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At 3pm on Monday Jan 16th, 100 Schools Not Jails! demonstrators held a rally outside of the Central Booking detention facility in East Baltimore City, and marched two blocks southeast to a fenced off lot that is the proposed site of a new \$100 million youth jail.

Six demonstrators entered the lot to construct a schoolhouse to hold classes in during the intended week-long occupation. The rest set up a military-grade tent outside of the fenced lot to serve as a temporary facility for daily food, workshops, medical treatment and sleeping shelter until Sat Jan 21st. At approximately 6pm the demonstrators inside the fenced lot were arrested for trespassing state property. Riot police then dismantled the tent and told demonstrators outside the lot to leave or risk arrest.

From SNJ: "Organizers of today's Schools Not Jails Occupation kickoff rally and action say that they have no plans to cancel the program of events planned to take place at the proposed site of

the juvenile detention center in East Baltimore this week, despite arrests and an aggressive police presence earlier today."

The official website of Schools Not Jails! is: <http://schoolsnotjails.wordpress.com/> [2]

Featured in the video below are Baltimore City public schoolteacher Iris Kirsch and Johns Hopkins University political science professor Lester Spence, speaking of the need for better public education funding in lieu of another youth jail.

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