

Jefferson County Board of Education

Resolution Regarding the Expansion of a District School Security Team

WHEREAS, recent national school shooting events have prompted a review of existing procedures and protocols regarding school security; and

WHEREAS, Jefferson County Public Schools places significant emphasis on determining the most effective means to maintain school security, improve school culture and climate, and reduce the existing disproportionality in negative student and officer interactions; and

WHEREAS, the District has conducted research regarding school security measures in three demographically similar districts; and

WHEREAS, many districts throughout the nation have approached the above problems through the establishment of a district-based law enforcement department; and

WHEREAS, other districts maintaining an internal law enforcement department saw a 79 percent reduction in student arrests and citations over a four year period;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Jefferson County Board of Education:

Jefferson County Public Schools shall work to ensure the strong implementation of effective, research-based, best practice school security measures across the District; and

Throughout the 2018-2019 school year, the District shall continue to analyze local, national, and school data and research relating to effective school security measures, including the appropriate presence, oversight, and accountability of School Security Officers in schools; and

The District shall maintain contracted services with local law enforcement agencies for School Resource Officers through the conclusion of the 2018-19 school year; and

Dependent upon data trends, research, and stakeholder input, the District intends to cease contractual relationships with local law enforcement agencies for School Resource Officers at the conclusion of the 2018-19 school year; and

The District intends to create and implement a new Division of School Security with a Chief of School Security supervising a team of School Security Officers at the start of the 2019-20 school year; and

The Division of School Security shall collaborate and seek input from local law enforcement agencies in the development and implementation of the new school security program; and

The Division of School Security shall emphasize team officer training promoting increased

school security, an improvement in school culture and climate, and positive relationships with all students; and

The policies, procedures, protocols, and practices of the Division of School Security shall be grounded in research, and reflect a significant review of national, regional, and local data and effective policy development and implementation; and

The work of the Division of School Security shall be implemented to ensure racial equity with an emphasis on reducing disproportionality within the District; and

The Chief of School Security shall be responsible for the management, training, oversight, and accountability of all School Security Officers; and

The creation, implementation, and management of the Division of School Security shall take into account the perspectives and experiences of stakeholders of the District community, including students, parents and guardians, teachers and other school staff, school administrators, District leadership, and interested community members; and

The Superintendent shall regularly report on progress of the implementation of the Division of School Security to the Board.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, that this resolution, in support of adopting a new approach to the use of law enforcement officers in schools to increase school security, improve school culture and climate, and achieve equity, is consistent with Jefferson County Board of Education policies and the District strategic plan, Vision 2020: Excellence with Equity.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have set our hands and caused the seal of the Board of Education of Jefferson County, Kentucky, to be affixed the 7th day of August 2018.

This Resolution shall take effect upon its passage and adoption.

I _____, Assistant Secretary to the Board, do hereby certify that the above is a true and accurate copy of a resolution adopted at the August 7, 2018, meeting of the Jefferson Board of Education at which a quorum was present and voted.

Diane Porter
Chairperson

Martin Pollio, Ed.D.
Superintendent/Secretary