



1 **Equity Statement for SR22-13, on Public Safety Concerns**

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3 The D.C. State Board of Education (State Board) is advocating for increased action to be made to
4 create safe environments for members of the D.C. community. The District is experiencing an
5 increase in reported violence among youth. The State Board has actively created spaces to learn
6 more about the effects violence has on D.C. youth by hosting a panel on the topic of public safety
7 at its October 19 Public Meeting.

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9 The State Board believes the recommendations enumerated in SR22-13 will increase equity
10 because D.C. students affected by violence are negatively affected in all aspects of their
11 educational and life experience. The recommendations are designed to hold government agencies,
12 community stakeholders, and other institutions accountable and calls for new, community-
13 responsive actions to be taken to promote public safety.

