



## Bullitt County Public Schools

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### Memo

To: Jesse Bacon, Superintendent *JB*

From: Sarah Smith, Director of Safe and Drug-Free Schools *SS*

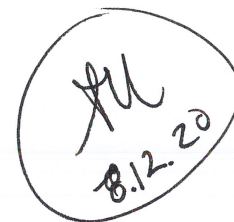
Date: August 12, 2020

Re: Memorandum of Agreement for School Resource Officers

This is a request for Board approval of the attached Memorandum of Agreements between Bullitt County Public Schools and four law enforcement agencies: the Bullitt County Sheriff's Office, Mt. Washington Police Department, Hillview Police Department and Shepherdsville Police Department. Bullitt County Public Schools requests to approve these memorandum of agreements in order to provide one full-time School Resource Officer at each high school and the alternative school: Bullitt East High School, Bullitt Central High School, North Bullitt High School, and Bullitt Alternative Center. In addition for the 2020-2021 school year, one SRO will be assigned for the north-end schools of Overdale Elementary, Brooks Elementary and Zoneton Middle School from Hillview Police Department. The remaining three SROs will be on contract with BCPS and will continue to fulfill their duties; however, will report to the middle and elementary schools of their jurisdiction and teach DARE to the elementary schools and serve our middle schools as an SRO. This agreement will staff a total of seven (7) full-time SROs in Bullitt County to serve and protect the educational environment of our students and staff.

This collaborative working relationship is important to ensure the safety of students and staff and a rapid law enforcement response in the event of an emergency. This agreement has been reviewed by Buckman, Farris & Mills Law Office.

cc: Adrienne Usher, Assistant Superintendent



**SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER AGREEMENT**  
**FOR NORTH BULLITT HIGH SCHOOL**

THIS AGREEMENT, made and entered into this 10<sup>TH</sup> day of August, 2020, by and between the Bullitt County Public Schools (hereinafter "BCPS"), of 1040 Highway 44E, Shepherdsville, KY 40165 and the Bullitt County Sheriff's Office (hereinafter "the Sheriff"), of Bullitt County for the purpose of establishing and maintaining the terms under which the Sheriff will provide BCPS with the services of BRIAN HEDGES to serve as a School Resource Officer (SRO) at North Bullitt High School (hereinafter "NBHS").

**W I T N E S S E T H:**

WHEREAS, KRS 158.441 authorized the provision of school resource officer services by means of a contract to be entered into by local school districts with appropriate law enforcement agencies;

WHEREAS, BCPS is a body politic and corporate pursuant to KRS 160.160, with legal authority to enter into contracts;

WHEREAS, it is the intent and desire of the Sheriff and BCPS to provide for the services of a SRO at NBHS as set forth herein and as authorized pursuant to KRS 158.441; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing and the mutual agreements as set forth herein below, IT IS HEREBY AGREED by and between BCPS and the Sheriff as follows:

**ARTICLE I**

It is the intent and provision of this Agreement to provide for the services of an SRO with such services to be rendered at such Board school sites as more fully described herein for a term commencing on July 10, 2020 and expiring on June 30, 2021. It is expressly agreed and understood that BCPS and the Sheriff will not be bound hereby beyond the foregoing term.

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**Rights and Duties of the Sheriff**

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The SRO will be a sworn law enforcement officer. The Sheriff shall certify in writing that the SRO has complied with the training requirements imposed by KRS 158.4414 and related

Kentucky Administrative Regulations. The in-service training must be certified or recognized by the Kentucky Law Enforcement Council for school resource officers. Failure to satisfy the training requirements could lead to the SRO's removal as required by state law and termination of this agreement. The training shall include, but not be limited to:

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- x. de-escalation strategies.

#### **Appointment of SRO**

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At a minimum, before the start of every semester, NBHS principal and the SRO will meet to discuss and define the role of the SRO. It is essential that both parties distinguish between disciplinary conduct, which should be handled by school employees, and illegal conduct, which may, in the SRO discretion, be handled as a law enforcement matter. While it may be necessary for an SRO to get involved in an incident, it does not mean criminal charges (or a ticket) must be pursued.

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The Sheriff will submit a monthly invoice to the school representative, then to the BCPS safe schools director with days itemized for reimbursement by the 3<sup>rd</sup> of each month for the prior month. The District will not be responsible for any benefits of the SRO assigned to NBHS, any overtime, holiday pay, or fuel and equipment costs. BCPS's only financial responsibility for the services of the SRO are for the hourly fee stated above.

In the event of the cessation or suspension of in-person instruction due to COVID-19 or any related health emergency wherein BCPS continues to conduct student instruction via NTI or similar remote technology, the SRO shall continue to report, be available and provide services to the School, and the Sheriff shall invoice for reimbursement, and BCPS shall make payment for each day in-person instruction is ceased or suspended under the circumstances set forth above. Should the SRO not be available to report or provide services to the School on any day under the above circumstances, then the Sheriff shall not invoice, and BCPS shall not make payment for that day. Should the School not provide instruction via NTI or similar remote technology on any day during such cessation or suspension, then the SRO shall not report, and the Sheriff shall not invoice, and BCPS shall not make payment for that day.

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### **Employment status of the School Resource Officer**

The SRO will remain an employee of the Sheriff and will not be an employee or agent of BCPS or NBHS. BCPS and the Sheriff acknowledge that the SRO will remain responsive to the chain of command of the Sheriff.

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### **Dismissal of School Resource Officer: Replacement**

(A) At any time, the Superintendent, in his/her discretion and after discussion with the Sheriff, may request that the designated SRO be reassigned or removed from the school. BCPS and the Sheriff will then collaborate to find a mutually agreeable replacement.

(B) The Sheriff may dismiss or reassign an SRO based upon Sheriff Rules, Regulations, and/or General Orders and when it is in the best interest of the people of Bullitt County.

(C) However, if a mutually agreeable replacement (as referenced in Article II) cannot be found within twenty (20) business days of dismissal or removal this Agreement will be void.

## **ARTICLE VII**

### **Termination of Agreement**

In addition to termination in writing thirty (30) days prior to expiration of the annual term hereof as provided in Article I, above, this Agreement may be terminated by either party upon ninety (90) days written notice that any party has failed to substantially perform in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement. Upon notice, BCPS will have forty-five (45) days during which to submit payment without further prejudice, and without being considered to have defaulted. This Agreement may also be terminated without cause by the Sheriff upon one hundred (100) days written notice. BCPS may terminate this Agreement anytime, with or without cause, in its discretion.

## **ARTICLE VIII**

### **Notices**

Any and all notices or any other communication herein required or permitted will be deemed to have been given when deposited in the United States Postal Service as regular mail, postage prepaid and addressed as follows:

Jesse Bacon, Superintendent  
Bullitt County Public Schools  
1040 Highway 44 East  
Shepherdsville, KY 40165



Walt Sholar, Sheriff  
Bullitt County Sheriff's Office  
300 S. Buckman St.  
Shepherdsville, KY 40165

#### **ARTICLE IX**

##### **Good Faith**

The School Board, the Sheriff, their agents and employees agree to cooperate in good faith in fulfilling the terms of this Agreement. Unforeseen difficulties or questions will be resolved by negotiation between the Superintendent and the Sheriff, or their designees.

#### **ARTICLE X**

##### **Modification**

This document constitutes the full understanding of the parties and no terms, conditions, understandings or agreement purporting to modify or vary the terms of this document will be binding unless hereafter made in writing and signed by the parties.

#### **ARTICLE XI**

##### **Non-Assignment**

This Agreement, and each and every covenant herein, will not be capable of assignment, unless the express written consent of BCPS and the Sheriff is obtained in writing.

#### **ARTICLE XII**

##### **Merger**

This Agreement constitutes a final written expression of all the terms of this Agreement and is a complete and exclusive statement of those terms.

#### **ARTICLE XIII**

##### **Insurance/Hold Harmless Clause**

It is understood and agreed that during the term of this Agreement and any renewal hereof, the Sheriff, will purchase and maintain errors and omissions and general liability insurance at a minimum of \$2,000,000.00 per policy naming BCPS, and its officers and employees, as additional insureds and providing insurance coverage for all acts, omissions, and services performed by the SRO as described in this Agreement including insurance coverage for claims, suits, damages, fees or expenses (including cost of defense) arising out of any such acts,

omissions and services. Further, the Sheriff will provide written proof of said coverage prior to execution of this Agreement and any time thereafter on request of BCPS. The insurance provided by the Sheriff will be deemed primary coverage relating to the acts of the SRO and not excess. Irrespective of said agreement and covenant, the Sheriff will indemnify and hold BCPS and any and all of its members, agents, officers, and employees in their respective individual and official capacities harmless from any and all acts, omissions, claims, damages, fees, expenses, and legal actions of any form or description arising from the performance of duties by the SRO under this contract.

#### **XIV**

##### **Severability**

The invalidity or unenforceability of any provisions of this Agreement will not affect the validity or enforceability of any other provision of this Agreement.

#### **XV**

##### **Miscellaneous Terms**

- a) The SRO will be permitted a 45-minute paid lunch period. During lunch, the SRO will be subject to emergency calls for incidents which occur at NBHS.
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In the event that the parties to this Agreement dispute the terms, application of the terms of this Agreement, or performance hereunder, the parties hereto agree, as a condition precedent

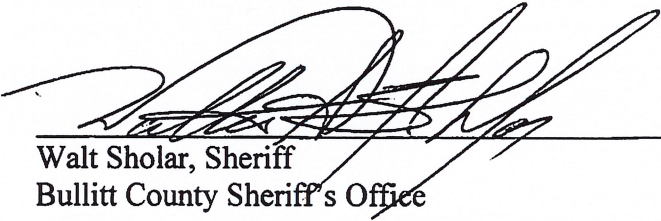
to filing or pursuing any legal remedy, to participate in good faith in a half day of non-binding mediation, assisted by a trained neutral mediator.

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Debby Atherton, Board of Education  
Bullitt County Public Schools

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Date

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Jesse Bacon, Superintendent  
Bullitt County Public Schools

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Walt Sholar, Sheriff  
Bullitt County Sheriff's Office

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Shepherdsville, KY 40165

Walt Sholar, Sheriff  
Bullitt County Sheriff's Office  
300 S. Buckman St.  
Shepherdsville, KY 40165

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The School Board, the Sheriff, their agents and employees agree to cooperate in good faith in fulfilling the terms of this Agreement. Unforeseen difficulties or questions will be resolved by negotiation between the Superintendent and the Sheriff, or their designees.

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##### **Modification**

This document constitutes the full understanding of the parties and no terms, conditions, understandings or agreement purporting to modify or vary the terms of this document will be binding unless hereafter made in writing and signed by the parties.

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This Agreement, and each and every covenant herein, will not be capable of assignment, unless the express written consent of BCPS and the Sheriff is obtained in writing.

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This Agreement constitutes a final written expression of all the terms of this Agreement and is a complete and exclusive statement of those terms.

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It is understood and agreed that during the term of this Agreement and any renewal hereof, the Sheriff, will purchase and maintain errors and omissions and general liability insurance at a minimum of \$2,000,000.00 per policy naming BCPS, and its officers and employees, as additional insureds and providing insurance coverage for all acts, omissions, and services performed by the SRO as described in this Agreement including insurance coverage for claims, suits, damages, fees or expenses (including cost of defense) arising out of any such acts,

omissions and services. Further, the Sheriff will provide written proof of said coverage prior to execution of this Agreement and any time thereafter on request of BCPS. The insurance provided by the Sheriff will be deemed primary coverage relating to the acts of the SRO and not excess. Irrespective of said agreement and covenant, the Sheriff will indemnify and hold BCPS and any and all of its members, agents, officers, and employees in their respective individual and official capacities harmless from any and all acts, omissions, claims, damages, fees, expenses, and legal actions of any form or description arising from the performance of duties by the SRO under this contract.

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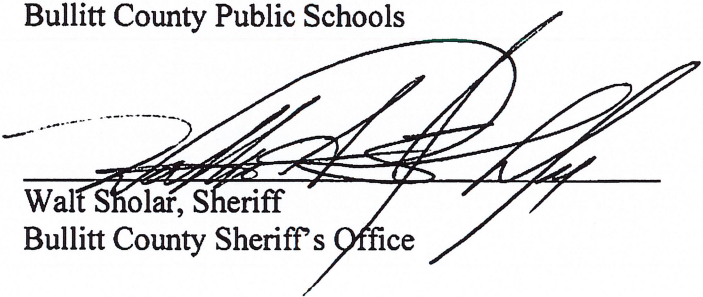
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Debby Atherton, Board of Education  
Bullitt County Public Schools

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Date

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THIS AGREEMENT, made and entered into this 27<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2020, by and between the Bullitt County Public Schools (hereinafter "BCPS"), of 1040 Highway 44E, Shepherdsville, KY 40165 and the Mt. Washington Police Department (MWPD) (hereinafter "the Department"), of Mt Washington , Kentucky , \_\_\_\_\_ (Bullitt County) for the purpose of establishing and maintaining the terms under which the Department will provide BCPS with the services of a School Resource Officer (SRO) at Bullitt East High School (hereinafter "BEHS").

### **WITNESSETH:**

WHEREAS, KRS 158.4414, authorizes the provision of school resource officer services by means of a contract to be entered into by local school districts with appropriate law enforcement agencies;

WHEREAS, BCPS is a body politic and corporate pursuant to KRS 160.160, with legal authority to enter into contracts;

WHEREAS, it is the intent and desire of the Department and BCPS to provide for the services of an SRO at BAC as set forth herein and as authorized pursuant to KRS 158.4414;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing and the mutual agreements as set forth herein below, IT IS HEREBY AGREED by and between BCPS and the Department as follows:

### **ARTICLE I**

It is the intent and provision of this Agreement to provide for the services of an SRO with such services to be rendered at such Board school sites as more fully described herein for a term commencing on July 1st, 2020 and expiring on June 30, 2021. It is expressly agreed and understood that BCPS and the Department will not be bound hereby beyond the foregoing term, however the Parties hereto may extend this Agreement by mutual consent for future, one-year terms.

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The Department will submit a monthly invoice to the school representative, then to the BCPS Safe Schools Director with days itemized for reimbursement by the 3<sup>rd</sup> of each month for the prior month. The District will not be responsible for any benefits of the SRO, any overtime, holiday pay, or fuel and equipment costs. BCPS's only financial responsibility for the services of the SRO are for the hourly fee stated above.

In the event of the cessation or suspension of in-person instruction due to COVID-19 or any related health emergency wherein BCPS continues to conduct student instruction via NTI or similar remote technology, the SRO shall continue to report, be available and provide services to the School, and the Department shall invoice for reimbursement, and BCPS shall make payment, for each day in-person instruction is ceased or suspended under the circumstances set forth above. Should the SRO not be available to report or provide services to the School on any day under the above circumstances, then the Department shall not invoice, and BCPS shall not make payment, for that day. Should the School not provide instruction via NTI or similar remote technology on any day during such cessation or suspension, then the SRO shall not report, and the Department shall not invoice, and BCPS shall not make payment, for that day.

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(B) The Department may dismiss or reassign an SRO based upon Department Rules, Regulations, and/or General Orders and when it is in the best interest of the people of Bullitt County.

(C) However, if a mutually agreeable replacement (as referenced in Article II) cannot be found within twenty (20) business days of dismissal or removal this Agreement will be void.

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In addition to termination in writing thirty (30) days prior to expiration of the annual term hereof as provided in Article I, above, this Agreement may be terminated by either party upon ninety (90) days written notice that any party has failed to substantially perform in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement. Upon notice, BCPS will have forty-five (45) days during which to submit payment without further prejudice, and without being considered to have defaulted. This Agreement may also be terminated without cause by the Department upon one hundred (100) days written notice. BCPS may terminate this Agreement anytime, with or without cause, in its discretion.

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Any and all notices or any other communication herein required or permitted will be deemed to have been given when deposited in the United States Postal Service as regular mail, postage prepaid and addressed as follows:

Jesse Bacon, EdD, Superintendent  
Bullitt County Public Schools  
1040 Highway 44 East  
Shepherdsville, KY 40165

\_\_\_\_\_, Department

\_\_\_\_\_, KY \_\_\_\_\_

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#### **XIV**

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused duplicate originals of this Agreement to be signed by their duly authorized officers.

#### **XV**

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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the Parties have hereunto subscribed the signatures of their authorized representatives the day and year herein indicated:

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Deborah Atherton, Chair, Board of Education  
Bullitt County Public Schools

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Date

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Jesse Bacon, Superintendent  
Bullitt County Public Schools

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Date

  
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Chief Administrative Officer,  
MT Washington Police Department  
Department

07-27-2020  
Date

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The District will pay to the Department forty dollars \$40.00 per hour for one SRO to be assigned to the School, with a maximum annual payment of sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000).

The Department will submit a monthly invoice to the school representative, then to the BCPS Safe Schools Director with days itemized for reimbursement by the 3<sup>rd</sup> of each month for the prior month. The District will not be responsible for any benefits of the SRO, any overtime, holiday pay, or fuel and equipment costs. BCPS's only financial responsibility for the services of the SRO are for the hourly fee stated above.

In the event of the cessation or suspension of in-person instruction due to COVID-19 or any related health emergency wherein BCPS continues to conduct student instruction via NTI or similar remote technology, the SRO shall continue to report, be available and provide services to the School, and the Department shall invoice for reimbursement, and BCPS shall make payment, for each day in-person instruction is ceased or suspended under the circumstances set forth above. Should the SRO not be available to report or provide services to the School on any day under the above circumstances, then the Department shall not invoice, and BCPS shall not make payment, for that day. Should the School not provide instruction via NTI or similar remote technology on any day during such cessation or suspension, then the SRO shall not report, and the Department shall not invoice, and BCPS shall not make payment, for that day.

## **ARTICLE V**

### **Employment status of the School Resource Officer**

The SRO will remain an employee of the Department and will not be an employee or agent of BCPS or the School. BCPS and the Department acknowledge that the SRO will remain responsive to the chain of command of the Department.

## **ARTICLE VI**

### **Dismissal of School Resource Officer: Replacement**

(A) At any time, the Superintendent, in his/her discretion and after discussion with the Department, may request that the designated SRO be reassigned or removed from the school. BCPS and the Department will then collaborate to find a mutually agreeable replacement.

(B) The Department may dismiss or reassign an SRO based upon Department Rules, Regulations, and/or General Orders and when it is in the best interest of the people of Bullitt County.



(C) However, if a mutually agreeable replacement (as referenced in Article II) cannot be found within twenty (20) business days of dismissal or removal this Agreement will be void.

## **ARTICLE VII**

### **Termination of Agreement**

In addition to termination in writing thirty (30) days prior to expiration of the annual term hereof as provided in Article I, above, this Agreement may be terminated by either party upon ninety (90) days written notice that any party has failed to substantially perform in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement. Upon notice, BCPS will have forty-five (45) days during which to submit payment without further prejudice, and without being considered to have defaulted. This Agreement may also be terminated without cause by the Department upon one hundred (100) days written notice. BCPS may terminate this Agreement anytime, with or without cause, in its discretion.

## **ARTICLE VIII**

### **Notices**

Any and all notices or any other communication herein required or permitted will be deemed to have been given when deposited in the United States Postal Service as regular mail, postage prepaid and addressed as follows:

Jesse Bacon, EdD, Superintendent  
Bullitt County Public Schools  
1040 Highway 44 East  
Shepherdsville, KY 40165

\_\_\_\_\_, Department

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## **ARTICLE IX**

### **Good Faith**

The School Board, the Department, their agents and employees agree to cooperate in good faith in fulfilling the terms of this Agreement. Unforeseen difficulties or questions will be resolved by negotiation between the Superintendent and the Department, or their designees.

## **ARTICLE X**

### **Modification**

This document constitutes the full understanding of the parties and no terms, conditions, understandings or agreement purporting to modify or vary the terms of this document will be binding unless hereafter made in writing and signed by the parties.

## **ARTICLE XI**

### **Non-Assignment**

This Agreement, and each covenant herein, will not be capable of assignment, unless the express written consent of BCPS and the Department is obtained in writing.

## **ARTICLE XII**

### **Merger**

This Agreement constitutes a final written expression of all the terms of this Agreement and is a complete and exclusive statement of those terms.

## **ARTICLE XIII**

### **Insurance/Hold Harmless Clause**

It is understood and agreed that during the term of this Agreement and any renewal hereof, the Department, will purchase and maintain errors and omissions and general liability insurance at a minimum of \$2,000,000.00 per policy naming BCPS, and its officers and employees, as additional insureds and providing insurance coverage for all acts, omissions, and

services performed by the SRO as described in this Agreement including insurance coverage for claims, suits, damages, fees or expenses (including cost of defense) arising out of any such acts, omissions and services. Further, the Department will provide written proof of said coverage prior to execution of this Agreement and any time thereafter on request of BCPS. The insurance provided by the Department will be deemed primary coverage relating to the acts of the SRO and not excess. Irrespective of said agreement and covenant, the Department will indemnify and hold BCPS and any and all of its members, agents, officers, and employees in their respective individual and official capacities harmless from any and all acts, omissions, claims, damages, fees, expenses, and legal actions of any form or description arising from the performance of duties by the SRO under this contract.

#### **XIV**

##### **Severability**

The invalidity or unenforceability of any provisions of this Agreement will not affect the validity or enforceability of any other provision of this Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused duplicate originals of this Agreement to be signed by their duly authorized officers.

#### **XV**

##### **Miscellaneous Terms**

- a) The SRO will be permitted a 45-minute paid lunch period. During lunch, the SRO will be subject to emergency calls for incidents which occur at the School.
- b) The SRO will use the Department vehicles and carry a cellular phone or radio that will allow contact by BCPS and School leadership.
- c) Nothing in this agreement will limit or eliminate the need to utilize the 9-1-1 reporting system, or the use of local police officers or the Department.
- d) The designated SRO and the Department will adhere to all local, state and federal privacy regulations, including but not limited to, FERPA and HIPAA.

- e) The SRO and the Department will comply with all local, state and federal firearm or gun regulations relating to the services provided pursuant to this Agreement.
- f) The SRO and the Department shall familiarize themselves with the *QuickAccess* software available through BCPS and the School and shall utilize that software in the performance of duties.

## **XVI**

### **Mediation**

In the event that the parties to this Agreement dispute the terms, application of the terms of this Agreement, or performance hereunder, the parties hereto agree, as a condition precedent to filing or pursuing any legal remedy, to participate in good faith in a half day of non-binding mediation, assisted by a trained neutral mediator.

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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the Parties have hereunto subscribed the signatures of their authorized representatives the day and year herein indicated:

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Deborah Atherton, Chair, Board of Education  
Bullitt County Public Schools

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Date

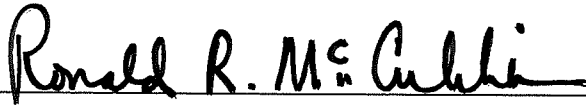
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Jesse Bacon, Superintendent  
Bullitt County Public Schools

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Date

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08-03-20

Chief Administrative Officer,

SHEPHERDSVILLE PD

Department

Date