issue. Research and statistics will demonstrate the negative outcomes for youth who enter the pipeline and who are oftentimes funneled down the continuum to prison. Best practices will be discussed as well as an awareness

developed for the need for reform.

You can support: We are seeking financial support for this film and are accepting tax deductible contributions from benefactors. This film is sponsored through Network of Advocates for Promising Practices in Education (NAPPE) a non profit 501(c)(3) corporation.

Timetable: This film is expected to take approximately three (3) years.

Interview needs: We are searching for qualified attorneys, advocates, stakeholders, individuals, and children affected by the effects of the School to Prison Pipeline and who are willing to be interviewed on camera. *(Note: Underage and requested identities will be protected)*

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