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methodologically sound research concludes there is no evidence to support the idea that SPLO programs make schools safer.

Canadian research tends to focus on the perspective of police rather than K-12 students. Dr. Samuel Wortley's research revealed no peer-reviewed studies exploring the impacts of SPLO programs on marginalized students. We need to understand the impacts of SPLO programs on racialized and other marginalized youth including 2SLGBTQA+ students and students with disabilities. With limited local school district resources available to carry out methodologically sound research, our school district's SPLO program survey was of limited methodological and empirical value. Most of the respondents identified as White (69%) and most of these respondents were parents of elementary aged children without any direct interaction with SPLOs. Further, since 2018 our school district has not had SPLOs in schools located in Victoria and Esquimalt.

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