



Bullitt County Public Schools

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Memorandum of Agreement Bullitt County Public Schools and *Bullitt County Sherriff's Department*

This Agreement of Cooperation and Understanding, effective July 1st, 2018 through June 30th, 2019 is made and entered by and between Bullitt County Public Schools, 1040 Highway 44 East, Shepherdsville, KY 40165 and Bullitt County Sherriff's Department, 300 S. Buckman St., Shepherdsville, KY 40165.

This Agreement is established for the purpose of **sharing key fob access** to school buildings for all of Bullitt County Public Schools. Both agencies recognize the value of accessibility to school buildings in emergency situations to deter crime and both agencies seek to make Bullitt County Public Schools as safe and secure as possible.

Bullitt County Public Schools (hereinafter "BCPS") and Bullitt County Sherriff's Department (hereinafter "Sherriff's Dept.") agree and understand that:

1. Emergency or exigent circumstances may necessitate quick access to school facilities by the Sherriff's Dept. Further, general access to school facilities during regular school hours for facility walkthroughs is a benefit to both agencies and the community.
2. In the event that the Sherriff's Dept. officers enter a facility during non-school hours, the alarm systems will sound and notify the security company.
3. The Sherriff's Department shall notify BCPS Safe Schools Coordinator immediately when staffing changes occur so that key fob access codes may be changed accordingly and access revoked if necessary. An updated list of the Sherriff's Dept. officers and key fob identification numbers shall be sent by the Sherriff's Dept. to the BCPS Safe Schools Coordinator at the beginning of every fiscal year to ensure school safety and security. BCPS will change the Sherriff Department's access codes annually.
4. The Sherriff's Dept. shall notify BCPS Safe Schools Coordinator as soon as practicable when they intend to or have used key fobs to access a school building during non-school hours. Should the Safe Schools Coordinator not be available, the Sherriff's Dept. shall contact another designated District Administrator.
5. It is recommended during routine walkthroughs of schools that officers follow BCPS school sign-in policies; however, it is not mandatory when officers are in uniform and have a valid identification and badge. When possible, officers should also coordinate walkthroughs with the school resource officer and/or school principal.

6. When the Sherriff's Dept. officers are conducting walkthroughs at a school there shall be no disruption to student instruction and the learning environment. The Sherriff's Dept. officers shall attempt to cause minimal distractions unless a situation occurs that requires they respond in their official capacity.
7. The Sherriff's Dept. shall record and track when and where walkthroughs are conducted. The Sherriff's Dept. shall keep this report and upon request shall share the report with the BCPS Safe Schools Coordinator.
8. The Sherriff's Dept. and its employees agree to adhere to State and Federal privacy requirements. If the Sherriff's Dept. and its officers request BCPS to release protected information it shall be through lawful subpoena or court order.
9. In the event that it becomes necessary for the Sherriff's Dept. to purchase key fobs (i.e. compatibility/software issues, new hire) from BCPS, key fobs shall be available for purchase at cost, \$4.00 each.
10. In the event that a key fob is lost by an officer or an officer is no longer employed by the Sherriff's Dept., the BCPS Safe Schools Coordinator shall be notified immediately and the officer's key fob access shall be revoked.
11. The Sherriff's Dept. employees shall not allow any unauthorized person to possess a key fob which grants access to a BCPS school facility.
12. Nothing in this Agreement shall be interpreted or construed as creating or establishing the relationship of employer and employee between BCPS and the Sherriff's Dept.
13. BCPS Safe Schools Coordinator and the Sherriff's Dept. shall exchange all necessary contact information, including email and cell phone.
14. At any time, key fob access may be suspended by the superintendent.
15. The term of the agreement shall be from July 1st to June 30th of each school year.
16. At any point either party (Bullitt County Public Schools or Bullitt County Sherriff's Dept.) may terminate the terms of this Agreement by giving written notice to the other party. Upon termination of this Agreement, BCPS shall discontinue key fob access to BCPS facilities and/or Sheriff's office shall return all fobs distributed by BCPS.

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Donnie Tinnell, Sherriff
Bullitt County Sherriff's Department

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Debby Atherton, Board of Education
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Jesse Bacon, Superintendent
Bullitt County Public Schools

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