

The Peace and Justice Committee applauds the Chapel Hill Carrboro School System efforts to build a healthy relationship among students, teachers, parents and community. We particularly support the idea of transforming the approach to school discipline through the use of concepts such as restorative justice, peace circles, and peace centers.

The change we approved is fundamental because the Committee and the Black Lives Matter Movement are united in wanting to build a healthy environment in the schools without the police and certainly without the larger set of institutions implied by the term "law enforcement" (FBI, ICE, judicial system, prisons, Homeland Security, etc.). The four components "students, teachers, parents and community" are precisely the four entities explicitly cited for healthy schools by the Black Lives Matter Movement and approved by our Committee.