

DETROIT PUBLIC SCHOOLS COMMUNITY DISTRICT

SRO Lawsuit FAQ

Why did DPSCD bring a lawsuit?

The Complaint for a Declaratory Judgment and Preliminary Injunction is being filed to prevent the SRO from taking any additional steps to close any DPSCD schools or take control over any DPS schools until the Court(s) decide whether or not the SRO has authority to close schools and whether the actions taken to create the SRO and the legislation itself is constitutional. Without the lawsuit, DPSCD will have to continue to operate in uncertainty and parents/guardians are likely to leave from the fear of this uncertainty and possible closures.

Where was the case brought?

The Case will be filed in the Court of Claims

Who is the lawsuit against?

The State Reform Office, Natasha Baker in her official capacity and the State of Michigan.

When is the public hearing to gain more information?

The Court of Claims will determine if, and when there is a public hearing.

What happens when the court rules on the preliminary injunction? If the Court rules in our favor the SRO will not be able to take any closure actions or any other actions pertaining to DPSCD schools until the case is decided.

How will the lawsuit affect schools on the list?

If the court rules in favor of DPSCD, schools will remain open until the case is decided.

Has DPSCD decided not to enter into the agreement offered by the MDE to keep schools open?

While we appreciate the MDE's offer, we are weighing all of our options. Our primary goal is to do what is best for the students and the district. We are still examining the offer presented to us, and can, if we choose, drop the suit if we decide to accept the offer.

Will the EAA participate in the lawsuit?

Not to our knowledge

Who will pay for the lawsuit?

DPSCD will pay the legal fees.