



## Council Bill 22-0133R

1 one-third of City schools (53) have received school-wide training in this strategy. Additionally, a  
2 timeline has not been published indicating when staff at all City schools will be trained in RP.

3 City schools have made some meaningful steps toward their pledge to implement RP that  
4 should be acknowledged. In 2019, BCPSS added an additional 21 schools with an integrated  
5 focus on both RP and Social Emotional Learning, for a total of 56 “wholeness intensive learning  
6 sites”. Additionally, 36 City schools received foundational training for all staff on RP, with a  
7 focus on core concepts and the implementation of community-building circles. School leaders  
8 and key staff at those schools also received on-going coaching. BCPSS has also worked with an  
9 outside provider to offer coaching to administrators at 15 City schools to help leaders build RP  
10 cultures in their schools and to take more restorative and equitable approaches to discipline,  
11 emphasizing a reduction in suspensions. Finally, BCPSS leadership has worked to integrate RP  
12 into the language of policies, regulations, and Student Code of Conduct.

13 Despite these steps forward, this past school year gave rise to multiple incidents of violence  
14 and weapons found within City Schools. Two-thirds of City schools have still not had access to  
15 this critical strategy for reducing violence and combating further aggression. The City of  
16 Baltimore has always been committed to the holistic safety and well-being of its youth. Indeed,  
17 we are the first city in the nation to have legislated trauma-informed care into our policies and  
18 city agencies. Therefore, the City Council asks that this known best practice be swiftly scaled to  
19 ensure all students in our City receive the critical support they need to resolve conflict and  
20 support student safety, well-being, and success.

21 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That the City  
22 Council calls upon the CEO of BCPSS, Dr. Sonja Santelises, Chief of Schools, John Davis, and  
23 the Board of School Commissioners to create an expedited plan to implement foundational  
24 restorative practices training in all City schools before the end of the 2022-2023 school year.

25 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Baltimore City  
26 Public School System CEO and Chief of Schools, the Board Chair of the Board of School  
27 Commissioners, and the Mayor’s legislative liaison to the City Council.