

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Executive Office of the Mayor



FY27 Budget Oversight Question Responses
The Office of the Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and Justice

Transmitted to
Committee on the Judiciary and Public Safety
Council of the District of Columbia
Brooke Pinto, Chairperson

1. Leadership Academy: What are the implications of the \$20K reduction to Leadership Academy, if any?

There will be no implications for the Youth Response Team (formerly OLA/Leadership Academy) in FY27.

2. **Safe Passage:** During the hearing, you told us there was funding in the out years (FY2028-2032) for Safe Passage despite our understanding that there was no funding available. What are the funding levels for Safe Passage in the out years if funding is indeed available? If there is no dedicated funding in the out years, are you actively planning to wind-down the program? If not-what is your expectation of how it will be sustained? What is your contingency plan to continue funding Safe Passage in FY28 and beyond?
 - a. The Mayor has a proposed a BSA subtitle in FY27 to cease the requirement of DMPSJ to report to the Council by May 1st of each year the priority areas for the upcoming school year. Our understanding is that this would effectively sunset the program by tying the program's operations to funding availability. What is your understanding of what this proposed subtitle is doing?

Given the District's difficult budget realities and the need to balance in the out years, Safe Passage grant funds are not currently allocated in the out years; however, there is no effort to sunset the program and we do not anticipate it being eliminated in future years.

The BSA subtitle is intended to recognize that it is difficult to determine the priority areas for the following year prior to the passage of the budget as priority areas are subject to funding. It also is a recognition that the determination of the priority areas is based upon data and conversations with Safe Passage provider organizations and school leaders. This is best done closer to the end of the school year when more information and data is available.