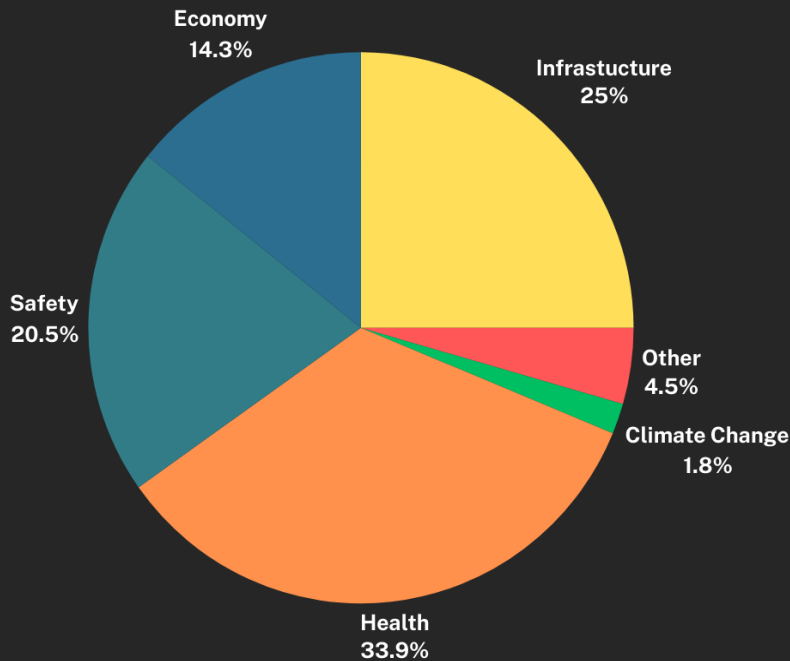


COMMUNITY TOWN HALL

OUR NEIGHBORHOODS & THE POWER TO MAKE CHANGE

COMMUNITY CONCERNS



CANVASSING RESULTS

UP TO 32 CANVASSERS
300+ DOORS KNOCKED
200+ CONVERSATIONS
112 SURVEY RESPONSES

SCAN TO GET OUR UPDATES



ABOUT OUR COMMITTEES & OUR FORMER CAMPAIGNS

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

The Environmental Justice Committee has held many conversations with our Miami Central and Allapattah neighbors about the improvements necessary within their communities. Many residents shared that they were dissatisfied with the poor roadway and sewer infrastructure, vast amounts of litter and trash, and the lack of effective safety measures. Last year, EJ called upon our county commissioners to increase the Miami-Dade Neighborhood & Infrastructure budget and implement solutions for unfilled potholes and trash dumping. This year, we intend to further advance these efforts by initiating a Neighborhood Revitalization campaign, in which our Commissioners allocate funds to specific under served communities to meet their unique, individual environmental needs. This would entail a series of projects such as repairing sidewalks and roadways, upgrading drainage systems to prevent flooding, improving street lighting and signage, picking up litter and re-establishing regular street cleanings, planting trees and flowers in desolate areas, or providing financial resources to existing businesses to increase patronage. Although we are still in the developmental stages, our Neighborhood Revitalization campaign aims to raise living standards for communities of color, in which a safe, clean, and economically viable environment is not a privilege but an expectation.

REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE COMMITTEE

The Reproductive Justice Framework we use focuses on issues that support us in feeling safe in our bodies, schools, and communities and how we will reproduce this safety now and for future generations. After conducting research and meeting with district board members, officers, and directors, we shifted our focus last year and are considering these demands for this year:

1. Full-Time Non-Discretionary Nurses: MDCPS only has one nurse on staff, Brenda Wilder, and it would cost between 21 to 27 million to provide every school with a full-time nurse. We want this to be non-discretionary, meaning principals must use the money to ensure that students' physical health is also a priority in MDCPS.
2. Comprehensive Health Education that's relevant and inclusive [includes instruction around gender and sexual identity and period poverty and is accessible K-12 (with age-appropriate adjustments)] and related testing services, which have all been discontinued since the Don't Say Gay bill and state voted to exclude some facts and review all curriculum before administering to youth. Miami Dade is 17th in the country for high HIV rates, and in 2020, youth 13-24 counted for 20% of the new HIV cases in the country, with LGBTQ+ & Black youth being at an even greater risk.
3. Lastly, we are working to implement School Pantries in high-need schools to provide hygiene products that are non-toxic but essential to the safe and effective learning environment for all students. Nearly one in five students miss school due to their cycle alone.

AGAINST SCHOOL TO PRISON PIPELINE COMMITTEE (formerly Counselors Not Cops)

The School-to-Prison Pipeline refers to the trend of youth being pushed out of school through exclusionary discipline policies and swept into the criminal justice system by the criminalization of normal adolescent behaviors. This trend has a significant disproportionate impact on youth of color, LGBTQ youth, and youth struggling with disabilities or trauma. The ASPP Committee aims to fight the school-to-prison pipeline to end the criminalization of youth in the classroom and implement an affirmative vision of safety and transformative justice. Last year, our campaign focused on strengthening the implementation of Restorative Justice Practices in MDCPS. This year, we will continue that fight. Though we do not yet have clear demands, we do have some goals for our campaign:

1. More Investment in Restorative Justice Practices
2. Divesting from school policing

TEACHER & SCHOOL STAFF

Power U is organizing teachers to get them to organize within their union. We have seen in other school districts across the country that when teachers are actively organizing their school sites and building with other teachers, they can better navigate the issues that arise. We encourage teachers to organize their worksites by having intentional one-on-ones with their co-workers, identifying leaders, mapping out their school site, and then running school site campaigns. If teachers are engaged in this high level of organizing, it can positively impact the chances of our youth campaigns gaining traction.

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PARENTS & COMMUNITY MEMBERS

For the past year and a half, we have been working on making our organization more intergenerational. We are actively building relationships with schools and have hosted meetings relating to parent & community organizing. They have inspired and informed us.

We understand that saving public education is essential, and to do so, we must engage working-class parents and community members, address community issues, and make schools, spaces where the community can gather. The recent Bills passed by the Florida Legislature made it clear that the interests of Black and Brown folks are not being addressed. It is vital to get organized now, more than ever.

We know that working-class parents and community members are the most critical stakeholders in public education. We must build a strong movement for quality schools that address community needs. If we don't fight back now, we will lose the chance to have high-quality public education in Miami-Dade.

WHAT'S NEXT:

LET'S SCHEDULE A 1:1 MEETING
WE WANT TO GET TO KNOW YOU AND LEARN WHAT YOU CARE ABOUT. LET A STAFF OR MEMBER KNOW WHEN YOU ARE AVAILABLE TO MEET.

JOIN OUR CANVASS!
ARE YOU INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING IN OUR NEXT COMMUNITY CANVASS THIS SUMMER? IF SO, PLEASE MENTION THIS TO A STAFF MEMBER SO WE CAN KEEP YOU IN THE LOOP.

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JOIN US ON SATURDAY!

The Advancement Project and Power U Center For Social Change Presents

ZERO TOLERANCE FOR WHO?

A Workshop on the History of Police in Schools

DATE: **SATURDAY, APRIL 27TH | 2PM**

LOCATION: **THE FREEDOM LAB MIAMI**
4300 NW 12TH AVE, MIAMI, FL 33127

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