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Let's Stop the School-to-Prison Pipeline

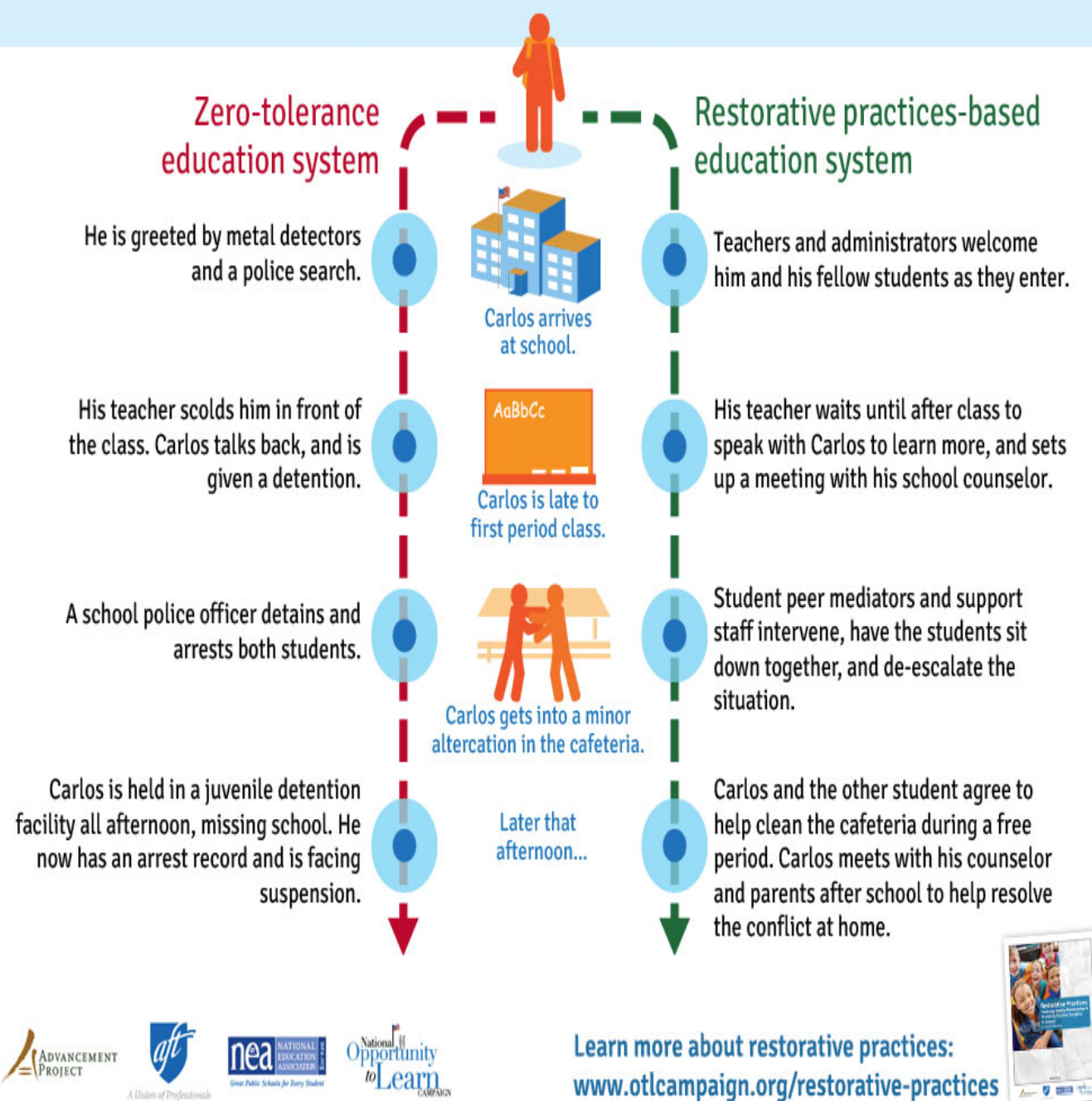
Let’s Stop the School-to-Prison Pipeline

NEA recognizes this is a serious issue that deserves serious solutions and is tackling the problem on multiple fronts.

The new collaborative toolkit, “Restorative Practices: Fostering Healthy Relationships and Promoting Positive Discipline in Schools,” comes on the heels of widely publicized independent research that challenges virtually every notion behind the frequent use of disciplinary policies that remove students from the classroom.

A Tale of Two Schools

Carlos had a heated argument with his parents before leaving for school, so he's running late.
Let's see the difference that restorative policies and practices can make.




"Far too many of our most vulnerable students are excluded from class for minor, non-violent behavior," cautions NEA President Dennis Van Roekel, "putting them at great risk for academic failure and an unnecessary journey down the school-to-prison pipeline. And far too many educators lack the support and resources to meet their students' developmental needs."

NEA and partners are ramping up efforts to address this escalating national problem. Please join us in spreading the word and sharing these great resources!

- Listen to chart-topping singer-songwriter and activist Aloe Blacc, whose new video, "Love Is the Answer," follows the downward path of a student who's kicked out of school. "Educators play an important role in finding solutions to the school-to-prison pipeline," says Blacc, "so it's important to have their expertise in the discussion. The challenge is for us to all work together to secure the future of these students and give them a real chance." Listen up.
- Review three very important briefs from the Discipline Disparities Collaborative. Read the most comprehensive brief on school-based interventions to date -- *How Educators Can Eradicate Disparities in School Discipline*.
- Sign up to receive *School Discipline Roundups* from our partner, Council for State Governments -- Justice Center, and be added to the email list to be the first to receive the *School Discipline Consensus Report* to be released in April.
- Read the *School Discipline Guidance letter* from the departments of Education and Justice and link to federal resources on discipline and

school climate.

-  Visit our partners online at the *Advancement Project* and the *Opportunity to Learn Campaign* for more information and resources to support your advocacy efforts.

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